

## Admission Policy for King Solomon High School 2010-2011

### Introduction

King Solomon is a co-educational comprehensive school serving the Jewish Communities of Redbridge and the surrounding areas. It is a United Synagogue School which teaches Orthodox Jewish belief and practice. We teach the full range of national curriculum subjects in addition to providing a range of formal and informal Jewish educational programmes. A unique feature of the school is its Jewish atmosphere. The school is keen on presenting a totally fresh approach to Jewish life. We encourage our students to take their place as healthy, active and tolerant citizens in a multi cultural society accepting those who are different and caring for those in need.

By applying to send your children to King Solomon we believe that you are stating a clear commitment to respect the school's Jewish ethos and values. [Please see the school website for a full description of the school's aims and ethos.]

### Numbers

The school will admit *a maximum of 150 students to Year 7 in September 2010*. For entry in September 2009, 225 applications were received, 150 places were offered and 123 joined the school.

### Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs.

The law provides a separate process for the admission of students with a Statement of Special Education Needs. Such Students who have the school named in their statement will be admitted, if necessary in addition to the admission number of the school.

### Admissions Procedure

All parents/guardians must complete the Common Application Form (CAF) and return it to the Local Authority. Parents/Guardians should also complete the Supplementary Forms 1 and 2 [SIF 1 and 2] and where relevant SIF 3 and these should be returned to the school's Admissions Officer.

### Admissions Criteria

The Governors will give priority to students who show commitment to the practice and observance of the Jewish Faith ["the practice test"]. A Certificate of Religious Practice, the Supplementary Information Form 2 [SIF 2] is to be found as an addendum to the Redbridge 'Transfer to Secondary School 2010' booklet and may be obtained from the school. This is to be completed by the parent, signed by the relevant religious body and then returned to the school office. **Only students who achieve 3 points in "the practice test" will be accorded priority in categories 1-4 of the admissions criteria.**

Applicants of other faiths should complete Supplementary Information Form 3 [SIF 3] which is also available as an addendum in the Redbridge 'Transfer to Secondary School 2010' booklet and may be obtained from the school. This is to

be completed by the parent, signed by the relevant religious body and then returned to the school office.

All forms are also available from the school's website at [www.kshsonline.com](http://www.kshsonline.com) and the Redbridge website at [www.redbridge.gov.uk](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk)

### **Late Application Forms**

Application forms received after the published closing date will be considered after those who met the deadline. Each late form will be considered against the appropriate criteria including the tie break as explained below.

### **Waiting Lists**

The waiting list is maintained for the academic year in which we receive the supplementary forms. If parents wish their child to remain on the waiting list for the following year, they need to contact the school in writing to request this after the start of the school year in early September. Being on the waiting list does not gain any priority in the Admissions Criteria which, when a vacancy arises, are applied to the circumstances at that time.

### **Applications for School Places outside the Normal Admissions round.**

Parents should make a formal application to their home Local Authority in accordance with current local authority procedure. Such applications will be considered in conformity with the criteria as outlined below. Certificates of Religious Practice are available at the school and at the offices of the local authority.

### **Over Subscription Criteria.**

**If the number of applications exceeds the number of places available governors will offer places in the following order to: -**

1. Looked-after children, meaning children who are within the definition in S.22 Children Act 1989, i.e. children who are in the care of the Local Authority or are provided with accommodation by the Authority, who meet the practice test on SIF 2.
2. Siblings of students attending the school at the date of admission who meet the practice test on SIF 2. This includes half-siblings, step-siblings, adopted-siblings and others living permanently in the household.
3. Students at Ilford Jewish Primary School and Clore Tikvah Primary School who meet the practice test on SIF 2.
4. Students at other Jewish Primary Schools who meet the practice test on SIF 2.
5. Other looked after children
6. Children and/or parents who attend a synagogue.
7. Students attending Jewish schools

8. Applicants of other faiths whose application is supported by a reference from their religious leader on SIF 3.

9. Other children

### **Tie Break**

Within any individual criterion there is always the possibility of more applicants than places available. In such a situation, priority will be given to students who live nearest the school gate, measured in a straight line to the front door of their home. Where parents reside at separate addresses, but with shared responsibility for the child, it will be the address at which the child spends most of the week. If there is a situation where the tie break involves students living equidistant from the school, the place will be offered according to the local authority's computerized random selection procedure.

### **Right of Appeal**

In the event of parents not being offered places for their children, they are entitled to appeal by writing to the Clerk to the Governors within 10 school days of notification of the non-offer.

### **Entry Year 12**

We will accept 5 students externally who meet our entry criteria as laid out above and who also fulfil the following academic criteria.

### **A level studies**

Minimum of 6 GCSE grades at A\*-C including English and Math with a grade B or above in the subjects to be studied at A level.

### **Vocational Level 3 Courses**

Minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade C or above

### **Vocational Level 2 Courses**

3/4 GCSEs at grade D or above.