



HERTSMERE JEWISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION 2011 ADMISSIONS POLICY

This policy is ratified annually in accordance with Hertfordshire regulations and may be subject to changes every year. The policy in force at the time that the offer of a place is made will govern your child's admission to the school.

Hertsmere Jewish Primary School is a United Synagogue day school with a commitment to the practice of orthodox Judaism and a regard for Israel in Jewish life.

The school will admit 60 children to the Reception Class each September. Parents are reminded that it is not necessary to meet all, or indeed any, of the criteria below for your child to get a place at the school. However, in the event of the school being over-subscribed, the Governors will apply the following criteria in order of priority as laid out below:

- A. Children who have completed both an application form to their local authority under the Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme and also the School's Certificate of Religious Practice and who are entitled to be treated as priority applicants in accordance with that Certificate.
- B. Any other children.

Notes:

- (a) Before applying the above categories, the school will offer places to children looked after (within the meaning of section 22 of the Children Act 1989).
- (b) The school complies with Section 324 of the Education Act 1996, which requires the governing bodies of all maintained schools to admit a child with a statement of special educational needs that names their school.

In the event of over-subscription within each of the above categories, places will be offered in accordance with the following further criteria:-

1. Children attending Hertsmere Jewish Primary School Nursery at the deadline for applications.
2. Children who satisfy either of the following conditions:
 - (a) Children for whom Hertsmere Jewish Primary School is appropriate on genuine medical grounds. Such applications will be accepted only when the medical circumstances and the grounds upon which the School is said to be particularly appropriate are supported by submissions from the child's General Practitioner and Consultant and

are considered by the Governors to justify giving priority to the child concerned; and

- (b) Children for whom Hertsmere Jewish Primary School is appropriate on genuine social needs grounds. Such applications will be accepted only where the circumstances and the grounds upon which the School is said to be particularly appropriate are supported by submissions from the child's General Practitioner and social worker and are considered by the Governors to justify giving priority to the child concerned;

provided in all such cases that the Governors in their sole discretion consider that the School is able to meet the needs of such children having regard to the needs and interests of other children at the School;

3. Siblings of pupils who, at the time such sibling enters the school, will be attending Hertsmere Jewish Primary School or Nursery. For these purposes, "siblings" shall include half-siblings, step-siblings and adopted siblings.
4. If a place becomes available after being refused by an applicant falling within any sub-paragraph of paragraph 6 it shall be offered to the next applicant (according to paragraph 9) falling within that sub-paragraph. For the purpose of this paragraph, a child within paragraph 1 who does not apply for a place in the Reception Class shall be deemed to have refused such a place.
5. Children who are resident:
 - (a) at an address in Borehamwood having a WD6 postcode
 - (b) at an address in Elstree having a WD6 postcode
 - (c) at an address having a WD23 postcode
 - (d) at an address in Radlett having a WD7 postcode
 - (e) at an address in Shenley having a WD7 postcode
 - (f) at an address elsewhere in Hertfordshire (the borders of which being defined by reference to the official Ordnance Survey Map available in the school office)
6. Remaining applicants under each category of application (A or B respectively).
7. In the event of over-subscription after each of the above criteria has been applied, proximity to the school of the child's residential address will in each of the above categories be the determining factor.

The school office will provide, on application, Supplementary Admissions Information, which includes a guide to the admissions system and notes explaining the impact of the LA Co-ordinated Admissions System, how the Governing Body determines both proximity to the school and also residential address (where in doubt) and other aspects of the admissions process.

Admissions data

Sixty places were available in Reception 2010, for which 149 applications were received.