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HASMONEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM (SIF)
For admissions from September 2026
Determination of Orthodox Jewish practice for Priority Eligibility

Dear Parent/Guardian

Thank you for considering Hasmonean Primary School (HPS).

Hasmonean Primary School is a Voluntary Aided Faith School. In accordance with the Schools Admissions Code, HPS prioritises children of the Orthodox Jewish Faith. The SIF deals with the oversubscription criteria. You only need to complete the SIF if you are applying to HPS with a view to being considered for priority, in the event of oversubscription.

The Common Application Form (CAF) must be completed and submitted to your home local authority in addition to this SIF. ***The CAF must not be sent to HPS as this will delay the application.***

The HPS ethos includes a strong commitment to Jewish Orthodox practice. A set of Priority Criteria to define Orthodox Jewish practice has been created by the Electoral Rabbonim of the Jewish Secondary Schools Movement (JSSM). Children and their Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will need to meet all the Priority Criteria to be considered Priority Children. See the 'SIF Guidance and Definitions' pages which provides a further explanation of many of the criteria and terms used in the SIF.

Please ***first*** *complete* Parts A (*Basic Details*) and B (*Priority Information*) of the SIF.

Please **then** *arrange* for Part C (*Rabbi's Reference Form*) to be completed by one or more Rabbis (recognised by the JSSM Electoral Rabbonim) before the published deadline date, providing the Rabbi with the completed Parts A and B.

Please note: It is your responsibility to ensure that the Rabbi (or Rabbis) fill(s) in the Rabbi's Reference Form and that the form is submitted to HPS before the published deadline date.

By completing the SIF you agree to the following:

1. *HPS has absolute discretion to determine places in accordance with its admissions policy.*
2. *Only information submitted to HPS at the time of application, and submitted by the required deadline, may be considered.*
3. *HPS reserves the right to verify the accuracy of the information provided and, if it is subsequently discovered that a place has been offered on the basis of the information given that was not accurate, the place may be withdrawn. Providing deliberately false or misleading information is potentially a criminal offence.*
4. *Data about you and your children may be processed by HPS. A copy of HPS's data privacy statement can be found on HPS's website.*

SIF GUIDANCE AND DEFINITIONS

Who must complete the SIF?	This form should be completed by the person who has legal responsibility for the child applying to HPS. Only one of the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) needs to sign this form.
What do I need to do?	Complete Parts A (*Basic Details*) and B (Priority Information) of the SIF and then pass the form to one or more Rabbis for completion of Part C (*Rabbi's Reference Form*). Part C will need to be completed by a Rabbi of an Orthodox Synagogue; see "*What does 'attend and participate at an Orthodox Synagogue' mean?"* for an explanation of what 'Orthodox Synagogue' means. You may ask one or more than one Rabbis to sign for the different aspects of this section of the form. If in the judgement of the Rabbi signing the SIF, in the case of a single parent family, or for health reasons, or a family where an immediate family member has a disability such that this impacts on the family's ability to learn or attend services as defined in the Priority Criteria, the parent should notify the Rabbi (in advance of the application) and the Rabbi's judgement will be accepted. This should be documented in question 3 of Part C (the Rabbis Reference Form). The Common Application Form (CAF) must be completed and submitted to your home local authority in addition to this SIF.
What happens if I want to make multiple applications?	If you are applying on behalf of more than one child, complete a separate copy of Part A (of the SIF), for each child. (Parts B and C will need to be completed only once.)
What does 'Jewish Observance and practice' mean?	HPS prioritises children of the Orthodox Jewish Faith. This is assessed in accordance with the Jewish Observance criteria.
What are the Jewish Observance criteria and the meaning of a Priority Child?	Where all the following criteria are met, the child is a Priority Child, if they: 1. Have an orthodox Rabbi(s) to whom they are known and ask questions. 2. Attend and participate at an Orthodox Synagogue. 3. Participate in Jewish adult education. 4. Are involved in Jewish communal life. 5. Observe Jewish dietary laws inside and outside their home. 6. Observe Shabbos and Yom Tov laws throughout the year.
What does 'attend and participate at an Orthodox Synagogue' mean?	An Orthodox Synagogue is defined as a member Synagogue of the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations, the United Synagogue or Federation of Synagogues or Synagogues recognised by the Rabbis of the JSSM as having similar Orthodox standards. A list of recognised Orthodox Synagogues can be found on the HPS website. Attendance and participation means, on average, attending at least three adult services a week, one of which must be on a Shabbos, for a minimum period of 12 months prior to the application submission.
What does 'regular participation in Jewish education' mean?	Applicants are actively involved in Jewish learning activities on a weekly basis, for at least 12 months prior to the application submission. This can include

