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## **NURSERY ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2007/2008**

For the school year 2008/2009 the Governors will admit up to 60 children. There will be two part-time nursery classes, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, taking up to 30 children each.

In the event of places being available, places at the nursery are offered to three year old children, but preference will be given to older children aged four, born September 2004 – August 2005. Places at the nursery can only be offered, in accordance with LEA regulations, to children who are toilet trained.

We attract parents who wish to be fully involved in their child's education and will join in with the life of the School and become part of its 'family'. We expect you to support the Ethos Statement of the School (see prospectus) and to consider Judaism as the important and central aspect of the School's programme.

Families from every synagogue, and those with no current synagogue affiliation are welcome on the basis that they will respect those with Jewish beliefs and practices different from their own.

Our admissions arrangements are in line with LEA requirements. The school welcomes a mixed ability and socially diverse intake. Careful thought will be given to ensure that appropriate provision can be made for the admission of children with special needs.

**Acceptance into the Nursery does not guarantee admission into the Reception Year  
of the Clore Tikva School when the child reaches statutory school age.**

## **JEWISH STATUS**

Matters of Jewish status will be determined by the Rabbinic representatives of the founding congregations, namely:

- Bet Tikvah Synagogue
- New Essex Masorti Synagogue
- South West Essex and Settlement Reform Synagogue
- Sukkat Shalom Reform Synagogue
- Woodford Progressive Synagogue

The child's birth/adoption certificate must be supplied, together with documentary evidence of the parent's Jewish status, for instance:

- Jewish Marriage Certificate (Ketubah)
- Certificate of Conversion to Judaism
- Synagogue membership

The school also welcomes non-Jewish children adopted by Jewish parents. However, in these cases, the school will require evidence that the parents are currently engaged in a process which will lead to the granting, by a recognised Jewish authority, of Jewish status to their child(ren).

***Education at Clore Tikva School will not of itself confer Jewish status on a child, nor will it guarantee that the child will be eligible for later admission to King Solomon High School or to other Jewish schools.***

## OVER-SUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

In the event of the Nursery being oversubscribed the following clearly stated order of priority will be observed until all the available places have been filled. The remaining children will go on a waiting list.

### **Jewish Children born 1<sup>st</sup> September 2004 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2005:**

- Cared for child
- Children of current Clore Tikva School teaching staff and children of local Rabbis.
- Siblings of present pupils in the school.
- Siblings of past pupils whose substantive primary education was at Clore Tikva School
- Current parental membership of a synagogue that is within the Association of Masorti Synagogues, Liberal Judaism, or The Movement for Reform Judaism\*. A minimum of two years membership is required
- Current parental membership of another synagogue\* A minimum of two years membership is required.
- Jewish children whose parents are not synagogue members.

### **Jewish children born 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2006:**

- Cared for child
- Children of current Clore Tikva School teaching staff and children of local Rabbis.
- Siblings of present pupils.
- Current parental membership of a synagogue that is within the Association of Masorti Synagogues; Liberal Judaism or The Movement for Reform Judaism\*. A minimum of two years membership is required.
- Current parental membership of another synagogue\*. A minimum of two years membership is required.
- Current parental membership of a synagogue that is within the Association of Masorti Synagogues, Liberal Judaism, or The Movement for Reform Judaism of less than two years with priority being given to length of membership.
- Current parental membership of another synagogue of less than two years, with priority being given to length of membership.
- Jewish children whose parents are not synagogue members.
- Non-Jewish children whose parents accept the School's Ethos Statement.

If there are more children in any one of the above categories than places available, the distance of the child's home to the school's main gate, as the crow flies, will be used to make the selection, unless otherwise stated.

\*Where parents are separated or divorced the synagogue membership of either parent will be acceptable.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications should be made by parents or guardians as soon as possible, to arrive not later than 14 November 2008 addressed to Mrs. L. Rosenberg, Headteacher, Clore Tikva School, Fullwell Avenue, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex IG6 2JN. Offers of places will be made 21 November 2008. Acceptances of places offered must be received by the Headteacher by 7 December 2007. In the event of late places being offered after 5 December 2008, parents will have 48 hours to accept a place, to enable it to be offered to another applicant speedily if it is no longer required.