



Oasis Academy Skinner Street Prospectus



A Message from our CEO

A very warm welcome to Oasis Community Learning!

I am delighted that you and your family are interested in becoming part of Oasis Academy Skinner Street.

Oasis Community Learning was established as a Multi-Academy Trust in 2004 with the vision to create “Exceptional Education at the Heart of the Community”.

We now run academies in four main regions throughout the UK, providing either Primary, Secondary or All-through education.

All of our academies are committed to providing a rich educational experience and ensuring that every child and young person has the opportunity to achieve at the highest level.

Our ethos is integral to that provision. It is an expression of our character, a statement of who we are and therefore the lens through which we assess all we do. We are committed to a model of inclusion, equality, healthy relationships, hope and perseverance throughout all aspects of the life and culture of each academy community.



John Murphy

Chief Executive Officer,
Oasis Community Learning

We passionately embrace learning and are committed to every child within our care reaching their full potential, developing holistically across every area of their lives both now and in their future.

All of this is underpinned by our philosophy of education which highlights our focus on inspirational leadership, deep learning and healthy communities. It aspires to develop the character and competence of every child within every community of which we are a part.

At Oasis Community Learning therefore, we believe we are all ‘the architects of our students’ lives’ and as such we are committed to laying the right foundations for every one of our young people.

So we look forward to your family potentially becoming part of Oasis, in the knowledge that we will work in partnership with you to ensure your children become confident learners ready to fulfil their aspirations in life.

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Principal’s Welcome

Welcome to Oasis Academy Skinner Street!

At Oasis Academy Skinner Street we take great pride in our students, we aspire to create opportunities for them to flourish academically and to form their good character.

When our students leave us, we want them to be self-confident, to know how to build and sustain strong relationships, to have high aspirations and to have achieved their very best.

We want our students to embrace and contribute to the life of the school, both through their learning and by taking part in our extensive range of enrichment and leadership activities. We are proud of our partnership with parents and value their support to fulfil our vision.

We want every student to enjoy their time with us and to leave with fond memories that they will cherish forever. Our children leave us prepared for responsible adulthood taking with them principled values that will impact positively on their own lives, and those of others, to make for a better world.



Mrs Victoria Richmond

Principal,
Acting Principal

Our vision for the school is summed up as Inspire, Challenge and Achieve.

Inspire – every member of Oasis Academy Skinner Street to take every opportunity in and out of the classroom to learn and flourish.

Challenge – everyone to be the best they can be.

Achieve – success in all aspects of life.

We look forward to welcoming you to our family.

Hub

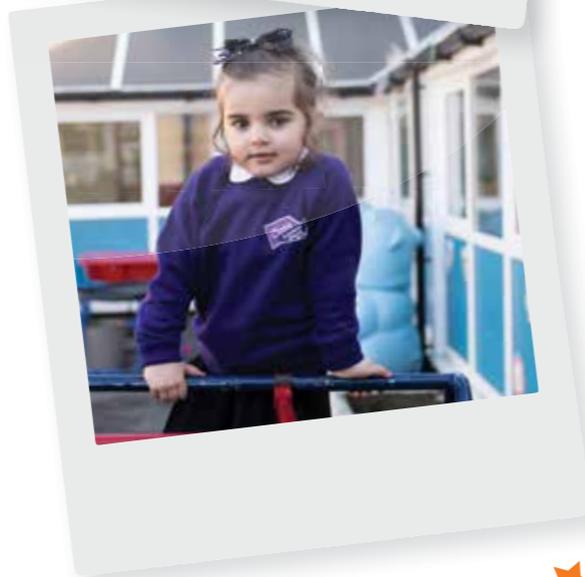


Our academy, as a member of Oasis Community Learning multi academy trust, is part of a global group of charities called Oasis. Working across the world, Oasis's overall vision is for community. A place where everyone is included, contributing, and reaching their God-given potential.

We know that great schools are only truly sustainable within happy and healthy communities. Therefore, Oasis are developing 'Hubs' across the country which provide wide-ranging, holistic and integrated services, working with and alongside our children, young people, whole families and members of the wider community. We want to empower everyone to transform all neighbourhoods into places that are safe, supportive and full of opportunity. Hubs are our model of working holistically within our local community, the academy's work is just one part.

Across the country our Hubs are different in age, size and offer. At Oasis Academy Skinner Street we host a number of community activities such as *parenting courses* and *an very active group of volunteers who work within the school*. For more information about this work, and how you might get involved, please contact *Mrs Shona Budge*.

It is Oasis's ambition for every academy to be part of a thriving and sustainable community Hub as soon as possible.



About the Academy

Oasis Academy Skinner Street is an Ofsted rated 'Good' primary academy at the heart of our community in Gillingham. We are an inclusive school for children aged between 4 and 11, committed to delivering exceptional education for all, no matter what your starting point may be.

Teaching at Oasis Skinner Street is 'Learning Centred', with each element of whole school and classroom practice designed with the understanding of how children learn best at its heart. We are passionate in our desire to help our children to become real learners who not only have the key skills of English, Mathematics, computing and science, but have a true thirst for learning.



