

Shalom Noam Primary School & Nursery - Supplementary Information Form (SIF)

In addition to completing this SIF you must apply to the local authority in the area that you live for a place in Reception or above of the primary school.

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eadmissions/app>

Thank you for applying for a place to Shalom Noam Primary School. Shalom Noam is an orthodox Jewish school and nursery providing the orthodox Jewish community with access to a high-quality education that meets the National Curriculum as well as excellent religious education in accordance with orthodox Jewish law and practice.

Oversubscription Criteria

In the event that the school or nursery is oversubscribed, Shalom Noam will give priority to children in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out in the school/nursery's Admissions Policy and Procedure, which can be obtained from the school or downloaded from the school's website. This includes giving 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 provided for in this SIF

If you wish to claim priority based on the applicant child being an Orthodox Jewish child you must complete this SIF honestly and accurately and ensure it is signed by a parent/guardian and also your Rabbi.

Where the number of applicants who are Orthodox Jewish children exceeds the number of places available, Shalom Noam will give higher priority to applicants with siblings who are currently at Shalom Noam at the time of the application. For these purposes "siblings" include half-siblings, step-siblings and adopted siblings who are Orthodox Jewish children and who are living at the same address. At the end of the SIF there is therefore a question asking you to confirm if your child presently has any siblings at the school.

Declaration by Parent/Guardian

I have read the Shalom Noam Primary School/Nursery Admissions Policy and Procedure and the Ethos statement and wish my child/the child under my guardianship to be considered for a place at Shalom Noam Primary School/Nursery and declare that the information I will provide is true and correct in every detail. I understand that if it comes to light that a place at the school/nursery has been offered on the basis of inaccurate or out of date information, that my child may lose the entitlement to priority admission and this may result in any offer of a place being withdrawn.

Signature of parent/guardian.....

Print Name of parent/guardian.....Phone Number

Date of application.....Date of Birth.....

Child's name.....

Requested date of entry to school/nursery.....Year applying for

Scoring

To qualify for priority admission as an Orthodox Jewish child, you must:

- (i) be able to answer positively all questions in Section 1 below
- (ii) score 1 point in Section 2 below; and
- (iii) obtain a reference in the form set out on the last page from your Rabbi, who must be the rabbi of an orthodox Jewish synagogue (whether or not you are a member of that synagogue).

In this document, any reference to “Jewish law” means such law as is codified in the Shulchan Aruch (the Code of Jewish Law) and the Orthodox Jewish commentaries thereon.

The completed form, together with the Rabbi’s reference, should be sent by your Rabbi to: Chair of Admissions Committee, Shalom Noam Primary School, East Road, Burnt Oak, HA8 0AJ.

Please remember that a COMMON APPLICATION FORM (CAF) must also be completed and submitted to your HOME BOROUGH. It must NOT be sent to the school, as this will delay your application.

If you are applying for a place at the Nursery then you do not complete the CAF but you should still complete this form. You must also complete the separate Nursery application form which should be sent to the School Business Manager.

Section 1 – Religious requirements	Answer Yes/No
<p>It is expected that families are consistently observant of the Shulchan Aruch including in relation to ritual, honesty and integrity in inter-personal and financial matters. To meet the religious criteria, you must be able to respond positively to all the questions in this section.</p> <p>1. Kashrus</p> <p>Do you eat only food which is kosher as defined in accordance with Jewish law?</p> <p>Do you eat only in restaurants that are supervised by an Orthodox kashrus authority?</p> <p>2. Shabbos</p> <p>Do you observe the halachos of Shabbos as in accordance with Jewish Law?</p> <p>3. Tefilla</p> <p>Do you daven in accordance with Jewish law?</p> <p>4. Talmud Torah</p> <p>Have you, over the past 12 months, on average incorporated at least three hours of learning into your weekly schedule (e.g. chavrusa, formal shiur, daf hayomi, or independent learning)? If yes, please specify the learning sessions on which you rely. (The answer for this question can apply in respect of one parent/guardian, where the child is looked after by two parents/guardians.)</p> <p>5. Tevilas Keilim</p> <p>Do you tovel kelim as required by Jewish Law?</p> <p>6. Tznius</p> <p>Do you comply with Jewish law with regard to modest/religious dress? For men, this means wearing a kippah and/or hat (other than if not worn for periods at work). For women, this means, in public, keeping your hair fully covered, wearing skirts/dresses that reach below the knee and wearing tops that reach below the elbow and, at the neck, cover the collar bone?</p> <p>7. Sha’atnez</p> <p>Do you observe the halachos of sha’atnez in accordance with Jewish Law?</p>	

Section 2 – Additional religious expectations

Answer Yes/No

You will be awarded a point for a positive answer to each of the following. To meet the religious criteria, you must score 1 for this section.

1. Participation in an Orthodox synagogue

Have you, over the past 12 months, regularly participated in the services of an orthodox synagogue (which means at least participating in one weekly service and festival services)? If yes, please provide details of the attendance on which you rely. (The answer for this question can apply in respect of one parent/guardian, where the child is looked after by two parents/guardians.)

2. Involvement in Orthodox Jewish communal activities

Have you, over the past 12 months, on average contributed at least three hours of voluntary activity for community, shul, charity or chesed organisations or causes? If yes, please provide details of the activity on which you rely. (The answer for this question can apply in respect of one parent/guardian, where the child is looked after by two parents/guardians.)

Section 3 – Other priority criteria	Answer Yes/No
<p data-bbox="203 189 1218 262">1. Does the child have a sibling who is attending the school now (ie at the time of the application)? If so, please provide details below</p> <p data-bbox="203 294 755 325">Name/s.....</p> <p data-bbox="203 367 771 399">Current year group/s.....</p>	

Reference from your Rabbi: instructions to parents/guardians

Please give the whole form to a Rabbi (or two Rabbis – see footnote) who can complete the reference below for you/your family. Please also provide a stamped, envelope addressed to Chair of Admissions Committee, Shalom Noam Primary School, East Road, Burnt Oak HA8 0AJ so that your Rabbi/s can return the completed form and reference to the school.

Reference from the family/guardian’s Rabbi

Dear Rabbi

Thank you for agreeing to complete this reference. Please read the completed Supplementary Information Form and then confirm whether, to the extent of your knowledge and belief, based on your knowledge of the parent(s)/guardian(s) the information provided is correct. We sincerely appreciate your assistance with this.

Chair of Admissions Committee Shalom Noam Primary School.

Rabbi’s Declaration

I confirm that, to the extent of my knowledge and belief, the information provided by the family/guardian is correct.

Child’s name.....

I have known the family foryears.*

Name of Rabbi (please print):

Synagogue _____

Postal address:.....

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Telephone number:

Signature:

Date:

*Please insert the number of years you have known the parent(s)/guardian in question. If the period is less than two years, a similar declaration will be required from a second Rabbi. Please note that other parent(s)/guardian(s) who may be known to their Rabbi for a longer period will gain no advantage over those for whom the acquaintance is shorter, since the purpose here is merely to ascertain that the period of acquaintance is sufficient to form a reasonable basis of the Rabbi’s confirmation.