



The King David High School

Admissions Policy

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A The School and its Objectives

- A.1 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

- B.1 The Governing Body is the Admission Authority for the School.

C Pupil Admission Numbers

- C.1 The School will admit 90 pupils to Year 7 in September 2026

D Admissions Criteria

- D.1 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, if the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the Plan, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in order:
- (a) looked after children and previously looked after children whose family attend an Orthodox Synagogue*. This category includes children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. 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 (within the meaning of Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).
 - (b) children whose parent / parents or guardian / guardians attend an Orthodox Synagogue*.
 - (c) looked after children and previously looked after children whose parent / parents or guardian / guardians attend a Non-Orthodox Synagogue. This category includes children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state

care outside England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. 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 (within the meaning of Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

- (d) children whose parent / parents or guardian / guardians attend a Non-Orthodox Synagogue.
- (e) all other applicants

* As defined by the Chief Rabbi

D.2 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.

D.3 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

D.4 In the event of over-subscription within category (e) above places will be offered in accordance with the following criteria:

- (1) Any other children from the primary schools referred to above
- (2) Children of teaching staff directly employed by governing body of the School who have been employed for 2 or more years and are still employed at the time which application for the admission to the School is made or children of teachers who



may have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage and

(3) Attendance of a Church (Catholic/Church of England /Methodist)

D.5 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 authorised official of the church.

Where two or more applicants cannot be separated by the oversubscription criteria and tie-break arrangements set out above, priority will be given to the applicant who lives closest to the School, measured in a straight line from the child's permanent home address to the School. Where applicants cannot be separated by distance, the final place will be determined by random allocation. The random allocation process will be independently supervised to ensure fairness and transparency.

D.6 A Year 7 Admissions 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.

D.7 Pupils whose Education Health and Care Plan names the School will be offered a place, provided the school can reasonably cope with their needs.

E Admission of Children Outside Their Normal Age Group

E.1 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.

E.2 Requests for admission outside the normal age group should be made in writing to the School at the time of application. The request should include any supporting evidence that the parent considers relevant.

E.3 The Governing Body will make decisions on the basis of the circumstances of each individual case and in the best interests of the child concerned. In making its decision, the Governing Body will take account of:

(a) the parent's views

(b) information about the child's academic, social and emotional development

- (c) where relevant, the child's medical history and the views of a medical professional
 - (d) whether the child has previously been educated outside their normal age group
 - (e) the views of the Headteacher
 - (g) any other relevant information relating to the child's circumstances
- E.4 Parents will be informed of the reasons for the Governing Body's decision.
- E.5 Where the Governing Body agrees to a request for admission outside the child's normal age group, the application will be processed in the normal admissions round for the cohort to which the child is seeking admission and will be considered in accordance with the School's oversubscription criteria.
- E.6 Parents do not have a statutory right of appeal against a decision not to admit their child outside their normal age group.

F Applications

- F.1 Applications for admission to Year 7 must be made through the applicant's home Local Authority using the Local Authority Common Application Form (CAF).

The closing date for applications is 31st October in the year preceding admission.

In addition to completing the Local Authority Common Application Form (CAF), parents are strongly encouraged to complete the School's Supplementary Information Form (SIF), available on the School website.

The SIF provides the information required for the School to assess applications against the faith-based oversubscription criteria set out in these arrangements. Applications submitted without a completed SIF will still be considered; however, where the School does not have sufficient information to determine eligibility for a faith-based oversubscription criterion, the application may be ranked under an alternative criterion.

The SIF also provides us with additional information such as pupils' dietary requirements, language, allergies, and SEND information to help ensure transition planning arrangements are as comprehensive as possible.

The SIF is available from the School office and on the School's website within the Admissions section.



The completed Supplementary Information Form, together with any supporting documentation, must be returned to the School by the last working day in October.

Applications received after the published closing dates will be treated as late applications and will be considered in accordance with the Local Authority's co-ordinated admissions scheme.

Offers of places will be made by the applicant's home Local Authority on National Offer Day (1st March or the next working day).

All admissions decisions will be made solely in accordance with the published admissions arrangements and oversubscription criteria.

F.2 Pre-Admission Meetings

The School may invite applicants and their parents to attend a meeting with members of staff. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information about the School, its Orthodox Jewish ethos, expectations and policies, and to ensure that families understand and support the distinctive character of the School.

Such meetings do not form part of the admissions criteria and will not be used to determine whether a place is offered. All admissions decisions will be made solely in accordance with the published admissions arrangements and oversubscription criteria.

F.3 Applications for places outside the normal Year 7 admissions round are known as in-year admissions. Parents and carers should contact us directly for more information about in-year applications.

Applicants for admission outside the normal admissions round may be invited to attend a meeting with members of staff to support the transition process and discuss pastoral, educational and welfare needs. Attendance at such a meeting will not form part of the admissions decision.

G Information to Prospective Parents

G.1 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.

H Sixth Form Admissions

- H.1 The School admits both existing King David High School students and external applicants to Year 12. Admission to the Sixth Form is subject to applicants meeting the published academic entry requirements set out below:
- (a) at least 8 GCSEs Grade 7 or above
 - (b) any individual subject entry requirements as published annually in the School's Sixth Form Options Booklet and on the School website
- H.2 It is intended that the overall size of the Sixth Form – Years 12 and 13 – will be no more than 160. We accept up to 2 external applicants a year, subject to the academic entry requirements in H.1. More external applicants may be accepted depending on their individual circumstances.
- Where the number of external applicants who meet the academic entry requirements exceeds the number of places available, places will be allocated in the order of priority set out in section D.1 (a) – (e).
- Where applicants cannot be separated by the above criteria, the tie-break arrangements set out in Section D.5 of this policy will apply.
- H.3 External applicants must apply on the School's Sixth Form Application Form by the last Friday in January. The School may invite applicants and their parents to attend a meeting to discuss course choices, entry requirements and the distinctive Jewish ethos of the School. Such meetings do not form part of the admissions criteria and will not be used to determine whether a place is offered. External applicants applying after the closing date or after publication of GCSE results may still be considered, subject to the availability of places.
- H.6 Offers are normally made by the end of the Spring Term. A decision regarding an offer may be deferred by the School and considered further once the applicant's GCSE results have been issued. Offers may be made conditional on the applicant securing specified grades in specified GCSE subjects.

I Appeal

- I.1 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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