

Oasis Academy Brightstowe Public Consultation Report. Proposal to remove medical grounds from oversubscription criteria for 2026/27 admissions.

Executive summary

Oasis Academy Brightstowe is part of the Oasis Community Learning (OCL) multi academy trust and is a secondary academy in Bristol. Oasis Academy Brightstowe currently admits children between the ages of 11 and 16 years.

Our proposal to remove medical grounds from the oversubscription criteria will bring Oasis Academy Brightstowe's admissions criteria in line with the other Oasis secondary academies in the Bristol area. The main reasons for the proposal are 1) to create a more equitable admissions process as all applicants will be considered on non-medical factors reducing potential discrimination; 2) streamline the admissions process for academy staff by allowing focus on essential factors like proximity, capacity, and sibling priority, and lastly, this will ease the administrative burden on academy staff as they will not need to verify medical evidence or assess individual cases which allows staff to allocate time and resources more efficiently. It is important to note that there is no negative impact on children with genuine medical needs. As children with a genuine medical reason would already have an Education Health Care Plan in place, there should be no disadvantage by removing the medical grounds from the oversubscription criteria, as they would already be given priority in admissions as per the admissions criteria.

Oasis have been working closely with the Department for Education (DfE) and Bristol Local Authority on the proposed changes. Before proceeding with this change, Oasis will submit a significant change business case to obtain approval from the DfE to proceed. The consultation and responses will form part of the business case.

A consultation with the local community was completed from 18th November 2024 – 13th January 2025 and Oasis obtained complete support for the proposed changes, as well as queries and comments, the latter of which have been addressed.

Information provided to stakeholders took the following forms:

- Website information on the proposed changes - [Public Consultation](#)
- Public consultation information event
- An email from 'Principal' to all staff
- An email from 'Principal' to all parents
- An email from 'Principal' to principals/ leaders of neighbouring nurseries and primaries.

The aim of this consultation was to allow all members of the community and key stakeholders to ask questions and share their thoughts on the proposal to remove medical grounds from the oversubscription criteria.

All these communications flagged the online survey ([Oasis Academy Brightstowe - Change to Oversubscription Criteria Public Survey](#)) to readers/ attendees attention.

Statutory consultation results and responses

A face-to-face event was held on 28th November 2024 at 4pm in the school.

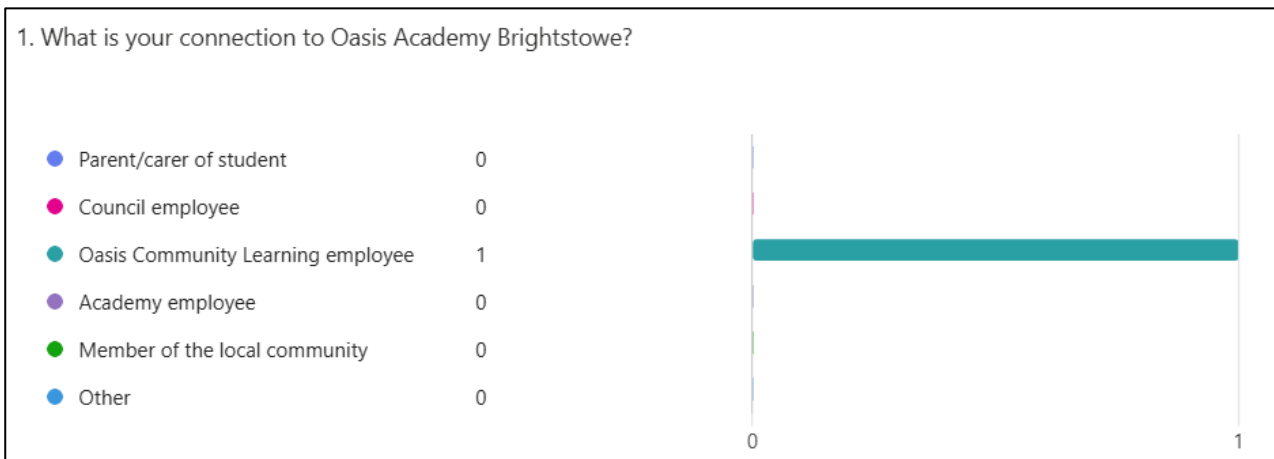
This event was open to attendance by parents, guardians, and staff members. The event was attended by 0 attendees.

A presentation was prepared in anticipation of providing all attendees with the website address and QR code for the online survey.

One consultation survey response was received. The following is an analysis of the answers to the four questions on the survey.

Q1: What is your connection to Oasis Academy Brightstowe?

The one respondent was an Oasis Community Learning employee.

