



**KEREM SCHOOL
(INCLUDING KEREM EARLY YEARS UNIT)**

Admissions Policy

Kerem School (including Kerem Early Years Unit) is a modern orthodox Jewish school. We are based in Hampstead Garden Suburb, London, physically located in and affiliated to Hampstead Garden Suburb Synagogue (HGSS) and are proud to serve the local Jewish community. We subscribe to the beliefs and practices of Modern Orthodox Judaism. As part of that ethos, we teach our children a love of Torah and Israel, and respect and tolerance for others. We also strive to promote high standards of learning in all aspects of the curriculum, for all our children; and high standards of personal conduct.

Entry to the school is often over-subscribed. Since we are a private school, not maintained by the local authority (Barnet LEA) or by any other public authority, the Governors (in general through the Chairman, in consultation with the Head Teacher) retain the discretion as to how admission will be decided, on a case by case basis; subject to ensuring compliance with the school's obligations under relevant legislation (including the Equality Act 2010). Nonetheless, we wish to provide prospective parents with an indication of the matters that will be taken into account in the admissions decision.

Priority in admission will generally be given to the groups of children identified below, in the order in which the list is set out.

If, within each group, there is a need to decide between children, priority will be given to children of parents who demonstrate commitment to Modern Orthodox Judaism, particularly in Hampstead Garden Suburb, and to the Jewish community. This can be done in a variety of ways, including by membership of or attendance at an Orthodox Synagogue, and by participation in Jewish communal and charitable activity. The length and extent of such commitment will also be taken into account.

Commitment to Jewish education is also relevant. For children whose siblings have not attended Kerem, or for families who have lived abroad, the fact that these siblings have attended another Modern Orthodox Jewish school will be taken into account.

1. Sibling of an existing child at Kerem School.

2. Sibling of a child who attended Kerem School, whose parents are HGSS members and who demonstrate commitment to Modern Orthodox Judaism and to the Jewish community.
3. First child of HGSS members who demonstrate commitment to Modern Orthodox Judaism and to the Jewish community.
4. First child of members of another local synagogue, who demonstrate commitment to Modern Orthodox Judaism and to the Jewish community.
5. Sibling of a child who did not attend Kerem School, whose parents are HGSS members and who demonstrate commitment to Modern Orthodox Judaism and to the Jewish community.
6. Sibling of a child who attended Kerem School, whose parents are members of another local synagogue and who demonstrate commitment to Modern Orthodox Judaism and to the Jewish community.
7. Sibling of a child who did not attend Kerem School, whose parents are members of another local synagogue and who demonstrate commitment to Modern Orthodox Judaism and to the Jewish community.
8. Other children, priority being given to those whose parents demonstrate commitment to Modern Orthodox Judaism and to the Jewish community.

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