



Admissions criteria for Edgware Jewish Primary School

This is the comprehensive admissions policy and procedure for entry into Edgware Jewish Primary School.

This school was set up to serve the local community of Edgware Adath Yisroel congregation (EAYC) synagogue and priority for admission is given to those who regularly attend that synagogue and whose family practices Orthodox Judaism as certified by the Electoral Rabbonim of the Jewish Secondary School Movement. The decision as to whether or not an applicant qualifies for priority consideration will be based on the information provided by the applicant on the school's Supplementary Information Form ("SIF"). In this policy those who qualify for priority are referred to as Orthodox Jewish children and in the event of any dispute as to whether a child is an Orthodox Jewish child the ruling of the Elector Rabbis of the Jewish Secondary Schools Movement is final.

Admissions

1. The school has a planned admissions number of 30 children.
2. In the event that the school is over subscribed priority will be given as follows.
 - a. Looked After Orthodox Jewish children
 - b. Orthodox Jewish children with siblings who are currently at EJPS. For these purposes "siblings" shall include half-siblings, step-siblings and adopted siblings who are Orthodox Jewish children and who are living at the same address. When the over subscription criteria are applied to applications made on behalf of twins or triplets, they will be selected in random order and places will be offered accordingly (the ballot will be observed by an independent person. This could result in one or more children in a family being offered a place but not others. Where relevant, the remaining child(ren) would be retained automatically on the waiting list and would have priority should any vacancies arise at the school.
 - c. Orthodox Jewish children who are attending EJPS nursery.
 - d. Orthodox Jewish children of families who regularly attend and participate at EAYC;
 - e. Children of families who regularly attend and participate at other Orthodox synagogues;
 - f. Other Orthodox Jewish children
 - g. Other Looked After Children
 - h. Other children

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3. If in any category there are more qualifying applicants than there are available places, priority will be given according to the proximity of the child's home to the school gate in Hale Lane, HA8 as measured by Barnet's measuring tool with those living nearer the school gate being accorded the higher priority; If there are two families who live in the same block of flats then those closest to the front door will have priority. If all criteria and measures are equal than a random ballot will be the tie breaker.
4. Verification of Orthodox Jewish practice will be obtained from the Rabbi of the EAYC synagogue or other Orthodox synagogue where the applicant family regularly attends. Evidence will be sought of active Orthodox synagogue worship and observance of Orthodox Jewish laws and practice.

Admissions Procedure

5. All applications for places at the school must be submitted on the Barnet CAF form and, if the applicant seeks consideration for priority admission, the applicant should complete the SIF. These must be sent to the school at the same time as the CAF is completed.
6. The closing date for all applications to the reception class is 31st October 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.
7. 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

Waiting List

8. When all available places have been filled, children not allocated places will be placed on a waiting list ranked in descending order according to the published admissions criteria. The waiting list will remain in operation from the day the original places are awarded and will be open until the end of the academic year. Those who wish to remain on the waiting list after this period will be asked annually if they wish to remain on the waiting list, if they still meet the criteria i.e. Religious commitment.

In-year applications and applications for places in years other than Reception

9. These will be considered in accordance with the above oversubscription criteria in accordance with the London Borough of Barnet Coordinated Admissions Scheme. Applications must be made to London Borough of Barnet and not 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.

Special Needs

10. Children with a statement of special educational needs that names the school will be admitted. This is a separate process to the normal admission procedure.

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Incorrect or Misleading Applications

11. If the information given in the application form is not accurate or up to date, your child may lose priority. In such a case, the Governors will have discretion to refuse the offer of a place. The Governors reserve the right to withdraw the offer of a place where it is found that the place was offered on the basis of fraudulent or misleading information.

Appeal Procedure

12. If a place is not offered, parents will be advised as to their right to appeal to the Independent Appeal Panel and will be advised on the process for appeal.

EJPS Nursery

13. Admission to the EJPS nursery will not guarantee the child a place in reception

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Admissions

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2. In the event that the nursery is over subscribed priority will be given as follows.
 - a. Looked After Orthodox Jewish children
 - b. Orthodox Jewish children with siblings who are currently at EJPS. For these purposes "siblings" shall include half-siblings, step-siblings and adopted siblings who are Orthodox Jewish children and who are living at the same address. When the over subscription criteria are applied to applications made on behalf of twins or triplets, they will be selected in random order and places will be offered accordingly (the ballot will be observed by an independent person. This could result in one or more children in a family being offered a place but not others. Where relevant, the remaining child(ren) would be retained automatically on the waiting list and would have priority should any vacancies arise at the nursery.
 - c. Orthodox Jewish children of families who regularly attend and participate at EAYC;
 - d. Children of families who regularly attend and participate at other Orthodox synagogues;
 - e. Other Orthodox Jewish children
 - f. Other Looked After Children
 - g. Other children
3. If in any category there are more qualifying applicants than there are available places, priority will be given according to the proximity of the child's home to the nursery gate in Hale Lane, HA8 as measured by Barnet's measuring tool with those living nearer the school gate being accorded the higher priority; If there are two families who live in the same block of flats then those closest to

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Admissions Procedure

5. If the applicant seeks consideration for priority admission, the applicant should complete the SIF. These must be sent to the school at the same time as the application.
6. The closing date for all applications to the nursery class is 31st October in the school year (1st September to 31st August) in which the child will attain 3 years of age. Late applications will be placed at the end of the waiting list (see paragraph 8).
7. Parents will be notified by nursery and must indicate in writing within 7 days their intention to take up a place.

Waiting List

8. When all available places have been filled, children not allocated places will be placed on a waiting list ranked in descending order according to the published admissions criteria. The waiting list will remain in operation from the day the original places are awarded and will be open until the end of the academic year. Those who wish to remain on the waiting list after this period will be asked annually if they wish to remain on the waiting list, if they still meet the criteria i.e. Religious commitment.

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9. Children with a statement of special educational needs that names the nursery will be admitted. This is a separate process to the normal admission procedure.

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10. If the information given in the application form is not accurate or up to date, your child may lose priority. In such a case, the Governors will have discretion to refuse the offer of a place. The Governors reserve the right to withdraw the offer of a place where it is found that the place was offered on the basis of fraudulent or misleading information.

Appeal Procedure

11. If a place is not offered, parents will be advised as to their right to appeal and will be advised on the process for appeal.