



# Oasis Academy Ryelands Prospectus





# Thank you for your interest in Oasis Academy Ryelands

Everything we do here at Oasis Academy Ryelands is backed by our commitment to the Oasis 9 Habits; being compassionate, patient, humble, joyful, honest, hopeful, considerate, forgiving and self-controlled. We welcome each family into our school, ensuring each child settles into school well, ready to learn and thrive.

We are proud to continue to be an Ofsted-rated Good school with Outstanding features in leadership and personal development, behaviour and welfare (March 2023).

Located in South Norwood and close to the South Norwood Country Park, we make use of our proximity to outdoor space for our outdoor learning offer connecting our pupils to nature. We also have dedicated playgrounds dependent on age for our children to enjoy, and a newly refurbished building suitable for the demands of the 21st century.

We have a broad and balanced curriculum, ensuring we instil a love of learning in our children as well as prepare them for the next steps in their lives. In addition to excellent foundations in the core subjects like reading, writing, and maths, each student will also have the opportunity to learn Mandarin and play an instrument.

We know our children's development continues beyond the classroom, so we have ample opportunities for students to get involved in extracurricular activities.

We also provide each child with an iPad during their time with us to use both in school and at home, so they can learn to use technology early and further their learning with independent research at home.

We hope our prospectus contains useful information for you to get to know our school, and invite you to browse our website too. We warmly welcome any questions and would love to hear from you at [office@oasisryelands.org](mailto:office@oasisryelands.org).

We welcome you to Oasis Academy Ryelands! We're so excited to have you become a part of our family.

**Kate Reed**  
Principal,  
Oasis Academy Ryelands



## About the academy

# Beginning a great journey together

### Quick facts

Number of classrooms: **15**

Number of pupils: **450**

Sports halls: **1**

Playgrounds: **5**

Number of extra-curricular activities: **15**

Number of trips or enrichment activities per year: **6**

Number of parent evenings: **3**

Here at Oasis Academy Ryelands, we are an all-inclusive academy based in the South Norwood area of Croydon, right next to South Norwood Country Park. We are an academy dedicated to helping our young people reach their potential from the moment they join us to the day they leave in Year 6.

We are a two-form entry academy, with specialist teaching staff, including PE, Mandarin, debating and chess, all working as a strong network of educators to provide an engaging, enriching curriculum at all levels of age and ability.

We are delighted to share that we are an Ofsted-rated Good academy with several Outstanding features, and strongly believe that the relationships our children have with their teachers are a key part of this. We are one family with one shared goal – to achieve, succeed and thrive together.

### Facilities

To support our teachers, we have state-of-the-art facilities set up in every classroom with additional breakout learning spaces. Our lessons are interactive, so classrooms are well stocked with items for imaginative play, touchscreen Clevertouch whiteboards, reading areas, and learning tablets.

We care about all subjects here at Ryelands, including the arts and sports. Our academy is fully equipped for school performances, drama clubs, art and design, and a wide range of sports for all seasons.

“On meeting with members of school staff as well as external agencies that work with the school, it was clear that the children are at the centre of everything that the school does.”

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Welcome to the

# Oasis Academy Ryelands Little Ducklings Nursery!

We are a warm and welcoming Nursery for children aged 3-4, we have full time places available with sessions that run from 8:30am-2:30pm with an optional additional hour, taking the finish time to 3:30pm (in line with the end of the school day).

The children start at the Nursery in a small group, which enables staff to really support them to build relationships and helps them to learn new routines and expectations with us. Many of our children start in the September but we also admit children throughout the year. We value every child for their individuality and know that each child will settle in their own way. We ensure that we work closely together to ensure a smooth transition.

Our Early Years Learning Phase Leader oversees our Nursery and Reception classes, and our Nursery class has one teacher and teaching assistants to ensure that we meet ratio and the children's needs.

## Learning

The learning programme in our Nursery is based on the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and is heavily play and exploration based. Our aim is to provide holistic learning in a safe, happy, and stimulating environment through which all pupils are

challenged and make outstanding progress. To develop confident, happy children, equipped with foundations to nurture a lifelong love of learning.

We foster a harmonious atmosphere which supports and promotes self-esteem.

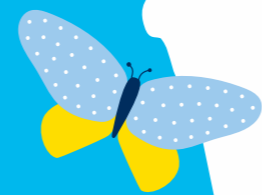
We strive to develop confident, happy children.

We build confident communicators supporting every child as an individual across development in all areas of the Early Years and Foundation Stage.

You can find out more about our Nursery provision on our website.

## How to apply for Nursery

Applications for Nursery places can be made directly to the academy. Please visit the website today or email us on [office@oasisryelands.org](mailto:office@oasisryelands.org) for your application form.





# Life at Oasis Academy Ryelands



Life at our academy is never dull; every day is different and full of opportunity. School begins at 8:50am and has a staggered end from 3:20pm to 3:30pm, with a variety of after school clubs running weekdays until 4:30pm.