Ethos, Vision and Values

At Oasis Academy Skinner Street, everything we do is centred around the Oasis Ethos:

A passion to include everyone

A desire to treat everyone equally, respecting differences

A commitment to healthy and open relationships

A deep sense of hope that things can change and be transformed

A sense of perseverance to keep going for the long haul

The Academy's mission is to create an environment where students thrive. We aspire to the following in all of our educational work:

- That every person matters and we value everyone
- We have a passion for learning and we want everyone to achieve their full, God-given potential
- We are committed to community development and will help to increase community cohesion, locally, nationally and globally.

The Oasis 9 Habits

We believe that continually developing our character to become the best version of ourselves is really important for every student and staff member alike. Therefore, we actively promote and practice the Oasis 9 Habits: Compassionate, Patience, Humble, Joyful, Honest, Hopeful, Considerate, Forgiving and Self-Controlled.



Academy Day



At the start of the school day we offer the Early Bird Club, beginning at 7.45am. This is available to parents at a cost of £2 per day, and sets children up ready to learn when the school starts at 8.30am.

The end of the day is at 3.15pm.

We open our doors at 8.30am and offer all of our children a shared breakfast with their teacher in their classrooms.

The day is structured as follows:

Reception:

8.30am - 12.00pm

12.45 - 3.15pm

Key Stage 1:

8.30am - 12.00pm (Break from 10.45am - 11.00am)

12.45pm - 3.15pm (Break of 15 minutes in the afternoon)

Key Stage 2:

8.30am - 12.45pm (Break from 11.00am - 11.15am)

1.30pm - 3.15pm (No afternoon break)



“Pupils are polite, empathetic, well-considered and thoughtful because they are encircled in an environment that exudes care and places them at the very heart of what it does.”

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Uniform

Children are expected to wear full academy uniform every day.

Uniform includes:

- White polo shirts
- Branded academy sweatshirts
- Branded academy cardigans
- Black shorts
- Trousers or skirts
- Smart black shoes
- Children need black shorts and a white t-shirt (or a t-shirt in their team colours) for PE. They also require plain black PE trainers or pumps. If a child does not bring a kit for PE they will be expected to use the spare kit provided by the Academy

For a full uniform list, please visit our website.

All uniform can be purchased directly from our suppliers, Mapac Ltd.

Academy Lunches

We are a healthy eating academy. At lunchtime we encourage children to have an academy meal. These are cooked on site and are nutritionally balanced. We always offer a choice including vegetarian. Alternatively, children may bring a packed lunch. We ask parents and carers providing packed lunches to choose healthy options with a balanced selection of food including fruit and vegetables, juice and/or water. We do not permit sweets in packed lunches.



SEND

Oasis' ethos is based on an overarching theme of Inclusion; welcoming, encouraging and enabling all to achieve their best whatever the challenges may be in doing so.

The academy is committed to helping all students to flourish regardless of their specific needs. We believe that every person matters and it is our responsibility to do everything in our power to ensure that every student realises their potential.

If a student has special educational needs (SEND), the academy will take every reasonable step to identify and meet them.

Our SENCo is available to talk to parents and carers about any issues regarding the education and care of their child, simply book in an appointment or phone call with our receptionists.

The Academy Commitment to Equality

Equality and inclusion are at the heart of Oasis. We have a passion to include everyone and a deep desire to treat everyone equally. We accept others for who they are and respect differences. To find out more about our specific academy equality objectives, please visit our website.

Pastoral Care

We know that each of our young people will face different challenges as they grow up, be that academically, socially, emotionally or developmentally, therefore we want to do everything we can to help them through whatever life throws their way. For this purpose we have set up a comprehensive pastoral care system, designed to support students in all aspects of school life.

These include:

- Building relationships with peers
- Rewards for positive behaviour
- Rewards for attendance and punctuality
- Partnerships with external organisations for those more challenging problems

Curriculum Intent & Approach

At Oasis Academy Skinner Street, we recognise that in a rapidly changing world, as learners our children will need to become passionate about knowledge, whilst learning the skills of discernment, independence and resourcefulness. We believe that a curriculum should provide our children with exciting, relevant and stimulating learning, relevant to their life experiences. It should inspire and engage them in their learning, and enable them to work in a flexible and collaborative way using their imagination.

Our school's curriculum is made up of carefully planned activities that we organise in order to promote quality-first learning, and personal growth and development. In line with the Oasis Education Charter, it is the heart of our educational provision. It includes not only the formal requirements of the National Curriculum but is also based on a quality first thematic approach. We use the Cornerstones Curriculum, the Kent Primary Science scheme, Maths Mastery and Read Write Inc.

We have designed our curriculum to meet the needs of all, striving for personal as well as academic and vocational excellence. Through our curriculum we will achieve outcomes that drive social mobility and give everyone freedom of choice throughout their lives.

