

Admissions for School Year 2022-23: Criteria for demonstrating Jewish Practice

The current national lock down and the restrictions on public worship present problems regarding the arrangements in our published Admissions Policy for the school year September 2022-23 (Years 7-11 or Year 12, as appropriate).

This document, which should be read in conjunction with that Policy, sets out how Governors will assess which applicants will count as 'First Priority: Jewish Children' in the oversubscription criteria.

The following provisions, additional to what is in the policy, will apply:

- a) Documentary evidence of **either** Jewish education **or** volunteering (as defined in our policy) will be considered sufficient. **It is not necessary to provide both** provided that **six occasions in total** can be cited (made up of either or both activities) in the 6 months prior to application. Children on roll at a Jewish primary school will be deemed to have met the criteria.
- b) **Virtual attendance** at synagogue services or at Cheder, as officially verified by the synagogue or provider, will be deemed equivalent to attendance in person. This should be certified by the means already included on the Declaration of Jewish Practice Form.

These provisions apply to all new applications, including admissions to Year 7 or Year 12 for September 2022, any in-year admissions for the remainder of the academic year 2020/2021, and **Year 12 applicants for September 2021**. They may be extended or amended beyond that date by decision of the Governing Board. They do not affect any arrangements put in place by other traditions in relation to 'Third Priority: Other-faith children'.

This information, and any subsequent extensions or alterations, will be published on the school website, communicated to Barnet Local Authority, and sent to relevant stakeholders.

Agreed by the JCoss Governing Board at its meeting on 27th January 2021.