Morning lessons are tailored to support your child in getting into a growth mindset for learning, and are integrated with songs, games and quizzes in all year groups. But don't worry, our afternoons are just as energising as children are kept on their toes with key topics of the term and opportunities to work in teams and present to the class.

At Oasis Academy Ryelands, every child has the chance to access a variety of enriching experiences from Reception through to Year 6. We build this into day-to-day lessons but also through organising special events, day trips, visitors and family events.

Our academy lunches are prepared onsite by Sodexo. These are tailored to dietary needs, are

balanced and nutritious and give the children the opportunity to try a variety of different foods from around the world. Children are able to choose what they would like from the daily menu and are encouraged to sit together and dine. Pupils are also welcome to bring in packed-lunches, but we do ask that lunchboxes are clearly labelled and healthy.

You can find out more about our lunches and free school meals by visiting our academy website.

## The Oasis Entitlement

All of our children enjoy the Oasis Entitlement, a guaranteed set of opportunities during their time at the academy:

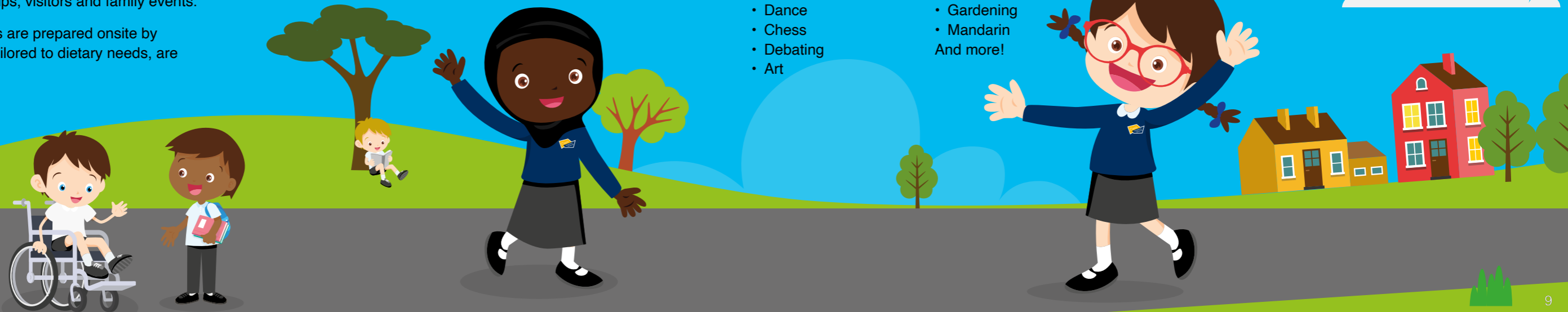
- Reading strategies so that every student becomes a fluent reader
- Access to online learning
- Access to high quality mental health support
- Be a student leader or mentor
- Be part of a school production
- Be part of a school team
- Play a musical instrument
- Play an active part in a Hub project
- Attend a residential trip
- Visit the theatre, an art gallery and a museum
- Visit universities and places of work

Children have the opportunity to join existing clubs at the academy, but also pitch new ones to our teaching staff. We have many exciting after school activities which have included the following examples:

- Multi-sports
- Sewing
- Dance
- Chess
- Debating
- Art
- Basketball
- Football
- Gardening
- Mandarin
- And more!

“We have great times when we play with our friends. I love when we learn new things. All the teachers are nice and always help me and when I'm upset, they always make me feel better and make me happy and smile.”

King, Year 1





## Supporting everyone

Inclusion is at the heart of every school day. This means whatever your child's needs, be those social, academic or physical, we are supportive of all. We have programmes in place for SEND, and bespoke sensory areas to break away into – during learning or play times. To find out more about our SEND offer, please visit the website.

## Home and School partnership

We value our partnerships with parents and carers and we are committed to holding individual meetings with every student and parent each term. This is a dedicated time when parents meet with class teachers to discuss what is working well and how to improve, discussing subject specific priorities, progress, and budding passions.

We believe strongly that we cannot do this without your support, and therefore value parental input and clear communication to help your child succeed.

Our way of doing this is to create a great environment for children to make friends, challenge themselves, improve attainment and the standards of teaching and learning continually. At the same time, we also aim to meet the needs of the whole person and the whole community because we understand that education is not solely school based, and that everyone who is part of a child's life affects their understanding of the world. In this sense, every person matters.

We have a commitment to equality. We embrace multi-culturalism and enhance children's knowledge of our multi-cultural city.

You can read our full equality and environmental objectives on our website.

“Oasis Academy Ryelands is a great place to experience lots of new learning opportunities, from GPS to Computer Coding, making it a great environment for children. There are often trips and all the Ryelands teachers are helpful and supportive. If a child has a problem, they can contact their go-to adult and the problem will be solved. Ryelands is a wonderful school and I recommend your child to join!”

