Admissions Policy

King David Primary School

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ADMISSIONS POLICY
2027/2028

THE SCHOOL AND ITS OBJECTIVES

The King David Primary School ("School") is a single Academy Jewish Faith School. Its objectives are the education of boys and girls. Its aims are to set the highest academic standards combined with the teaching and practice of Orthodox Judaism* and extremely high standards of discipline and conduct demanded of the faith. The School aims to provide efficient education combined with efficient use of resources.

** As defined by the Office of the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations and the Commonwealth*

THE ADMISSION AUTHORITY

The Governing Body is the Admission Authority for the School

PUPIL ADMISSIONS NUMBERS

The pupil admission number for each year entry of the school is 30 places.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

In the case of oversubscription, the school will give priority to those who meet a religious practice test based on guidelines from the Chief Rabbi. Those applicants wishing to be considered as priority applicants for available places will need to obtain a Certificate of Religious Practice (CRP) based on criteria such as the family's synagogue attendance, prior commitment to Jewish education and voluntary work within the community.

ORDER OF PRIORITY

If there are more applications than places available for the reception class or any other year group, the Governors will admit pupils in the following order of priority:

1) A looked after child with a CRP or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order.

2) Children with a CRP with a sibling on the roll of the School at the time of the proposed admission.

3) Children with a CRP with a sibling on the roll of King David High School at the time of the proposed admission.

4) Children with a CRP who currently attend either King David Private Nursery or King David Primary (Pre-School).

5) Other Children with a CRP.

6) Other looked after child or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order.

7) Other children with a sibling on the roll of the School at the time of the proposed admission.

8) Other children with a sibling currently on the roll of King David High School at the time of the proposed admission.

9) Children who currently attend either King David Private Nursery or King David Primary (Pre-School).

10) All other applicants.

In the event of there being more applicants than places available within each of the above criteria 1 to 9, priority will be given to those children or parents who exceed more than 4 points on the CRP.

RANDOM TIE-BREAKER

Where two or more applicants have equal priority after application of the oversubscription criteria and the appliable CRP criteria, and there are insufficient places available for all such applicants, the remaining place or places will be allocated by random allocation.

The random allocation process will be supervised by a person who is independent of the School and its admissions process. A fresh random allocation will be undertaken whenever it is necessary to determine priority for the offer of a place from the waiting list.

Places can be withdrawn by the school after an offer has been made if it is found that the offer was made on the basis of false or fraudulent information.

HOW TO APPLY

Parents are invited to visit the school prior to applying. Please phone the school office to book a place: 0161 741 5090.

For Reception, Parents must apply online to their local authority, even if the school is in a different borough, by the deadline of 14 January in the year prior to entry.

For Pre-School and all other in year groups other than Reception, applications are to be made directly to the School office.

Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) and Certificates of Religious Practice (CRP) should be completed and sent with full supporting documentation to the School office by 14 January in the year prior to entry. Applications arriving after this date will be treated as late applications and will be considered after those received on time.

For Reception applications the local authority will post a letter informing parents whether or not their application has been successful in April.

Parents are requested to indicate in writing their intention or otherwise to take up a place in May.

RIGHT OF APPEAL

Applicants refused a place in Reception, or higher classes, have the right to appeal. If parents decide to appeal, they should write to the Clerk to the Governors at the school within 14 days of receiving the letter of refusal. There is no right of appeal for the Pre-School. The appeal will be heard by an admissions panel, which has been set up by the Governing Body. The panel shall hear the appeal within 30 school days.

WAITING LIST

All unsuccessful applicants will be placed on a waiting list and children will be ranked on the list in accordance with the published over-subscription criteria above. The waiting list will be maintained throughout the school year. Ranking on the waiting list is strictly based on the admissions criteria listed above. Priority will not be given to children based

on the date of their application.

DEFERRED ENTRY

If a place in a Reception class is offered before a child is of compulsory school age, parents can request that their child's entry be deferred until later in the same school year. This means that the place is held for the child and is not available to be offered to another child. Parents would not, however, be able to defer entry beyond the beginning of the term after the child's fifth birthday, nor beyond the academic year for which the original application was accepted.

FAIR ACCESS

The school is committed to taking its fair share of children who are vulnerable and/or hard to place, as set out in locally agreed protocols. Accordingly, outside the normal admissions round the governing body is empowered to give absolute priority to a child where admission is requested under a local protocol that has been agreed for the current school year. The governing body has this power even when admitting the child would mean exceeding the published admission number.

Children with an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) which names the school will be admitted.

If a child is already in King David Pre-School, please note the following statutory proviso: Attendance in the Pre-School does not guarantee admission to the school for education. A separate application form must be completed for transfer from Pre-School to Primary School (School Admissions Code 2010 – para 2.66).

NOTES

(i) For educational or medical reasons, Headteachers can take into account any specific needs such as developmental, speech and language delay or physical needs. The school will require further information from doctors, hospital consultants, health visitors, education and child professionals.

(ii) For these purposes, 'sibling' includes adopted siblings, step- or half-siblings, and other children who are living as permanent members of the household. Where necessary, preference will be given to multiple-birth children, to avoid them being split into separate schools.

(iii) Attendance in the preschool does not guarantee admission to the school for primary education. Applications must be submitted by parent(s) or carer(s) whose children attend the nursery in the same way as other parents.

Definition: *"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)