	involvement by one parent/applicant, or both. Examples could include *chavrusa*, (online) *shiurim*, Phone & Learn, Synagogue-based programmes, and similar.
What does 'regular participation in Jewish communal life' mean?	This refers to participation by one parent/guardian or both. This can include attending and volunteering for committees or programmes/events for Jewish communal organisations and charitable organisations. Examples include Synagogue committees, organising *shiurim*, security, *leining*, *chesed* committees, Jewish charity work, youth groups, and similar. Unfortunately, owing to legal requirements, we cannot include any activities/support given to HPS and any associated organisations.
What does 'observe Jewish dietary laws inside and outside the home' mean?	Standards of Jewish Dietary Laws should be referenced at: http://www.theus.org.uk/category/learn-about-kosher.
What does 'observe Shabbos and Yom Tov throughout the year' mean?	This refers to observing the rituals and halochos of Shabbos and the Holy Days. The following books should be referenced for further guidance: 1 A Guide To The Practical Observance Of Shabbos by Rav Y Neuwirth (Feldheim); and 2. The Guideline Series by Rabbi Barclay and Rabbi Jaeger (Menucha Press)
How does the School rank children who meet the Jewish Observance criteria (Priority Children)?	Where the criteria are satisfied, Priority Children are ranked according to the following (with 1 being the first priority and 5 being the last): 1. Priority Children who are 'looked after', have been previously 'looked after' by a Local Authority, or internationally adopted previously looked after children (IAPLAC), who appear to HPS to have been in state care (accommodated by a public authority, religious organisation or any other provider whose main or sole purpose is to benefit society) and ceased to be so as a result of being adopted. 2. Priority Children who have a sibling in the school (Reception to Year 6) at the time of the close of applications or who formerly attended HPS for at least three consecutive terms within the period of two years before the date of entry. (For these purposes, siblings include half-siblings, step-siblings and adopted siblings who are living at the same address.) 3. Priority Children of members of staff where the member of staff has been employed at HPS for one or more years at the time of application. 4. In Years 1 to 6 priority will be given to Priority Children who are currently educated in non-Jewish schools. 5. Other Priority Children.

PART A – BASIC DETAILS

STUDENT	*Forename(s) (as per birth certificate):*	
	Surname:	
	Year group applying (e.g, Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 etc.): *Children must be three for admission to Nursery.* *(Calendar year of entry if not 2026)*	
	Date of Birth:	……/……/……

PARENT/GUARDIAN	The following contact details will be used only if there is a question related to your SIF application. (HPS will continue to hold the data after any decision by HPS to offer a place is made.)	
	Forename(s): *Title (optional):*	
	Surname:	
	Email address: *Optional 2nd email address:*	
	Phone number: *Optional 2nd phone number:*	
	Home address (where currently residing): *Postcode:*	

PRIORITY RANKING **(Only to be completed for applications to Nursery)**	*Is the child a "looked after" child?* *If yes, please provide appropriate supporting documents.*	Yes [ ]
	Does the child have a sibling currently at HPS? *If yes, please provide following details:* *Name:* *Date of Birth:*	Yes [ ] ……/……/……
	Is the above Parent/Guardian of this child a teacher in HPS?	Yes [ ]

OFFICE USE	Date of submission:	……/……/……
	SIF Accepted? If yes, date of acceptance:	Yes [ ] No [ ] ……/……/……

PART B – PRIORITY INFORMATION

PRIORITY CRITERIA (as defined in the SIF Guidance and Definitions)	1. *Do you and your family regularly attend and participate at an Orthodox Synagogue?* *Please provide details:*	Yes [ ] No [ ]
	2. *Do you and your regularly participate in Jewish education?* *Please provide details:*	Yes [ ] No [ ]
	3. Do you and your family regularly participation in Jewish communal life? *Please provide details:*	Yes [ ] No [ ]
	4. Do you and your family observe Jewish dietary laws inside and outside the home?	Yes [ ] No [ ]
	5. Do you and your fully observe Shabbos and Yom Tov throughout the year?	Yes [ ] No [ ]

I confirm to the best of my knowledge, all the above information is correct:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Please print name in capital letters:

Date: ...../...../.....

PART C – RABBI'S REFERENCE FORM

To be completed by an Orthodox Rabbi(s)

Dear Rabbi(s),

In line with the current Code of Practice with regards to the admissions process for Faith Schools, we are requesting your help in assessing the suitability of the above-mentioned applicant and his or her family for a place at HPS. Please answer the following questions about the parent/guardian of the applicant.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMMUNITY RABBI OR A RABBI WHO KNOWS PARENT/GUARDIAN

I confirm that I have known the parent/guardian for at least two years.
Yes [--]

Does the parent of the applicant seek Halachic guidance from you about Jewish Observance?
Yes [--]

Is there is other information that HPS should be aware of relevant to the application? If so, please provide the detail here:

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(A supplementary page can be added,)

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and accurate.

Signature: ……. Date: ……/……/…..

Print name of Rabbi: …….

Synagogue/Communal institution: …….

Phone number:…… Email address:……

Please add your or your synagogue's official stamp in the space below:

IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS NEEDED FROM AN ALTERNATE ORTHODOX RABBI, PLEASE PROVIDE A SEPARATE FORM.

PLEASE SEND THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS OFFICER AT HASMONEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL, 8 -10 SHIREHALL LANE, LONDON NW4 2PD or

email admin@hasmonean-pri.barnet.sch.uk