Scarlett, Year 5

# Curriculum Approach

At Oasis Academy Ryelands, we offer a curriculum that will develop confident, independent learners and enable every pupil to achieve their personal best. We believe that all of our children are capable of experiencing remarkable success given the right conditions to succeed, no matter what their starting point is. To that end, we offer our young people a diverse, fun, experiential curriculum, designed to suit all needs and learning types. Whether children are hands on learners or prefer to listen and absorb, we tailor our classes to help your child get the best from their time with us.

Our curriculum here at Oasis is part of what makes our offer so special. Every subject taught, all our assemblies and extra-curricular activities are designed to include three golden threads: Character, Competence and Community. We encourage our pupils to reflect through the 9 Habits on the people

they are and hope to become, and the role this plays in their learning journey. Our lessons are planned with intention to build competence through language, exploration and enrichment; our children leave us feeling excited about learning and proud of the skills they've acquired. We also explore the role these play in how we view and give back to our communities, on a local, national and global scale. This helps build deep and meaningful learning across all our subjects and topics.

Subjects covered within our curriculum include maths, English, science, history, geography, art, computing, music, PE, RE and PSHE.

More information about each of our subjects can be found on our website [oasisacademyryelands.org](http://oasisacademyryelands.org)

“ At Ryelands teachers and support staff provide high quality learning opportunities for their pupils and are very well informed about effective practice in the teaching of reading, writing and mathematics. ”

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## Oasis Horizons

With Oasis Horizons, every child who joins the Oasis Academy Ryelands family will receive their very own iPad for the duration of their time with us. We want to give our children equity in their opportunity for learning, therefore the iPad will be theirs to use at school and at home.

Filled with educational apps, the iPad is used in lessons for exploration of learning, class quizzes and teamwork projects as a supplement to traditional teaching techniques. They are a fantastic teaching tool for our staff to keep on top of new resources, children's understanding and preparing our young ones for a future working with digital technologies.

The iPads have strict e-safety measures in place to keep every child safe online, both at the academy and at home, alongside lock and tracking features should the device go missing.

Although the iPad is a useful tool, we know parents have concerns about screen time for their children. We ensure iPads are always used as a supplement alongside traditional teaching methods, rather than a replacement. Pupils have plenty of screen-free time to learn and grow.

We're sure you'll have lots of questions about this, so feel free to visit our website to find out more.



# Partnerships

Our academy is part of a global group of charities called Oasis, working world-wide to help communities create a place where everyone is included and reaching their potential.

We know that great schools are only truly sustainable within happy and healthy communities. Therefore, Oasis develop 'Hubs' across the country, which provide wide-ranging, holistic and integrated services for the whole family and wider community.

We are part of the Ashburton Hub with Oasis Academy Arena and Oasis Academy Shirley Park, which delivers many services within our community such as Toddler Time. You can find out more on our website.

We ensure that as an academy we are building strong and lasting local partnerships. We understand the value these partnerships provide in being able to offer our students a full range of support services and opportunities for their development, whether that is linking with a youth club for social support and confidence building or local businesses for experience and insight into the wider world. We value our partnerships with South Bank University and the South Norwood Leisure Centre (Swimming Centre).

## Oasis Academy Ryelands is part of a global community

Here at Oasis Academy Ryelands, each year group focuses on a different country. They do this by raising awareness with community events, organising fundraising drives and sending care packages to the community.

## How to Apply

**Do you want to be part of something special? Apply for a place at Oasis Academy Ryelands today! Learn how at [www.oasisacademyryelands.org](http://www.oasisacademyryelands.org)**

Visit our website for more information about the application process, in-year admissions, over subscription criteria, tie break procedures, waiting list, appeals and more, please see our Admissions Arrangements on our website.

If you have any questions in the meantime, we'd be more than happy to answer them. You can contact us via T: **0208 656 4165** and E: **[office@oasisryelands.org](mailto:office@oasisryelands.org)**



## Welcome from the 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 one of the country's largest providers of academy schools, educating over 32,000 children and young people every year. Through Oasis Community 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. We do this in communities as diverse as Gateshead in the North East to Bristol in the South West. And through Oasis Restore, another part of Oasis, we aim to transform the lives of young offenders by running the country's first ever secure school, with a key focus on holistic care and education.

So, the question is...why?

Not only do we believe everyone in our family 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 we live in. That is why we are passionate that every community served by one of our academies should be a happy, healthy place where every person is included and valued, and can thrive

and achieve their full, God-given potential. That is why Oasis' vision not only aims to deliver exceptional education, but also to help build great local inclusive 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. It's about understanding the role they have as active citizens in our shared world. That's why Oasis' goal is to help every young person achieve their best, respect themselves, value those around them and contribute to the good of all.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you into an Oasis academy in order to experience this for yourself.



**Steve Chalke, MBE**

Oasis Founder



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