



Oakley School

Admission arrangements for 2023-2024

Introductory statement

Oakley School is an all-through school catering for pupils aged 4 – 16 years. The school vision is to provide an outstanding inclusive education for every pupil, welcoming to pupils of all faiths and none, from all social, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, and a school community where everyone is encouraged to aspire to 'be the best they can be'. The vision is for a school which serves and supports its local community, and one which parents/carers are proud to send their children to. Oakley School is within the family of schools that make up Stowe Valley Multi Academy Trust (SVMAT). SVMAT are the Admissions Authority for all Academy Schools within the Multi Academy Trust. Oakley School will accept applications for year 7 pupils **only** for September 2023 based upon the admission arrangements set out in this document.

Admission number(s)

The school has an admission number of 180 for entry in year 7. The school will only admit into year 7 for the 2023/24 Academic year.

The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils 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

Applications for this school from parents who live within Warwickshire, should be made via the online Parent Portal <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals/using-school-admissions-parent-portal> or sent to [Admissions Service](#) at Warwickshire County Council, Saltisford Office Park, Ansell Way, Warwick, CV34 4UL.

Email admissions@warwickshire.gov.uk

Applications for this school from parents living outside the area must use their home Local Authority CAF and send it to the admissions contact for the home Local Authority, not Warwickshire admissions.

The closing date for applications is 31 October 2022.

Offers will be made on 1 March 2023. If we have not entered into a funding agreement with the Secretary of State opening the school by that date, they will be conditional offers and will be confirmed once we have a signed funding agreement.

Oversubscription criteria

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils 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,¹ including children who appear (to the trust) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted²
2. Priority will next be given to children based upon distance from the school. Distance will be calculated in a straight line from the child's home address to the permanent site of Oakley School.

Tie-break

If in category 2 above a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the school will be given priority for admission. Distance will be calculated by using a straight line measurement from the address point location coordinate of the applicant's home address (as set by Ordnance Survey) to the centre point ('centroid') of the school in question. (The centroid is a predetermined point set by Warwickshire County Council and all distances are subject to changes which may occur with updates of mapping data).

Random allocation undertaken by the local authority (or another body unconnected with the Academy Trust) will be used as a tie-break in categories 2-3 above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between a child's home and the academy/free school is equidistant in any two or more cases.

Random allocation will not be applied to multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family tied for the final place.

¹ A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

² 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. Section 23ZZA(8) of the Children Act 1989 (inserted by Section 4 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017).

Late applications

All applications received by the LA 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.

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.

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 headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

Waiting lists

The school will operate a waiting list. Where the school receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the first term after the beginning of the school year. This will be maintained by the Academy Trust and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant, they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.

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 Warwickshire County Council school admissions by 28th March 2023 for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on the Warwickshire County Council website at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals/appeal-outcome-school-placement.

Notes:

Home address:

Where the child normally resides during the school week and where they sleep for at least 50% of the week.

If arrangements are such that a child resides at two addresses for equal amounts of time, then parents must decide which address to use for admissions purposes. Failure to agree on

the address to use on the child's application for a school by the national closing date will result in Warwickshire County Council using a random number generator to determine which application to process. Addresses involved in child-minding arrangements, whether with professional child-minders, friends or relatives, are excluded.

Where a school place is allocated on the basis of an address which is subsequently found to be different from the address where the child ordinarily resides, that place may be withdrawn. Cases will be assessed on an individual basis and in discussion between Warwickshire County Council and Stowe Valley MAT.

There is also an expectation that the child and applicant will be resident at the address used to allocate a place on a long-term basis, and until at least the start of the autumn term in relation to the coordinated admissions process. Short-term house moves purely to secure a school place may be considered fraudulent or intentionally misleading and in such circumstances the place may be withdrawn. Where a child's address changes after National Offer Day, Warwickshire County Council may request an explanation for the house move and documentary evidence that the child is resident at the new property. The Admission Service operates a thorough and robust address checking process, which may include both announced and unannounced home visits.

Sibling:

'Sibling' is defined as: a full brother or sister; a half brother or sister; an adopted brother or sister; a child living in the same address who is being Looked After by a local authority; a stepbrother or sister; or the child of the parents' partner, where the child for whom the school place is being sought is living in the same family unit and at the same address as that sibling. Any child considered to be a sibling must be living at the same address as the applicant.