

Oasis Academy Arena Admission Arrangements for 2026/27, for students starting Year 7 in September 2026

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Introductory Statement

Oasis Academy Arena is an academy where all their young people are given the opportunity they deserve to make excellent progress and fulfil their full potential. Oasis Academy Arena is a fully inclusive secondary academy, accepting children of all abilities, of any faith or none.

Admission Numbers

The school has an admission number of 120 for entry in Year 7.

The school will accordingly admit this number of students if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number(s) for the relevant year group are received, the Academy Trust will offer places at the school to all those who have applied.

Application Process

All spaces for admission to Year 7 at Oasis Academy Arena are allocated via the Pan London Coordinated Process. This means that, wherever you reside in London, you may list a school in any London borough on just one form (the Common Application Form). If you wish to apply for a place at Oasis Academy Arena, you must complete the Common Application Form (CAF), online from your home local authority. There is no supplementary information form.

For Croydon residents, information regarding all secondary schools in the borough is available at

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/find-school-near-you/secondary-schools>

There is also a step-by-step guide regarding the application process:

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/school-admissions/admissions-secondary-schools-university-technical-colleges-and-studio-schools/step-by-step/apply-secondary-school-place-step-step>

The deadline for receipt of secondary school applications is **31st October 2025**. You will be sent an email from the London Borough of Croydon on **2nd March 2026** with the outcome of your application.

Oversubscriptions and Tie Break

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of students with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked After Children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order.
 - Looked-after children are defined as 'children in public care at the date on which the application is made'. Previously looked-after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order, immediately after being looked-after. This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

If an application is made under the 'looked-after' criterion, it must be supported by:

- a letter from the relevant local authority children's services department and/or relevant documents or
- evidence which demonstrates that a child was in state care outside of England and left that care as a result of being adopted.

2. Children whose sibling(s) currently attend the school and who will continue to do so on the date of admission.
 - A sibling is defined as a brother or sister, half-brother or sister, stepbrother or sister, foster-brother or sister or adopted brother or sister whose main residence is the same address as the child for whom the school place application is being made.
3. Children for whom a particular school is appropriate on genuine medical grounds.
 - All schools have experience in dealing with children with a range of medical needs and all schools are required to make reasonable adjustments in order to do this. In a very few exceptional cases however, there may be reasons why a child needs to attend a specific school and this could be due to the child's medical need or the medical condition of the parent or the main carer with responsibility for the child. Providing evidence does not guarantee that a child will be given priority at a particular school and in each case a decision will be made based on the merits of the case and whether the evidence demonstrates that a placement should be made at one particular school above any other.

If you feel there are exceptional reasons for your child to be considered for a priority placement at a particular school, you must indicate this in the section provided in your application and complete the medical form which is available from the school.

All requests for priority consideration on medical grounds must be supported in writing by a doctor or consultant and this must make clear which school you are making a special case for, the reason why it is necessary for your child to attend this school in particular and the difficulties it will cause for your child to attend another school. It is for you to decide how to support your case and what documents to provide but these must be submitted, together with the completed medical form and supporting statement by the GP/consultant, by the closing date of **31st October 2025**. The admissions team is not responsible for chasing you to submit medical evidence or for contacting professionals for information about your case. Any decision will be based on documents you submit by the closing date.

4. Distance.

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school as measured in a direct line from the home address to the designated entrance of the academy using a computerised measuring

system (GIS) and geographical reference points as provided by the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG). Those living closer to the school will receive higher priority.

Late Applications

All applications received by London Borough of Croydon after the deadline will be considered to be late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time.

If, following consideration of all applicants, the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

Apply for admission to Arena outside of the normal Year 7 admission time

Please apply at [Secondary school in-year admissions: step by step | Croydon Council](#)

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested, and the year group in which they wish their child to be allocated a place.

When such a request is made, the academy trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the Principal and any supporting evidence provided by the parent. In the first instance, please contact admissions@oasisarena.org

Waiting Lists

The waiting list for Oasis Academy Arena is held and maintained by London Borough of Croydon.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code. Appellants should contact Oasis Arena by 28th May 2026 for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on the Oasis Arena website <https://www.oasisacademyarena.org/admissions/appeals>

Applicants living outside the Local Authority

Parents living outside the Local Authority where the academy is located, should use the Common Application Form provided by their home Local Authority.