LUBAVITCH HOUSE SCHOOL (SENIOR GIRLS')

Admission Arrangements 2021/22

The school's educational philosophy is based on the teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbi, Rabbi M M Schneerson OBM, who has developed the principles of the Lubavitch Foundation. The school provides a broad and balanced education based on these principles combined with the National Curriculum.

Priority in admissions will be given to children who are of the Orthodox Jewish faith according to Halochah (Orthodox Jewish Law). A child must observe and practise Orthodox Jewish traditions and practices. In the event of any dispute as to whether a child is Jewish, the decision of the Rabbinate of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations of the United Kingdom is final.

All applicants must complete their local authority's e-admissions form which is available on the website of the local authority in which the family is resident www.eadmissions.org.uk. In addition, applicants to Lubavitch Senior Girls' School must also complete a Certificate of Religious Practice Form
Both forms are available from Hackney Learning Trust and the school office. The timetable for admissions will be in accordance with that of Hackney Learning Trust as set out in the Primary Schools' booklet.

Policy and number

The school will have a Planned Admission Number (PAN) of 30 girls to each year group in years 7 to 11. Children will be admitted to the school in accordance with Hackney Learning Trust policy. Children for whom the school has been named in an education, health and care plan will be admitted to the school and will count against the PAN.

Over subscription criteria

If there are more applications than places available, the Trustees will admit pupils in accordance with the following over subscription criteria in priority order:

1. Looked after Orthodox Jewish girls and Orthodox Jewish girls who have been adopted (or made subject to child arrangement order or special guardianship order) immediately following having been looked after.
2. Orthodox Jewish girls with a sister* living at the same address who is currently on roll at the school and who will continue to be on roll after the proposed admission.
3. Orthodox Jewish girls with a sister* on roll at Ruth Lunzer primary School after the proposed admission.
4. Other Orthodox Jewish girls.
5. Other looked after girls or and girls who have been adopted (or made subject to child arrangement orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after.
6. Other Jewish Girls who do not meet the criteria of being 'Orthodox Jewish'.
7. Other Girls

*This includes half-sisters, step sisters and foster sisters who live permanently at the same address. This criterion does not apply to sisters in year 11 at the time of the reception of the application.

EHC Plans

Children with Special Educational Needs where their Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or Statement names Lubavitch Senior Girls' School in part 4, are admitted under the statementing or EHCP process rather than the admissions process. Their admission is taken into account against the school's published admission number before any other places are allocated.

Waiting list

In the event of there being insufficient vacancies to admit all applicants in any of the categories detailed above, priority will be given to pupils living nearest to the school, as measured in a straight line. If there are two pupils living exactly the same distance, there will be a tie-break. For the purpose of calculating distances, addresses will be identified by using the geographical references as determined by the Borough Council in which the applicant lives.

Admission of twins / multiple births

If only one place is available for more than one child, who is one of twins or of a multiple birth within the same family, the Trustees of Lubavitch Multi-Academy Trust will establish if it is able to admit above the PAN.

In-Year Admissions

Applications for In-Year admissions are made in the same way as those made during the normal admissions round. If a place is available and there is no waiting list, then the Local Authority will be informed and the child will be admitted. If more applications are received than there are places available, then applications will be ranked by the trustees in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

If a place cannot be offered at this time, then you may ask us for the reasons and you will be informed of your right of appeal. You will be offered the opportunity of being placed on a waiting list. This waiting list will be maintained by the board of trustees in the order of the oversubscription criteria and not in the order in which the applications are received. Names are removed from the list at the end of each academic year. When a place becomes available the trustees re-rank the list so that the Local Authority can inform the parent that the school is making an offer

Sixth Form

Applications for a place at Lubavitch Senior Girls' School Sixth Form are welcomed from students who are not already on roll at the School, and/or their parents.

External applicants must complete the Lubavitch Senior Girls' School Application Form and have a completed Rabbi/Principal Reference Form and submit this before January 2021. Students already on roll at the School do not need to apply.

The PAN for the sixth form is 10. This number indicates the places reserved for applicants who have not attended Lubavitch Senior Girls' School. The capacity of the sixth form is 30.

All external applicants will be offered an enrolment meeting to discuss course options available at the School. This meeting will not form part of the decision making process on whether to offer a place. All students already on roll at the School will be offered an enrolment meeting to discuss course options available at the School. Following a meeting students will be informed and offered places where successful.

Appeals

If parents are unsuccessful in gaining a place for their daughter at Lubavitch Senior Girls' School, they will be informed of their right to an independent appeal against this decision. All Admission Appeals are considered by an Independent Appeal Panel. The decision of the Independent Appeal Panel is binding on Lubavitch Senior Girls' School.

The Admissions Policy will be reviewed each year