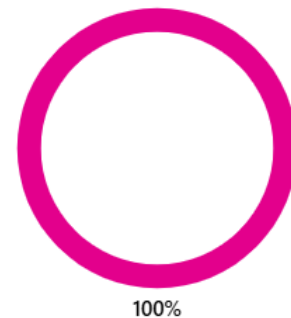


Q2: Does your child currently attend Oasis Academy Brightstowe?

The one respondent did not have a child currently in attendance at the school.

2. Does your child currently attend Oasis Academy Brightstowe?

Yes	0
No	1
Not a parent	0

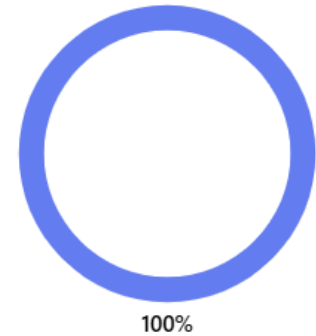


Q3. Are you in support of the proposal to change the admissions criteria by removing medical grounds?

The one respondent was in favour of the change.

3. Are you in support of the proposal to change the admissions criteria by removing medical grounds?

● Yes	1
● No	0
● I don't mind	0



Q4: Do you have any additional queries regarding this proposal?

The one respondent had no additional queries.

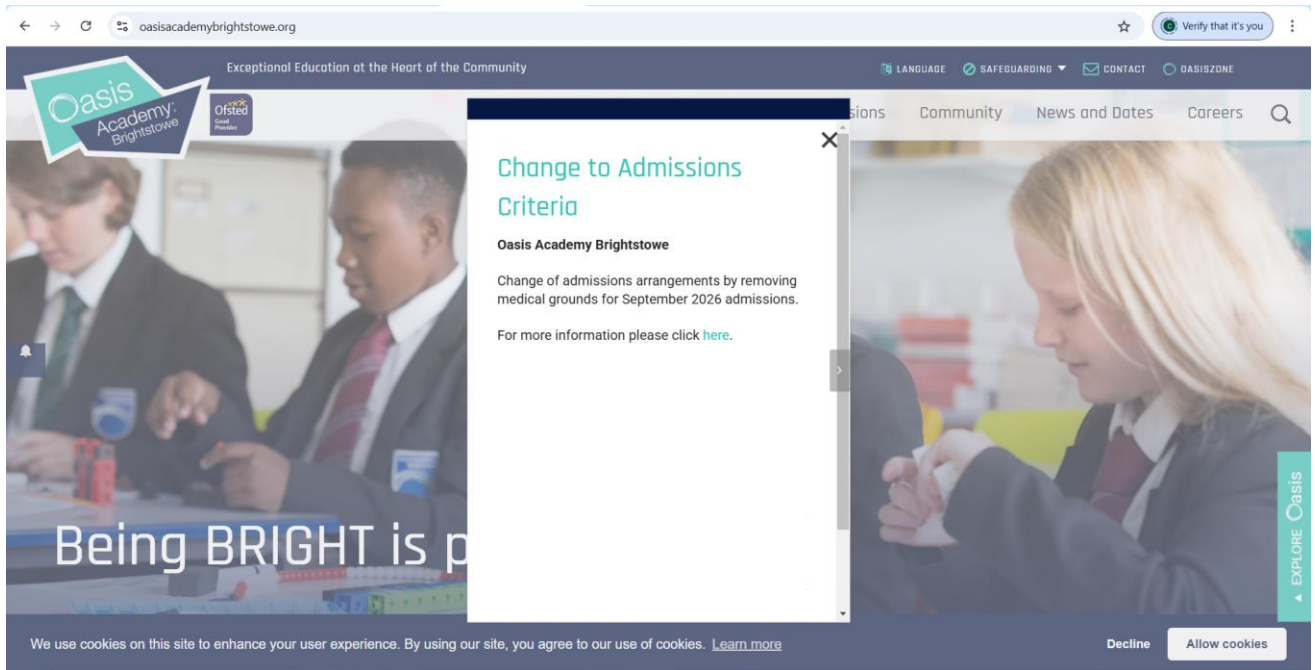
Conclusion and Next Steps

We are confident that removing medical grounds from the oversubscription criteria for 2026/27 admissions will benefit stakeholders and will not negatively impact students in any way. We are grateful to the respondent who took the time to offer their feedback, and we are confident that the respondents represent the views of the community.

We would like to thank all those who have taken the time to read and respond to this proposal. We will, of course, continue to work with our stakeholders and the local community over the next few months. Updates will be posted to the website as we are able to share them.

Appendix 1

Screengrab of Oasis Academy Brightstowe academy website homepage, with a popup leading to consultation proposal.



Appendix 2

Presentation prepared for the Information Event