

Great Oldbury Primary Academy admission arrangements for 2021-22.

Introductory statement

Great Oldbury Primary Academy is a brand new free school situated within a new housing development west of Stonehouse. The area from which the pupils will be drawn comprises some privately owned detached, semi-detached and terraced housing, a proportion of which has been set aside for shared ownership and also housing association residency. Great Oldbury Primary Academy is the newest school to become part of the Gloucestershire Learning Alliance Education Trust, currently comprising of 6 other established primary, infant and junior schools in the Cheltenham, Gloucester and Worcestershire areas. All of the Gloucestershire schools have been judged good or outstanding by Ofsted. Badsey, in Worcestershire awaits its Ofsted judgement following academisation in 2017.

Admission number(s)

The school has an admission number of 30 for entry in year reception.

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

The Local Authority will process applications outside the normal local authority process for co-ordinating school offers. This means you will need to complete your LA common application form for your other choices of school in addition to a separate application for this school.

Applications for this school should be sent to the Admission and Transfer Team at the following address school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk

The closing date for applications is 15/01/2021

Offers will be made on 16/04/2021. 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.

The application form can be obtained from <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/educationand-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-or-infant-school-place>

Oversubscription criteria

A looked after child' (1) or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption (2) child arrangements order (residency order) (3) or special guardianship order (4) including those who appear to the admission

authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (5).

- (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) at the time of making an application to a school. Such children are referred to as Children in Care.
- (2) This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children's Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders).
- (3) Under the provisions of s.12 of the Children and Families Act 2014.
- (4) See Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).
- (5) 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.

Tie-break

If the school becomes oversubscribed within criteria 2, 3, 4 or 5 above a distance tie-break will apply, with those living closest to the school being given priority for admission.

If two children live exactly the same distance from the school random allocation undertaken by someone unconnected to the School Trust will be used as a final tie-break to decide who will be admitted.

If two or more children of multiple birth (twins, triplets etc.) from the same family are tied for the final place, we will admit them all, as permitted by the infant class size rules and exceed our PAN.

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.

Deferred entry for infants

Parents offered a place in reception for their child have a right to defer the date their child is admitted, or to take the place up part-time, until the child reaches compulsory school age. Places cannot be deferred beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made.

Children reach compulsory school age on the prescribed day following their 5th birthday (or on their fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31 August, 31 December and 31 March.

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 for each year group. Where the school receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the academic 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 the Clerk to the appeals panel c/o Great Oldbury Primary Academy. Head Office. Tobyfields Road. Bishops Cleeve. Gloucestershire. GL52 8NN by 23/05/2021 for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on our website at www.greatoldburyprimaryacademy.org.uk .

Notes:

Home address:

The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school. If no joint declaration is received where the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home address will be taken as the address where the child is registered with the doctor. If the residence is not split equally between both parents then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

Sibling:

'Sibling' means a natural brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, a step brother or sister or other child living in the same household as part of the same family who, in any of these cases, will be living at the same address at the date of their application for a place.

Free School Meals Priority:

Those eligible for free school meals admission priority are:

Children who:

- Are currently registered as eligible for free schools meals

Children for whom their parents cannot provide evidence that their child is currently registered for free school meals but where the child or its parents receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support;
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance;
- an income-related employment and support allowance;
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income that, from 6 April 2011, does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs);
- where a parent is entitled to the Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit);
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Parents will be required to provide evidence of eligibility with their application.

Pupil and Service Premium Priority:

Those eligible for Pupil Premium admission priority are:

Children who:

- Are currently registered as eligible for free schools meals;

Children for whom their parents cannot provide evidence that their child is currently registered for free school meals, but where the child or its parents receive any of the following:

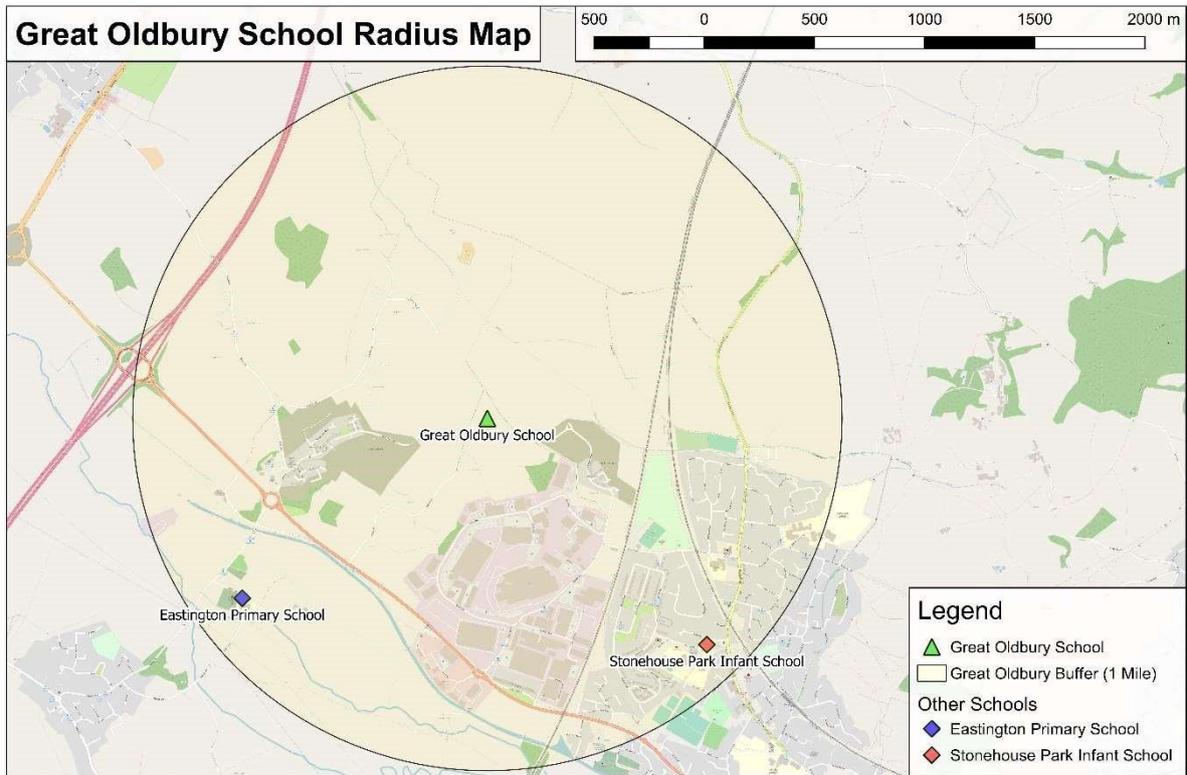
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Those eligible for Service Premium admission priority are:

- children whose parent(s) are serving in the regular UK armed forces;
- children of ex regular UK armed forces personnel who were serving in the last 3 years;
- children where at least one parent died while serving in the UK armed forces and the child is in receipt of a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS).

Parents will be required to provide evidence of eligibility with their application.

Catchment Area Map:



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