



Admission Policy for King Solomon High School Year 7 September 2025/26

Introduction

King Solomon High School is a co-educational comprehensive school serving the Jewish Communities of Redbridge, Essex and the surrounding areas.

King Solomon High School's Foundation Body is the United Synagogue. The School embraces modern orthodox Jewish belief and practice and a unique feature of the school is its Jewish atmosphere. The School is keen on presenting a totally fresh approach to Jewish life. We teach the full range of national curriculum subjects in addition to providing a range of formal and informal Jewish educational programmes. 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 who are in need.

Applications are welcome from students practicing other faiths. Should places be available, offers will be made according to the criteria set out below

By applying to send your child to King Solomon High School 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 ethos and values: <https://kshsonline.uk/>

Numbers

The school will admit a maximum of 180 students to Year 7 in September 2025.

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC Plan)

The law provides a separate process for the admission of students with an Education, Health and Care Plan. Those students who have the School named in their statement will be admitted, if necessary in addition to the admission number of the School.

Application Procedure

All parents/guardians must complete the eAdmissions online application form and return it to the Local Authority within which the child lives. The eAdmissions online application form is available on the Redbridge website and must be completed by all Redbridge residents and submitted by the deadline of 31st October 2024. Parents/Guardians should also complete the Supplementary Forms 1 and 2 [SIF 1 and SIF 2] and where relevant SIF 3 [Please see below].

These forms can be accessed directly on the school website, <https://kshsonline.uk/> or through the link on the Redbridge website <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/secondary-school-admissions/> and must be returned directly to the school by 31st October 2024.

Applications must be made by the date given above. All applications received on time will be processed together.

The Governors will give priority to students who meet the religious practice criteria, SIF 2, based on guidelines from the Chief Rabbi, such as attendance at synagogue services, commitment to Jewish education and voluntary work within the community. This should be completed by the parent/guardian, signed by the relevant bodies and then returned to the school office. Only students who achieve 4 points in "the practice criteria" as set on SIF 2 will be accorded priority in categories 1-4 of the admissions criteria.



Applicants of other faiths should complete Certificate of Religious Practice Supplementary Information Form 3 [SIF 3]. This is to be completed by the parent/guardian, signed by the relevant religious body and then returned to the school office.

All forms are also available from the School's website at <https://kshsonline.uk/> and the Redbridge website at <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/secondary-school-admissions/>

Late Application Forms

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

Waiting Lists

Our Academy maintains a waiting list. Parents who express a desire to be placed on the waiting list will be placed in order of priority in accordance with the published criteria. This will be maintained until the end of the Autumn term. After this time, parents still wishing for their children to be considered will be asked to reaffirm their interest and a waiting list will then be drawn up in accordance with the admissions criteria. Please note that "In-Year Fair Access Protocol" admissions will take precedence over those on the waiting list as required.

Applications Outside the Normal Admissions Round

Applications received after the start of the academic year should be made directly to the school and the School will inform the Local Authority in accordance with the School's Admission Code 2021. Application is by way of completion of the School's Supplementary Information Form [SIF 1] and the Certificate of Religious Practice [SIF 2 or SIF 3]. All forms are available from the local authority, from the School Office and website, and must be returned to the school. Applications for in-year admissions will be dealt with so far as practicable in accordance with the over subscription criteria listed below.

Fair Access Protocol

King Solomon High School is committed to taking its reasonable share of children who are vulnerable and/or hard to place, as set out in the locally agreed Fair Access Protocol. Accordingly, outside the normal admissions round, the Governing Body is empowered to give absolute priority to a child where admission is requested under a local Fair Access Protocol that has been agreed for that year. The Governing Body has this power, even when admitting the child would mean exceeding the 180 admitted students.

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: "looked-after" children are children who are looked after by a local authority in England or Wales within the meaning of section 22 of Children Act 1989, and "previously looked-after" children are those who were looked after by a local authority in England and leave care due to an adoption, special guardianship or child arrangements order, who meet the practice criteria on SIF 2.
2. Siblings of students attending the School at the date of application and siblings of former students who meet the practice criteria on SIF 2. This includes half-siblings, step-siblings, adopted-siblings and others living permanently in the household.



3. Students at Wohl Ilford Jewish Primary School and Clore Tikva Primary School who meet the practice criteria on SIF 2.
4. Students at other Jewish primary schools who meet the practice criteria on SIF 2.
5. Children of parent/s/guardians who attend synagogue.
6. Other Looked-after children: “looked-after” children are children who are looked after by a local authority in England or Wales within the meaning of section 22 of Children Act 1989, and “previously looked-after” children are those who were looked after by a local authority in England and leave care due to an adoption, special guardianship or child arrangements order
7. Siblings of students attending the school at the date of application and siblings of former students who meet the practice criteria on SIF 3. This includes half-siblings, step-siblings, adopted-siblings and others living permanently in the household.
8. Siblings of current and former students who apply without SIF 2 or SIF 3. This includes half-siblings, adopted siblings and others living permanently in the household.
9. Students attending Jewish schools.
10. Children of any staff member employed at the school for a minimum of two years at the time at which the application to the school is made and/or children of any member of staff who is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
11. Applicants of other faiths whose application is supported by a reference from their religious leader on SIF 3.
12. Other children

Tie Break

Within any individual criterion there is always the possibility of more applicants than there are 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 as suggested by Redbridge’s Geographic Information System. 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 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 20 days of notification of the non-offer. In response, the procedure will be explained and a timetable for the process will be published on the School’s website according to a schedule set out by the local authority and the School Admissions Appeals Code 2022.

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