

IJDS Admission Arrangements:

The Independent Jewish Day School ("IJDS") was established to provide an excellent standard of Secular and Religious Education to Orthodox Jewish families, within a framework where Religious Studies are taught in Hebrew.

Admission Arrangements into Reception (Hachana):

We will admit a maximum number of 28 children. This limit, and the oversubscription criteria below, do not apply to children with a SEN statement which names the IJDS, who will be awarded a place as of right.

In the event of oversubscription, priority will be given in the following order:

1. Jewish 'looked after children' or previously 'looked after children' (within the meaning of section 22 of the Children Act 1989¹) who have received a Certificate of Religious Practice from the IJDS.
2. Children who have a sibling at the IJDS either at the time of making the application for entry to Reception or at the intended start date.
3. Children of staff at the IJDS who have received a Certificate of Religious Practice from the IJDS and fall within paragraph 1.39(b) of the Schools Admission Code, December 2014.²
4. Children whose families have received a Certificate of Religious Practice from the IJDS.
5. Children of practicing Jews who have not received a Certificate of Religious Practice from the IJDS but have provided a letter from their local Orthodox Rabbi confirming that they attend Shabbat morning synagogue religious services at least 30 times a year (not including the Shalosh Regalim and Yamim Noraim).
6. 'Looked after children' or 'previously looked after children' of other faiths or no faith³.
7. Children of other faiths or no faith.

'Siblings' shall include half-siblings, step-siblings and adopted siblings who are Orthodox Jewish children and whose principal address is the same as the sibling currently at the school when the application was made. When the over subscription criteria are applied to applications made on behalf of twins or triplets, they will be selected as a family unit and places will be offered accordingly. This will ensure that all children in a family unit will be offered a place.

The Certificate of Religious Practice

The Certificate of Religious Practice will be awarded to children of applicants who will support and reinforce at home the Torah values, religious observance and Ahavat Yisrael

¹ A "looked after" child is a child who is (a) in the care of the local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in s.22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. A "previously looked after child" is one who immediately after being in care became subject to an adoption, child arrangement/residence, or special guardianship order.

² 1.39: Admission Authorities may give priority in their oversubscription criteria to children of staff in.....the following circumstances: (b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

³ For the meaning of "looked after children" see footnote 1 above.

taught by the School. This will be demonstrated through the answers given in the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) and by a reference from a Rabbi, showing synagogue attendance, support of the Kodesh programme and its delivery in Ivrit, support of Torah values and observance of Jewish laws including being Shomrei Shabbat, observing the laws of Tzniut and Kashrut and support of the School's religious ethos.

Admissions Procedure

All applications for places at the IJDS must be submitted on the Barnet CAF form and, if the applicant seeks consideration for priority admission by obtaining a Certificate of Religious Practise, the applicant should complete the SIF. The SIF must be sent to the school by 15 January 2021 and in any event no later than when the CAF is completed.

The closing date for all applications to Hachana is as stated on www.eadmissions.org.uk in the school year (1st September to 31st August) in which the child will attain 4 years of age. Late applications will be dealt with in accordance with the London Borough of Barnet Coordinated Admissions Scheme.

Parents will be notified by London Borough of Barnet in accordance with its Coordinated Admissions Scheme. Parents must indicate in writing within 10 days their intention to take up a place at the IJDS.

In the event that the school is not oversubscribed, all applicants will be offered a place.

A parent may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. In addition, a parent of a summer born child may choose not to send that child to school until the September following the child's fifth birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group. In the first instance please contact the school and make an appointment with the Head teacher to discuss this request for admission out of the normal age group.

Oversubscription to Hachana

In the event of there being insufficient places for all applicants within any of the above oversubscription criteria places will be assigned by lottery to those children whose home address given on the common application form submitted via e-admissions is within the Catchment Area set out below.

Catchment Area:

This area is to be bounded by Page Street (NW7) turning left onto the Watford Way (A41), turning right onto Colindeep Lane (A5150) until it meets the M1, turning left at the M1 and following the M1 until it meets the North Circular Road, turning left onto the North Circular Road and at the Brent Cross Flyover turning right back on to the Hendon Way (A41), turning left into Wessex Gardens, turning right into The Ridgeway, left into Armitage Road crossing over into Hoop Lane and into Meadway. Then turning left into Kingsley Way, crossing over to Ossulton Way, turning left into East End Road (A504) turning right into Regents Park Road (A598), turning left into Nether Street and straight over into Dollis Road, straight over Holders Hill Circus onto Devonshire Road onto Pursley Road and then turning left into Page Street. All properties inside this boundary and houses on either side of these named streets will be in the Catchment Area.

Waiting List

The IJDS will maintain a clear, fair and objective waiting list for the first term of the academic year of admission. Each added child will require the list to be ranked again in line with the published oversubscription criteria.

Admission Arrangements into Years 1 to 6:

We will admit a maximum number of 28 children to each year group. This limit does not apply to children with a SEN statement which names the IJDS.

The admissions arrangements into Years 1 to 6 are the same as those for entry into Reception. If the applicant seeks consideration for priority admission by obtaining a Certificate of Religious Practice, the applicant should complete the SIF. Admissions into Years 1 to 6 will be considered at any point during the Academic Year.

Applications must be made to London Borough of Barnet through the Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme, in addition to the school, although it will be for the Governing Body to advise London Borough of Barnet whether or not a place can be offered.

The IJDS will maintain a clear, fair and objective waiting list for the first term of the academic year of admission. Each added child will require the list to be ranked again in line with the published oversubscription criteria.

Right of Appeal

If your child has been refused a place at the IJDS you are entitled to appeal the decision. The Appeal documents below will only be available to complete after National Offer Day in April 2021. Please click on the following documents which you will need to access if you would like to appeal. The first document sets out the process and time frames you must abide by. The second document is the application form you must complete.