

Nancy Reuben Primary School

Admissions Policy

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ADMISSION POLICY

The admission policy for Nancy Reuben Primary School (the “School”) is detailed below. This admission policy applies to both the early years’ classes (playgroup, pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten) (together the “Early Years”) and the primary school (reception -year 6) (together the “Primary School”). For the avoidance of doubt, the term “School” includes both the Early Years and the Primary School.

REQUIREMENTS

- Places will only be allocated to children whose parents have a genuine desire for their children to be educated within an Orthodox Jewish education and who are prepared to encourage and observe Orthodox Jewish traditions and practices taught in the School.
- Every child admitted to the School must be Jewish according to the Orthodox laws (Halacha).
- In the event of a dispute regarding whether a child is Jewish according to Orthodox laws, the authority of the presiding Rabbi of Od Yosef Chai Synagogue (48-50 Finchley Lane, Hendon, NW4 1DJ) will be final.
- Adherence to Jewish laws including Shabbat, Kashrut, Tefilla, Tznius and Tahara Hamishpacha
- Involvement in Jewish adult education and further studies
- Active involvement in Orthodox Jewish Communal Life

ADMISSION CRITERIA

The School will only consider applications from children whose parents observe and practice the Orthodox Jewish faith and whose parents can demonstrate that they are prepared to adhere to the ethos of the School.

It is also a pre-requisite for admission that parents can demonstrate that they are prepared to pay in full the required school fees for their child. Parents that are unable to do so may qualify for a bursary if available. The Governing body reserves the right to refuse entry to a sibling of any children currently in the school if fees are in arrears on the date when the new application to the school is received.

If a child is independently assessed to have special educational needs and the school is unable to meet these needs, the parents will be required to undertake to ensure that these needs are met.

The School endeavours to maintain small classes across the Primary School, with the optimal number being between 24 and 28 children per class. It should be noted that there is a degree of variation between the sizes of classes in the Early Years, although the School always ensures that the required staff-child ratio is met.

In the event that a class is oversubscribed, the School may take account of the following considerations when deciding whether to admit a child:

- Whether the child has a sibling(s) already attending the Primary School;
- Whether the child has had siblings who previously attended the Primary School, provided that the parents have previously demonstrated their support of the School's principles and practices;
- Whether the child's parents are members of Od Yosef Chai Synagogue;
- Whether the child's parents demonstrate their intention to actively support the principles and practices of the School, which amongst other things could be achieved by their involvement and support of the wider Jewish community, including supporting community led events and initiatives.
- The school aims to achieve and maintain a balance of boys and girls in each class throughout the school

Please note that the term "sibling" includes: half-siblings; step-siblings; and adopted siblings who are Orthodox Jewish children.

The Governing Body also reserves the right, in exceptional circumstances, to refuse admission to a sibling of a child in the School if it is felt the parents' behaviour or attitude towards the school is unacceptable.

Please note that admission to the Early Years does not guarantee a place in the Primary School.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Children will normally be eligible for admission to the reception class if they are four years on or before 31st August in the year of desired entry.

Application forms are available from the school office, or via the school website www.nrps.co.uk . All applications must be received, with all supporting documentation listed on the application form, by the school office by the date indicated on the application form and on the website. Any applications received after this date will be considered at the discretion of the governing body.

Please note that all applications are dated on receipt. Therefore, once a class has reached capacity, the School will maintain a waiting list, which will be ordered according to the date of receipt of applications.

Applicants may be invited to an interview. The application process timeline is available and updated annually on the school website. Neither an invitation to interview, nor the interview itself guarantees an offer of a place. An offer is made in writing to the parents from the governing body. The child's place at the school is only guaranteed once the parents have accepted the offer in writing and the required deposit, as indicated on the application form, is received by the school.

Applications are welcome for children to be admitted into higher years in the school, and will be considered if there are spaces available. These forms are also available from the school office or website and similarly must be submitted with all relevant information listed on the application form.

Finally, please note that since Nancy Reuben Primary School is an independent school that is not maintained by the Government or Local Authority, the Admissions Governors have discretion regarding how admissions will be determined on a case by case basis. Such discretion is subject to ensuring compliance with the School's obligations under relevant legislation in force at the current time.

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