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Dear Sir/Madam

JFS: Consultation on Admissions Arrangements 2021-22

The Governing Body of JFS invites you to view the proposed admissions arrangements for the academic year 2021-22, in accordance with the requirements of the Department for Education's School Admissions Code.

The consultation will run for 6 weeks from Wednesday 18 December 2019 until Wednesday 29 January 2020.

The proposed changes, with the associated rationale are as follows:

1. To remove the oversubscription criteria related to distance from the school which is section 1.2.4 of the current admissions policies and immediately follows the oversubscription criteria for siblings (section 1.2.3. admissions policy 2019/20; 2020/21).
 - The school notes that due to demographic changes the demand for distance places from those who live in close proximity to the school and meet the religious practice test has significantly decreased over the last decade. There are currently 10 places allocated by distance.
2. To introduce the following oversubscription criteria:
 - *Children who meet the religious practice test who attend Sinai Jewish Primary School or North West London Jewish Day School at the time of application*

This is section 7.1.4 in the new admissions policy and immediately follows the oversubscription criteria for siblings (section 7.1.3 admission policy 2021/22).

The school notes that whilst a very low percentage of students on roll at JFS live in the London Borough of Brent, the inclusion of these schools in the JFS admissions over subscription criteria would offer 'all through state education' to children educated in Jewish schools that are under the authority of the Office of the Chief Rabbi in the Borough of Brent.

3. To amend the wording in the notes (section 7.1.3 admission policy 2021/22) regarding definitions of "parent" and "sibling".
 - These changes clarify, simplify and make more generous the definitions of parents and siblings, in recognition of the variety of family structures of applicants, and the difficulty of providing documentary evidence for the precise living arrangements of children.



The governing body welcome your responses to this proposal which should be submitted to Ms Ratnarajah, Admissions Officer by email to admissions@jfs.brent.sch.uk. Alternatively, you can forward your comments by post to JFS, The Mall, Kenton, Harrow HA3 9TE. The proposed admissions arrangements are available to view on the JFS website.

Please ensure that any comments are submitted by Wednesday 29 January 2020 so that the Governing Body can consider these and determine the final admission arrangements by Friday 28 February 2020.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Fink', written in a cursive style.

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