

KING DAVID HIGH SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY 2020

A The School and its Objectives

The School is an Academy. 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 Chief Rabbi and / or the Chief Rabinat of Israel

B The Admission Authority

The Governing Body is the Admission Authority for the School.

C Pupil Admission Numbers

The School will admit 115 pupils to Year 7 in September 2020

D Admissions Criteria

Parents are reminded that it is not necessary to meet all, or indeed any, of the criteria below for their child to be offered a place at the School. However, in the event of the School being over-subscribed, the Governors will apply the following criteria in order of priority:-

- (a) looked after children (within the meaning of Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) being children in the care of a local authority or previously looked after children whose family attend an Orthodox Synagogue* and this category includes children who were previously in state care outside England and have ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted⁺

- (b) children whose parent / parents or guardian / guardians attend an Orthodox Synagogue* and this category includes children who were previously in state care outside England and have ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted⁺
- (c) looked after children (within the meaning of Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) being children in the care of a local authority or previously looked after children.
- (d) children whose parent / parents or guardian / guardians attend a Non-Orthodox Synagogue.
- (e) all other applicants

* As defined by the Chief Rabbi

+ Meaning children who have been looked after outside England by a public authority, a religious organization or provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society

The school is entitled to seek confirmation of attendance with the named Synagogue from the Rabbi or from an authorized official of the synagogue.

Notwithstanding the above, by applying to the school, parents commit that they will support the religious ethos and discipline policy of the school.

In the event of over-subscription within categories (b) and (d) above places will be offered in accordance with the following criteria:-

- (1) siblings (here meaning the Jewish brother or sister where they share the same mother or father and this includes step-siblings and Jewish adopted siblings) of children attending the School at the date of admission or at any time previously.
- (2) children attending King David Primary School.
- (3) children attending the following Jewish primary schools:

Broughton Jewish Cassel Fox Primary School
Bury & Whitefield Jewish Primary School
North Cheshire Jewish Primary School

In the event of a tie-break situation, preference will be given to parents of applicants who show a higher level of attendance at their respective synagogue and will be measured on number of times they attended between 1st September and 31st August in the year preceding their application.

In the event of over-subscription within category (e) above places will be offered in accordance with the following criteria:-

- (1) Attendance of a Christian Church (Catholic / Church of England / Methodist)

In the event of a tie-break situation, preference will be given to parents of applicants who show a higher level of attendance at their respective church and will be measured by times they attended between 1st September and 31st August in the year preceding their application.

The school is entitled to seek confirmation of attendance with the named church from the priest or from an authorized official of the church.

A waiting list will be kept open for the first term of the academic year, for applicants who have not been offered a place. Applicants on the waiting list will be offered places as they become available allocated in the order of the above criteria.

Pupils whose Statement of Special Education Needs names the school will be offered a place, provided the school can reasonably cope with their needs.

E Special Educational Needs

Children with Special Educational Needs whose Statement (under Section 324 of the Education Act 1996) names the school, are admitted under the statementing process rather than the admission process but their admission is taken into account against the school's pupil admission number.

F Assessment Examination

The Assessment Examination does not affect admission to the school. It is used primarily to assess the suitability of applicants to the various classes and streams within the School.

G Applications

Application forms will be available at the School Office. These should be completed with the required supporting documents and submitted to the School Office marked for the attention of the Admissions Officer by 30th November 2018.

The successful applicants will be notified in writing as will those who have not been offered a place. Offers / refusals will be sent out around the beginning of March 2020 (exact date to be confirmed) and acceptances / refusals must be submitted to the School Office around mid-March 2020 (exact date to be confirmed).

Late applications will be dealt with after those received on time and will be prioritized in accordance with the over-subscription criteria.

H Information to Prospective Parents

The School's Admission Policy will be published with the School's Prospectus. Dates of "Open Days" and other relevant dates will be published in the community press and through the various Junior Schools.

I Appeal

Where a child's application has not been successful parents have a right of appeal. Notice of appeal must be sent to the Chair of the Governing Body within 20 days of receiving the result of the application. The notice should include; (i) a request for an appeal and (ii) the grounds for an appeal.

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.

J Further Information

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