
1. STATEMENT OF INTENT

- 1.1 Beis Yaakov Primary School was established
1. To serve the Orthodox Jewish (*Charedi*) Community of North West London.
 2. To provide education for the daughters of parents who all observe Orthodox Jewish (*Charedi*) practice.
- 1.2 Orthodox Jewish (*Charedi*) is defined as ethos, lifestyle and daily practice that are governed by an unequivocal and lifelong commitment to Torah study and *Mitzvos* observance, and the central tenets of *Yiras Shomayim*, *Emunas Chachomim*, *Middos Tovos* and *Tznius* in dress, speech and behaviour.
- 1.3 The question of whether or not a girl or her family observe Orthodox Jewish (*Charedi*) practice will be decided by the school's *Va'ad Hachinuch* (Rabbinic Authority). Any matters of disagreement will be decided by the decided by Rabbi S F Zimmerman, The Rov and Av Beis Din of the Federation of Synagogues. The process of determination of Orthodox (*Charedi*) practice will be managed by the *Va'ad Hachinuch* and the school plays no part in this process beyond facilitating the provision of information required by the *Va'ad Hachinuch*.
- 1.4 Girls will be admitted to the Reception class at the beginning of the school year following their fourth birthday.
- 1.5 The Governors will admit 58 girls to the Reception classes each year.
- 1.6 Applications should be made via the local authority's co-ordinated admissions scheme, described in its guidance booklet for parents, with a Supplementary Information Form being submitted simultaneously to the school.
- 1.7 Attendance at Beis Yaakov Nursery does not guarantee admission to the school.
- 1.8 The process of identifying a school for a child with a statement of special educational needs is now separate from the main admissions process.

2. OVER SUBSCRIPTION

- 2.1 In the event that the school receives more applicants than it has places to offer, the Governors will apply the following criteria in the following order of priority.
1. Girls who/whose family observe Orthodox Jewish (*Charedi*) practice and are looked after (in public care) or were previously looked after
 2. Girls who/whose family observe Orthodox Jewish (*Charedi*) practice with sisters in the school at the time of admission
 3. Girls who/whose family observe Orthodox Jewish (*Charedi*) practice with sisters who previously attended the school
 4. Other girls who/whose family observe Orthodox Jewish (*Charedi*) practice
 5. Other looked after or previously looked after girls
 6. Other girls

- 2.2 Sisters will be defined in accordance with the Local Authority's definition of siblings in its guidance booklet for parents applying for school places.
- 2.3 In the event of there being insufficient places for all applicants within any of the above criteria, a random ballot will be used to determine which children will be admitted under the criterion in question, in the presence of an independent observer.
- 2.4 A waiting list for Reception will be maintained for the whole of the Reception Year only. It will be ranked by applying the above over-subscription criteria. A waiting list is not maintained for other years.
- 2.5 The school subscribes to the Local Authority's In-Year Fair Access Protocol.

Ratified by the Governing Body

Signed: _____



Chair of Governors

Date: _____

1st November 2023**This policy will be reviewed on or before the following date: November 2024**