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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):

The Published Admission Number (PAN) is 28 children. Any child with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the IJDS will be admitted.

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. Siblings of pupils attending the school at the time of making the application for entry to Reception, with a completed and valid Certificate of Religious Practice from the IJDS.
- 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.

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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 arrangements 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.

'Siblings' shall include half-siblings, step-siblings, foster siblings and adopted siblings who are Orthodox Jewish children and whose principal address is the same as the sibling currently at the school, at the deadline for application. The child's home address shall be determined as at the deadline for application. Where parents reside at separate addresses, but with shared responsibility for the child, it will be the address at which the child spends most of the week.

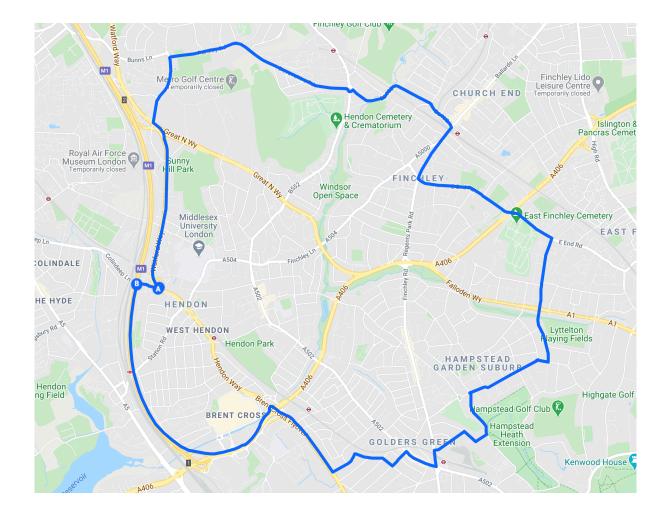
When the over subscription criteria are applied to applications made on behalf of twins or triplets, they will be selected as a family unit and places will be offered accordingly. This will ensure that all children in a family unit will be offered a place.

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 a lottery, drawn in the presence of an independent observer, 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 and then right onto A502 and then left onto the A598. Then turning right into Rotherwick Road, right onto Corringham Road and then turning left into Hampstead Way, right onto Meadway, continuing along Meadway, turning left into Kingsley Way and crossing over to Ossulton Way then 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.



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 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

Practice, the applicant should complete the SIF. The SIF must be sent to the school by 15 January 2022 and in any event no later than when the CAF is completed.

The closing date for all applications to the reception class 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.

Admission of Children outside their Normal Age Group

Parents 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. It is important for parents to note that they will have responsibility for providing evidence to support their request. If parents wish for their child to be considered for admission to a year group which is outside their normal age group, then they must:

- a) Complete the LA common application form or the in-year admission form, as appropriate
- b) Attach a letter outlining reasons for the request and all supporting letters and/or documentary evidence in support of the application.

IJDS will make decisions on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned.

Deferred Entry to School

In accordance with the requirements of the Admissions Code, if your child has been offered a place: -

- a) your child is entitled to a full-time place in the September following their fourth birthday;
- you can defer the date your child is admitted to the school until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which your child reaches compulsory school age and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which it was made; and

c) if you wish, your child may attend part-time until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which your child reaches compulsory school age.

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:

Should places be available during the year, these will be allocated to applicants in accordance with the above oversubscription criteria.

In order to apply, there are two forms which must be completed.

- i. The SIF should be completed and returned to the school.
- ii. An online application form must be submitted to Barnet via www.barnet.gov.uk/application for in year school admission

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 2022. Please <u>click</u> 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 <u>application form</u> you must complete.