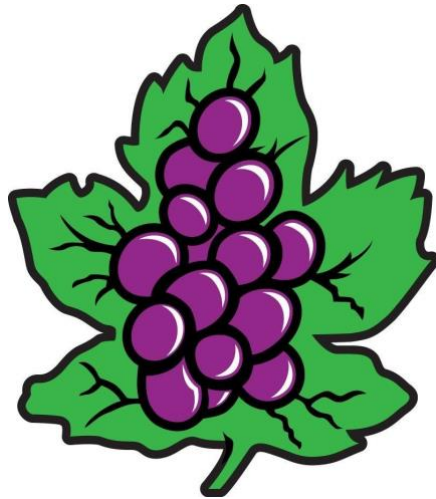




ADMISSIONS POLICY

Kerem School

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KEREM SCHOOL

(INCLUDING KEREM EARLY YEARS UNIT)

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Introduction

Kerem School (including Kerem Early Years Unit) is a modern orthodox Jewish school based in Hampstead Garden Suburb, London. Years 1-6 are located in and affiliated with Hampstead Garden Suburb Synagogue (HGSS). Nursery and Reception are set in their own grounds at 18 Kingsley Way, London N2 0ER. We subscribe to the beliefs and practices of Modern Orthodox Judaism and are proud to serve the local Jewish community. 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.

Related Policies

- Accessibility and Disability Policy
- Behaviour Policy (Including Anti-Bullying Strategy) 2024-25
- Complaints Policy
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- EAL Policy
- Race Equality Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Data Retention Policy

Equality, Diversity and Disability

The School has limited facilities for the disabled but will do all that is reasonable to comply with legal and moral responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 in order to accommodate the needs of applicants who have disabilities for which, with reasonable adjustments, the School can cater adequately.

Permission to live and study in the UK

All applications to either school from non-British Passport holders will require proof that your child can live and study in the UK. Kerem School does not offer Visa sponsorship for international students.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Since we are a private school, not maintained by the local authority (Barnet LEA) or by any other public authority, the Governors, 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 and 2021). Nonetheless, we wish to provide prospective parents with an indication of the matters that will be taken into account in the admissions decision.

As entry to the school is often over-subscribed, 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.

Please note that the Admissions Priority Criteria listed below will be applied to all applications where registration forms are received by the fourth Monday in November in the calendar year prior to entry. Offers will be sent out by the last day of the Autumn Term and completed acceptance form(s) and deposit(s) must be received by the School within 4 weeks of the Offer of a Place being made in order to confirm the place. After the second week of January in the calendar year of entry, all remaining places will be offered on an 'ad hoc' basis. Places in the School cannot be 'reserved' or 'held' on the basis of registration alone.

Admissions Priority Criteria

1. Sibling of a child currently attending Kerem School.
2. Sibling of a child who used to attend 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 used to attend 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.

Admissions timeline

Choosing the right school for your child is an important decision and we are here to guide you at each stage of the process.

1 Visit Us

Join us for a private tour or join an open day. Please see our website for details

2 Register

Please complete our Registration and Confidential Information forms. These are available from the Admissions Department at admissions@keremschool.co.uk. For Priority Admission, please ensure you have completed Steps 1-4 by the fourth Monday in November in the calendar year before entry.

3 Taster Days and Assessments

We will invite your child to join us for a taster morning or tailored assessment

4 Meet the Head

This meeting provides an opportunity to share information about your child and your family, including your hopes and aspirations for their time at school, as well as the chance to ask any additional questions you may have.

5 Offer of a Place

For applications up to and including December 1st, offers will be made by December 15th in the year preceding entry to the School.

6 Accepting a Place

The deadline for accepting an offer made during the Priority Admission window is 4 weeks after receipt of an Offer of a Place. After the second week of January in the calendar year of entry, all remaining places will be offered on an 'ad hoc' basis. Places in the School cannot be 'reserved' or 'held' on the basis of registration alone

We endeavour to make the process of joining Kerem School as straightforward as possible and to answer your questions along the way.

For initial enquiries, please contact the Admissions Manager on 0208 455 0909 or by email at admissions@keremschool.co.uk.