



Shalom Noam Primary School

Admissions Policy and Procedure
Nursery

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This is the comprehensive admissions policy and procedure for entry into Shalom Noam Primary School nursery.

Shalom Noam Primary School nursery is an orthodox Jewish nursery providing access to high- quality secular and religious nursery education in accordance with orthodox Jewish law and practice.

In the event of being oversubscribed, the nursery will give priority to applicants in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out below. The decision as to whether or not an applicant qualifies for priority consideration will take into account the information provided by applicants in a Supplementary Information Form ("SIF"). Where applicants wish to provide a SIF, the SIF must be signed by a parent or guardian of the child to certify the information provided is correct. A copy of the SIF can be obtained from the school or downloaded from the school's website.

As one of its oversubscription criteria, the nursery gives priority to Orthodox Jewish children. For these purposes an applicant is considered to be an Orthodox Jewish child if it achieves the requisite number of points as set out in the SIF. Where priority admission is sought on the basis of this criteria, verification of orthodox Jewish practice must be obtained from an orthodox rabbi as provided for in the SIF.

Admissions

- The nursery has a Published Admission Number of 26 children.
- In the event that the nursery is oversubscribed priority will be given as follows.
 1. Orthodox Jewish Children who are either 'Looked after children' or children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been 'looked after' or who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
 2. Orthodox Jewish children with siblings who are currently at Shalom Noam Primary School or Nursery at the time of the application. 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.
 3. Other Orthodox Jewish children.
 4. Other children who are either 'Looked after children' or children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been 'looked after' or who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
 5. Other children.
- If in any category there are more qualifying applicants than there are available places, 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.

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- A child looked after is a child in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989. An adopted child is defined by section 12 of the Adoption Act 1976 and section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. Child arrangements orders are defined in Section.8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by Section12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order. A special guardianship order is defined by section 14A of the Children Act 1989.

Admissions Procedure

- All applications for places at the nursery must be sent to the Shalom Noam Primary School nursery. If the applicant seeks consideration for priority admission, the applicant should provide a completed SIF. This must be sent to the school at the same time as the application.
- The closing date for all applications to the nursery class will be a date set each year (in line with nationally set dates for the making of offers for admission, if any) in the school year (1 September to 31 August) in which the child will attain three years of age. Late applications will be placed at the end of the waiting list.
- Parents will be notified by Shalom Noam Primary School nursery and must indicate in writing within 10 days their intention to take up a place.

Waiting List

- 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 oversubscription criteria. Each added child will require the list to be ranked again in line with the published oversubscription 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.

Applications on behalf of Twins or Triplets (Multiple Births)

- If only one place is available at the nursery and the next child who qualifies for a place is one of multiple birth siblings, those children will be admitted in excess of the Published Admission Number to avoid a situation where the children have to attend different nurseries. The children admitted over the PAN will be “excepted pupils” until the class size falls back to 26 pupils.

Incorrect or Misleading Applications

- If the information given in the application form or SIF is not accurate or up to date, your child may lose priority. In such a case, the Governing Body will have discretion to refuse the offer of a place. The Governing Body reserves 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

- If a place is not offered, Shalom Noam Primary School provides an independent appeals process and parents will be advised as to their right to appeal to the Independent Appeal Panel and will be advised of the process for appeal.
- In conducting any appeal, the Independent Appeal Panel shall adopt as far as possible

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the School Admissions Appeals Code, with such necessary adjustments as the Independent Appeal Panel considers necessary to ensure that the appeal is conducted in a fair manner. For the purposes of applying the School Admissions Appeals Code, the nursery shall be deemed to be an infant class and the infant class size limit shall be deemed to be 26 pupils per class.

Places at Shalom Noam Primary School

- Admission to Shalom Noam Primary School nursery will not guarantee the child a place in Reception.