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# Policy on **Admissions**

September 2017

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Pardes House Primary  
School

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## **POLICY ON ADMISSIONS**

Pardes House Primary School was established to:

1. serve the Orthodox Jewish (*Charedi*) Community of North West London.
2. provide education for the sons of parents who all observe Orthodox Jewish (*Charedi*) practice.

‘Orthodox Jewish’ (*Charedi*) is defined as ethos, lifestyle and daily practice that are governed by an unequivocal and lifelong commitment to Torah study and *Mitzvos* observance, and the central tenets of *Yiras Shomayim*, *Emunas Chachomim*, *Middos Tovos* and *Tzenius* in dress, speech and behaviour.

The question of whether or not a boy or his family observe Orthodox Jewish (*Charedi*) practice will be decided by the school’s *Va’ad Hachinuch* (Rabbinic Authority) and the school plays no part in this process beyond facilitating the provision of information required by the *Va’ad Hachinuch*. Any matters of disagreement will be decided by the presiding Rabbi of the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations in England.

Boys will be admitted to the Reception class at the beginning of the school year following their fourth birthday.

The Governors will admit 25 boys to the Reception class each year. However, the school may choose to vary the admission limit, in consultation and agreement with the Local Authority, in response to demand.

Applications should be made via the local authority’s coordinated admissions scheme, described in its guidance booklet for parents, with a Supplementary Information Form being submitted simultaneously to the school.

Please note; attendance at Pardes House Nursery does not guarantee admission to the school.

The process of identifying a school for a child with a statement of special educational needs is now separate from the main admissions process.

### **Over-subscription**

In the event that the school receives more applicants than it has places to offer, the Governors will apply the following criteria in the following order of priority:

1. ***In care*** - Boys who are ‘looked after’ or were ‘previously looked’ after and who/whose family observe Orthodox Jewish (*Charedi*) practice. A ‘looked after’ child is a child in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989. Previously ‘looked after’ children

are children who were 'looked after', but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order).

2. **Siblings** - Boys who/whose family observe Orthodox Jewish (Charedi) practice, with brothers in the school at the time of admission. Brothers will be defined in accordance with the Local Authority's definition of siblings in its guidance booklet for parents applying for school places.
3. **Distance** - Boys who/whose family observe Orthodox Jewish (Charedi) practice. These admissions will be based on distance between home postal address and the school's postal address. Please note that distance is measured in a straight line between the address point for the child's home, supplied by Ordnance Survey, to the school's main gate, using Barnet Council's computerised geographical information system.
4. **In care** - Other boys who are 'looked after' or 'previously looked after', in accordance with the definition under Criterion 1.
5. **Other boys.**

In the event of there being insufficient places for all applicants within any of the above criteria, a random ballot will be used to determine which children will be admitted under the criterion in question, in the presence of an independent observer.

A waiting list for Reception will be maintained by the school. It will be ranked by applying the above over-subscription criteria. Waiting lists are also maintained for other year groups in the event of space becoming available.

The school subscribes to the Local Authority's In-Year Fair Access Protocol.

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