

NORTH WEST LONDON JEWISH DAY SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS POLICY
For entry into the Nursery for the Academic Year 2010/2011

Preamble

The school seeks to admit as a priority children whose parents are able to demonstrate commitment to Orthodox Jewish observances and practices (if the School is oversubscribed) This will be assessed from the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) and verification by way of a reference form to be completed by the Rabbi of the synagogue of which the parents are members, indicating commitment to Orthodox Jewish observances and practices.

Parents who wish their children to be considered for priority admission to the school should complete an application form together with a SIF and the appropriate Rabbi's reference. Children for whom a confirmatory reference is provided are referred to below as 'Priority' children.

The Governing Body is fully cognisant of its duties under Part 4 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and will not discriminate unlawfully against disabled children.

Policy and Number

Children will be admitted at the beginning of the Academic Year following their third birthday. The number of pupils for whom Nursery Education will be provided for the year commencing 1 September 2010 will be 35.

Timing

The closing date for all applications will be **31 October 2009**. All applications for admission will be considered thereafter. All places will be allocated by 28 February 2010 and parents will be notified as soon as possible thereafter.

Over-subscription

In the event of over-subscription, the Governing Body will apply the over-subscription criteria listed below.

Oversubscription Criteria

In the event of the number of applications for admission exceeding the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit:

1. Looked after Priority children
2. Priority children with siblings at North West London Jewish Day School., at the date of entry. Siblings includes a step or half brother or sister (but not cousins) residing at the same address as the applicant, or adopted Jewish children of parents who have a natural or adopted child attending North West London Jewish Day School.¹
3. Other Priority children, whose parents or guardians can demonstrate that admission to the School is essential to the medical or compassionate needs of their child. These special factors must be made known at the time of the application if they are to be considered and must be supported by an appropriate professional practitioner's letter or certificate.
4. Priority children of orthodox members of local orthodox Synagogues within a four- mile radius of the School;
5. Other Priority children of orthodox members of orthodox Synagogues outside a four mile radius of the School
6. Other Priority children who do not comply with the above criteria.
7. Other looked after children
8. Other children

The School will ensure that, as far as possible, siblings (including twins, triplets or children from other multiple births) can attend the same Primary School, as long as the School is able to comply with the infant class size regulations

The Governing Body will admit a child with a statement of special educational needs if the School is the School named in the statement, in compliance with section 324 of the Education Act 1996.

In the event of over-subscription within any of the above categories and sub-categories, the School will apply the following tie-breaker:

¹ In the event that the school has one place to offer and the next child on the waiting list is one of twins, triplets or other children of multiple births, the Admissions Committee will, in the first instance, randomly select the child to offer the place to. The school will also have the right to inform the parents that they may prefer the other, or another child, to have the place instead of the child initially randomly selected.

Proximity of the child's home to the School main gate, as measured in a straight line, with those living nearer the School being accorded the higher priority. Measurements will be taken from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system.'

Where a child lives with parents with shared responsibility, each for part of a week, the address used will be the address where the child spends the major part of the week

Admission to the Nursery does not guarantee admission to the School for primary education and a separate application form must be completed for transfer from Nursery to Primary School.

Waiting List

Unsuccessful applicants will be on a waiting list ranked in the same order as published in the over subscription criteria as set out above.

The waiting list will remain in operation from the day the original places are awarded and will be used to allocate places which become available before the start of the school year.

Parents will be notified of where their child has been placed on a waiting list but indication of the likelihood of being offered a place will not be given as their position may change if families having a higher priority, who apply for places for their children, move into the neighbourhood of the school.

The School will participate in the local authority's fair access protocol and that places may be given in accordance with that protocol

Occasional Vacancies

When a place becomes available during a school year, the Admissions Committee will consider all applications received without delay following the vacancy arising. The above criteria for admission will apply.

Further Information

If you require further information about the admissions process please contact Mrs Naomi Landy at North West London Jewish Day School.