Hasmonean Primary School

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Covering Nursery to Year 6 admissions 2027-28

1. Admissions into Nursery to Year 6

a. As a Voluntary Aided Faith School, and in accordance with the Schools Admissions Code (as amended from time to time), the School prioritises children of the Orthodox Jewish Faith. The School must have regard to guidance, and consult with, the body representing the religious denomination, known as the Jewish Secondary Schools Movement (or JSSM) in order to determine appropriate criteria. Evidence is obtained from parents/guardians[1] through the completion of the Hasmonean Primary School Supplementary Information Sheet (or APPLICATION FORM).

b. For the purposes of the Schools Admissions Code, the Published Admission Number (or PAN) for entry into Reception is 30.

2. Admissions Procedure

a. Parents seeking consideration of their child as an Orthodox Jewish Child will need to complete the Hasmonean Primary School APPLICATION FORM in respect of applications for any school year, including Nursery and Reception. Failure to provide this will inhibit the School's ability to determine whether sufficient grounds of priority have been demonstrated.

b. The Hasmonean Primary School APPLICATION FORM and our current School prospectus are available from the School Office or website: http://hasmoneanprimary.co.uk/. The APPLICATION FORM must be sent to the school office.

c. For entry into the **Nursery** for the academic year **2027/28** applications must be made by no later than 15th January 2027. All applications received on time will be processed together. By law, priority must not be given to children based on the date of receipt of their application or the date they are added to any list.

d. For entry to **Reception Class** for the academic year **2027/28**, applicants should complete the Common Application Form ("**CAF**") and return it to their home local authority by **15 January 2027** Applicants seeking consideration under Orthodox Jewish Child priority must also complete and submit Hasmonean Primary School's Application form by **15 January 2027**, so that the Governing Body can fully consider their application.

e. Applications for **Reception Class to Year 6** admissions in-year (from 1st September 2027) should be made on Barnet Parent Portal. Nursery applicants must apply directly to the school. All

[1] **All references to "parents" include guardians as well as parents.**

applicants seeking Orthodox Jewish priority must also complete Hasmonean Primary School's APPLICATION FORM .

f. In applying the Admissions Policy, the following apply:

(i) The School has absolute discretion to determine places in accordance with its admissions policy.

(ii) The School 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.

3. Oversubscription Criteria

In the event of oversubscription, after allocation of places to children with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below:

1. Orthodox Jewish children who are "looked after" or were "previously looked after" by a Local Authority, or internationally adopted previously looked after children (IAPLAC), who appear to the School 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. Orthodox Jewish brothers and sisters whose siblings are at the school at the time of admission or who formerly attended the school for at least three consecutive terms within the period of two years before the date of entry. 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. Children of staff where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made.

4. In Years 1 to 6 priority will be given to Orthodox children who are currently educated at non-Jewish schools.

5. Other Orthodox Jewish children.

6. Looked after children and/or previously looked after children other than those who are Orthodox Jews.

7. Other children.

If in any category there are more qualifying applicants than there are available places, priority will be given to those living nearest to the school by straight line measuring in accordance with the Local Authority's measuring system described in its guidance booklet for parents applying for school places ("The Measuring System"), but with measuring taking place to the main entrance of the school site. When the parents of the child live separately, the address of the child for the Measuring System shall be the address at which the child usually lives. When the parents of the child live separately but the child lives with both parents at different addresses, the child's home address for the Measuring System will be taken to be the address where the child lives for most of the week. If the child spends an equal amount of time with each parent, the address will be taken to be that of the main parent/carer eligible to receive Child Benefit and Child Tax Credit. If all criteria and measures are equal, in the case of a Nursery application only, a random ballot[2] will be the tie-breaker.

[2] Random ballot to be carried out independently by allocating a number to each child in the ballot and have a random number generated by an appropriate random number generator such as random.org

4. Waiting List

Following the application procedure for Nursery and/or Reception places, and once initial offers have been made, the waiting list will be adjusted to include late applications, in accordance with the Schools Admission Code. A child's position on the waiting list will not depend upon when the application was made, but will be determined according to the oversubscription criteria listed in section 3.

When all available places have been filled, remaining applicants will again be placed on a waiting list. The waiting list will be re-ordered according to the oversubscription criteria listed in section 3.

Parents will be notified that their child is on a waiting list. Parents will be asked to confirm whether or not they wish to hold the place on the waiting list at regular intervals.

Applications for places in Years 1 to 6 will be dealt with on a similar basis and in accordance with the Schools Admissions Code, which states that each late application will require the waiting list to be ranked again in line with the section 3 Oversubscription Criteria.

5. Late Applications

Late applications for entry into Reception in September of the same year must be made:

a. by completion of a CAF. The CAF is available from, and should be returned to, the local authority where the child lives without delay; and

b. by completion of a Hasmonean Primary School APPLICATION FORM. This form is available from the School Office or from the School's website: http://hasmoneanprimary.co.uk/

Other late applications, including those for Nursery entry, received after places have been allocated will be considered sympathetically but will be treated in accordance with the provisions set out in section 4 of this policy.

6. Deferral of Entry/ Part-time Schooling

There is a legal right for parents to:

a) Defer entry of their child to Reception class until later in the year when they reach compulsory school age. (This is 31 December, 31 March or 31 August immediately following the child's fifth birthday.) There is no legal right to defer entry beyond the beginning of the term after the child's fifth birthday or beyond the academic year for which admission is sought; or

b) Request that their child attends Reception on a part-time basis until they reach compulsory school age; or

c) Request, under paragraph 2.18 of the Schools Admissions Code (or its equivalent provision from time to time), that their child is admitted to a school year outside their normal age group. Parents should note that that this is a right of request and not of guaranteed entry. Any decision of the School shall be based on the circumstances of each individual request, taking into account the relevant guidance and factors as provided by the Department of Education. The School will also take into account the views of the Head Teacher. Parents applying for a place outside their child's age group do not have a right of appeal if they have been offered a place but it is not in the year group they would like. However, they may make a complaint under the School's complaints procedure.

It should be noted that taking up either of these options has educational implications in relation to the syllabus for the first year at school and parents are encouraged to discuss and agree in advance with the school the appropriate course of action for their children.

7. Fair Access Protocol

The Fair Access Protocol of the local authority may require the school to admit a child exceptionally, either outside the normal admission arrangements or in excess of the published admission limit, in order to protect the interests of vulnerable children and those with challenging behaviour. These pupils will be shared between schools in ways that are fair, objective and transparent.

8. The Right to Appeal:

Parents have the statutory right of appeal against refusal to admit their child to the School and may appeal by writing to the Clerk to the Admissions Appeals Panel at the school address. **The closing date of this will be three weeks after offers first go out**.

Infant classes (those where the majority of children will reach the age of 5, 6 or 7 during the school year) **must not** contain more than 30 pupils with a single school teacher. Additional children may be admitted under very limited exceptional circumstances. These children will remain 'excepted pupils' for the time they are in an infant class or until the class numbers fall back to the current infant class size limit. The excepted pupils are those listed in paragraph 2.16 of the Admissions Code (or its equivalent provision from time to time).

Reviewing the Policy

This policy should be reviewed annually by Governors and Head Teacher.

Reviewed by: _Admissions Governor and Headteacher February 2026

Date of next review: February 2027