



# King David Primary School

## Admissions Policy

### **Reception Class**

The Governors admit 30 children into the Reception class each year. All these children will start school at the beginning of the school year during which they are 5 (i.e. In the September following their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.)

If there are too many applications for the 30 places, the Governors will decide which children will be offered places according to the following criteria:

- A. \*Jewish children who are looked after by the Local Authority.
- B. \*Jewish children who have a sibling\*\* at the school who will be in attendance at the time of the younger child's enrolment.
- C. \*Jewish children who attended King David Nursery, Birmingham.
- D. \*Jewish children with a sibling who has attended the school.
- E. Other \*Jewish children.
- F. Non-Jewish children who are looked after by the Local Authority.
- G. Non-Jewish children who have a sibling\*\* at the school who will be in attendance at the time of the younger child's enrolment.
- H. Non-Jewish children who attended King David Nursery, Birmingham.
- I. Non-Jewish children with a sibling who has attended the school.
- J. Other non-Jewish children.

\* (Jewish applicants are required to complete a *Declaration of Practice of Faith* – available from the school.)

\*\* (The Local Authority's "Sibling" definition has been adopted.)

### **Oversubscription**

In the event of the school being oversubscribed by application in any category, places will be offered on the basis of nearest walking distance from either the front or back gates of school to the front door of the applicant's home address.

Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives with both parents for part of the week, then the main residence will be determined as the address where the child lives the majority of the week. Parents may be requested to supply documentary evidence to support the address used.

In a very small number of cases it may not be possible to decide between the applications of those pupils who are the final qualifiers for a place, when applying the published admission criteria. For example, this may occur when children in the same year group live at the same address, or where there are twins, or if the distance between the home and school is exactly the same, for example, blocks of flats. If there is no other way of separating the application according to the admissions

criteria and to admit both or all of the children would cause the legal limit to be exceeded, the local authority will use a computerised system to randomly select the child to be offered the final place.

### **Statutory references**

These admission arrangements are in accordance with DFES School Admissions Statutory Code of Practice 02/2003 recommendations in paragraph 3:14 regarding the admission of pupils in Public Care to Voluntary Aided schools.

Under section 324 of the Education Act 1996 the school will admit children where the school is specifically named within their Statement of Special Educational Needs.

### **Religious criterion**

Following a Court of Appeal hearing in 2009, all Jewish schools have now revised their admissions procedures, regarding Jewish applicants. We have developed a religious practice test based on guidance from the Chief Rabbi. Applicants to the school who wish to be considered Jewish and receive priority in admissions as such, must complete a *Declaration of Practice of Faith*, available from the school. This admissions procedure will be reviewed annually, to ensure it meets the best interests of the school and its pupils.

In the event of a dispute over a family's Jewishness, the matter will be referred to the Director of Jewish Studies and Chief Minister of the Birmingham Hebrew Congregation, so that he can investigate and collect relevant evidence. However the ultimate decision regarding admissions remains with the Governing Body.

### **Applications**

The Governors will consider all applications received by the school and will notify parents whether their child has a place or not on a date specified by the LEA.

If your application is successful you will receive information about the school and you will be invited to visit the school.

If your child is unsuccessful you may obtain from the LEA information regarding vacancies at other schools in the area. You may request in writing that your child's name is kept on the King David School waiting list.

Parents have the legal right of appeal against a decision not to offer your child a place in the school. An appeal form may be obtained from the school office. A date will be given for its return.

### **Appeals**

If you decide to make a legal appeal, you should fill in the form and return it by the date you have been given. The forms will be forwarded to the Chairman of Governors, who will arrange for an Independent Appeal Committee to hear the appeal. The Chairman of Governors will tell you of the arrangements. You and the Governors will have the opportunity to send in any papers you wish and to attend at the hearing. The Appeal Committee's decision as to whether your child can come to King David School is binding in law.

### **Other classes**

The School's Admission criteria apply to all classes in the Infant and Junior departments. The agreed admission limit for each class is 30 children. Application forms may be completed at any time. If the Governors are unable to offer your child a place you may request that your child's name is kept on the waiting list.

You may appeal at any time, for an Infant or Junior child of any age, if the Governors cannot offer your child a place (for instance, if you have recently moved into the area.)

### **Nursery class**

Not all of the above information is applicable to the Nursery Class.

The Nursery Class has 39 full-time places. Children are admitted in the September following their third birthday.

Nursery Class Admissions criteria follow that of the school.

There is a separate application form to be completed and returned to the school office. Parents will be notified of the result on a date specified by the LEA.

If your child is offered a place, you will be sent more information and you will be invited to visit the Nursery.

Even if your child comes to Nursery Class, it does not mean that they will automatically be offered a place at the school. You will need to complete a separate application form for a Reception Class place.

If your child is unsuccessful in gaining a place in the Nursery Class, you may request in writing that your child's name be kept on the waiting list in case a vacancy should occur.

There is no arrangement for a legal appeal if there is no place for your child.