

Beis Yaakov High School for Girls Admission Policy

Beis Yaakov High School for Girls ("the School") serves the local Orthodox Jewish community of the catchment area shown on the map available in the School office. The School caters for children from families who are "Charedi", who conduct all aspects of their lives in accordance with strictly Orthodox Jewish doctrine as set out in the "Shulchan Oruch". The School seeks to provide a broad balanced education based on these values combined with the National Curriculum.

Policy

The School's governing body is the Admissions Authority. The number of girls to be admitted into year 7 in September 2019 at age 11 is 55. Applications will be considered without reference to ability or aptitude.

Provision of false information will result in the automatic rejection of the application and any offer may be withdrawn.

The School will meet its statutory obligation to admit any child who has a statement of special educational needs or education health and care plan that names the School in the child's statement or plan.

First preference for admission to the School will be given to daughters of Charedi families which, together with the proposed pupil, are committed to observing all the requirements of the Shulchan Oruch, and whose practice is in keeping with the School's Charedi Family Code, as attached. Any dispute as to (i) whether a girl is Jewish, or (ii) an interpretation or definition of Orthodox Jewish/Charedi traditions and practice in keeping with the above definition, will be settled by reference to the Manchester Machzikei Hadass Beth Din or its successors from time to time.

The School reserves the right to require families to produce a reference from a Rabbi whose congregation is affiliated to the Machzikei Hadass Beth Din, certifying their level of practical compliance with strictly Orthodox Jewish doctrine as set out in the "Shulchan Oruch", a copy of which is attached to this form.

Over Subscription Criteria

In the event of over subscription, priority will be given to applicants who meet the School's faith based over-subscription criteria.

Applicants wishing to be considered for priority in accordance with this criteria should complete the School supplementary application form as attached to these arrangements, also

available from the School and local authority, and return the form to the School by 1st December, in the year prior to the anticipated admission.

In the event of over subscription places will be allocated in accordance with the following over subscription criteria:-

1. A looked after, or previously looked after Charedi girl (see note 1)
2. Charedi girls with siblings currently at the School (see note 2)
3. Charedi girls who have attended either Yesoiday HaTorah Academy (Prestwich) or Broughton Jewish Cassel Fox Primary School (Legh Street, Salford)
4. Other Charedi girls
5. Other looked after girls or previously looked after girls (see note 1)
6. Other girls

If there is over subscription within any of the categories, the governing body will give priority to those living within the catchment area as defined in note 3. In the event of over subscription within the catchment area, places will be allocated on a geographically random basis.

(It is the School's policy not to reconsider repeat applications in the same academic year unless there has been a significant change in circumstances relevant to the application.)

Note 1: Looked after children are children in public care. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be because they were adopted (under the terms of Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see section 46 (Adoption Orders))) or became subject to a residence order (under the terms of the Children Act 1989 (see section 8 which defines "a residence order" is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the persons with whom the child shall live)), or special guardianship order.

Note 2: For the purpose of admission, a sibling link is defined as a sister, or half or step sister, residing at the same address as the pupil who occupies a place in the School and will be at the School at the time of the applicant's admission.

Note 3: The catchment area is defined as the area including and contained within:-

From Bury New Road, at the point parallel to where Wellington Street East meets Rigby Street, along Bury New Road to Scholes Lane, then,

Along Scholes Lane to the junction with Bury Old Road, then,

Along Bury Old Road to the junction with Leicester Road, then,

Along Leicester Road until its junction with Wellington Street East.

Note 4: Where a child is the subject of joint custody, and there is a dispute as to the child's home address, the address to which the child benefit payment is made will be deemed the home address for the purposes of this policy. In the event that no child benefit is paid, the matter will be referred to the Governing Body to decide.

Appeals Procedure

If an applicant has been turned down by the governing body, parents may appeal to the School's admissions appeal panel. Any appeal must be sent in writing, marked for the attention of The Clerk to the Schools Admission Appeal Panel, at the School address within 20 days of notification of refusal.

Parents must give the reasons for appealing in writing, and the decision of the appeals panel is binding on the Governors. Refused candidates have only one chance to appeal within any academic year.