The Oasis ethos and 9 Habits are a foundation stone to the design and delivery of our curriculum. We know that the development of character does not happen by chance but by purpose and intention: it is therefore an explicit part of everyday life at Skinner Street.

Our curriculum has been designed to ensure our young people thrive, achieve and flourish. It enables them to understand what it is to be human and equips them for life so that they become kind and model citizens. Our curriculum not only develops our young people academically but socially, emotionally, culturally, physically and spiritually. It is about our academy's determination to achieve excellence with equity and integrity: where we bring advantage to the disadvantaged, where barriers to learning are successfully overcome and there are no limits to the achievement and ambition of our most able.

“Pupils thrive because they are very well cared for in a nurturing and encouraging environment that puts their needs first.”

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Early Years

The EYFS curriculum is divided into seven areas of learning and development, the Prime Areas (Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development) are particularly crucial for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, and for building their capacity to learn, form relationships and thrive. The Specific Areas (Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design) help to strengthen and apply the prime areas. We will provide a curriculum based on planned, purposeful play and the development of physical dexterity, language skills and social awareness.

KS1 and KS2

From Years 1 through to 6, children have formal daily Maths and English lessons. Phonics is taught daily in KS1. Children are also taught a Modern Foreign Language, Computing, Science, Design and Technology, PSHE, RE, Geography, History and PE. In our academy this will mean that all children, whatever their background, starting point and life experience, develop a strong grasp of the key learning skills, attitudes and knowledge they

need to make an excellent start to secondary education. This will be delivered through the crafted experiences of a stimulating, broad and balanced context-based curriculum that is not restricted to just skills and knowledge for Reading, Writing and Maths. Within our curriculum we explore our local area and the rich history of Medway that surrounds the Academy. By learning about our past we can improve the future we are creating.





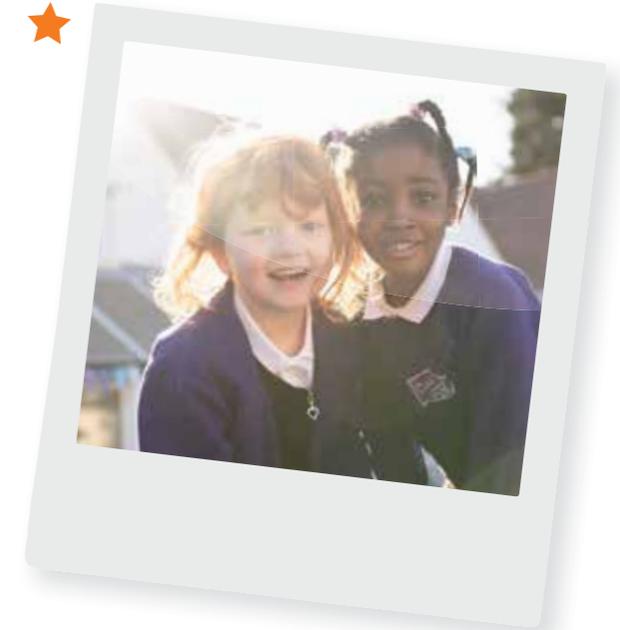
“ Lessons are lively, engaging and interesting. Teachers make good links between subjects to make learning more relevant. Teachers plan exciting trips and events to make learning fun so that pupils are enthused to learn. ”

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How to Apply

We are delighted that you are considering applying for a place for you and your child to become part of the Oasis Academy Skinner Street family.

The academy works closely with the local authority to coordinate admissions, but has the overall responsibility. Find out more about the Medway Co-ordinated Admission Scheme for Primary Admissions at www.medway.gov.uk/admissions, and read about our admissions arrangements for the next academic year on the academy website.



A Message from our Founder



When I started Oasis back in 1985, I had no idea it would grow into the wonderful family of charities that it has become today. In Oasis Community Learning, we are the country's second largest provider of Academy schools, educating around 25,000 children and young people. Through Oasis Aquila Housing, we provide housing for vulnerable young people. With Oasis Community Partnerships we run social projects – from community farms and coffee houses to churches and children's centres – and much more besides. And we do this in communities as diverse as Gateshead in the North East to Bristol in the South West. So, the question is...why?

Not only do we believe your child should receive the very best formal education, but also that there is more to a healthy life and future than simply the knowledge they hold. Every one of us is a product of the community in which we live. That is why Oasis is passionate that every community served by one of our Academies should be a happy, healthy place where every person is included and valued, and has the ability to thrive and achieve their full, God-given potential. That is why Oasis' vision not only aims to deliver outstanding education, but also to help build great local neighbourhoods.

We are motivated by our core Christian ethos which means that we believe every person – those of all faiths or none – are equally valuable and have a part to contribute in helping this vision become a reality. Helping a young person realise who they are meant to be is about more than simply the qualifications they get or the job they want; it's about how they see themselves and those around them. That's why Oasis' goal is to help create great communities where every young person achieves their best, respects themselves, values those around them and contributes to the good of all.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to an Oasis Academy in order to experience this for yourself.



Steve Chalke, MBE

Oasis Founder



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