

Admissions Policy and Procedures

For entry to the Nursery in September 2010

Moriah is a United Synagogue School which teaches Orthodox Jewish belief and practice, embodied in the principles of Torah and Halachah. These include: creating a sense of belonging, encouraging and preparing for lifelong Jewish learning, spiritual growth and practice, mutual responsibility within the Jewish community and the wider world, and the importance of Israel in Jewish life. Jewish belief and practice permeate every aspect of Moriah's activity. All applicants are therefore expected to fully respect the ethos of the school.

There are 26 places in the Nursery.

The school will give priority to those who meet a religious practice test based on guidelines from the Chief Rabbi. Those applicants wishing to be considered as priority applicants for available spaces will need to obtain a certificate establishing religious practice (CRP) based on criteria such as the family's synagogue attendance, prior commitment to Jewish education, religious practice and communal activity.

Eligibility Criteria

If there are more applications than places available, then places will be offered in the following order:-

- 1 Siblings of pupils attending Moriah Jewish Day School at the time of entry to the Nursery (see notes i and ii) provided that they meet the Jewish practice criteria as explained in the CRP.
- 2 Children and/or their parents/guardians who meet the Jewish practice criteria as explained in the CRP.

In the event that there are more applicants in any category than places available, priority will be given to children living nearest the School as the crow flies by reference to distance of travel from the home address to the main entrance, those nearer having priority (see note iii). Where a child lives with parents with shared responsibility, each for part of a week, the home address will be where the child resides for the majority of the week (see note iii).

Application Procedure

- 1 Application for places in the Nursery is by completion of an Application Form and CRP, both of which are obtainable from the school office or the website. The closing date for applications for places in the Nursery for September 2010 is by 26th February 2010. Applications received after the closing date will be considered after those received on time.
- 2 Offers of places in the Nursery will be sent to parents from the School at the end of the Spring Term, 24th March 2010.
- 3 Parents must indicate in writing within two weeks of the offer date their intention to take up or decline the place.

Waiting List Procedures

If places subsequently become available the following will apply:-

- 1 All remaining applications, at the time a place becomes available, will be wait listed according to the eligibility criteria.
- 2 Places will be offered according to the order within the waiting list.
- 3 For these offers the School reserves the right to give parents 10 days only in which to decide to accept the place.

Notes:-

- i Siblings are defined as brothers or sisters, half brothers or half sisters, adopted/foster brothers or sisters, and step brothers or step sisters living at the same address. In every case, in order to be given priority, the sibling/s must be children who meet the Jewish practice criteria as explained in the CRP.
- ii Places will be offered to multiple birth children provided that the School has places. If there is only one place available to such a family, the School cannot guarantee places to the other sibling/s.
- iii Distance is measured in a straight line using a computerised mapping system based on Ordnance Survey data.

- iv Parents of children attending Moriah's Nursery class should note the following statutory proviso: Attendance in the Nursery does not guarantee admission to the School. A separate application form must be completed for transfer from Nursery to Primary school. (School Admissions Code 2009 – para 2.66)
- v There is no right of appeal for applicants who are not offered a place for the Nursery.
- vi. Details of the Arrangements for Admissions to Harrow's Schools are contained in: "Scheme of Coordination for Admissions to Harrow's Community and Voluntary Aided Primary, First, First and Middle and Middle Schools". This is obtainable from the Admissions Section, Harrow Council, Civic Centre, Station Road, Harrow, HA1 2UW.