Menorah Foundation School  
Supplementary Information Form (SIF)

Thank you for applying to MFS.

The MFS oversubscription criteria give priority to families who meet the religious criteria of the school over those who do not. If you wish to claim priority based on Jewish practice you must complete this SIF honestly and accurately and ensure it is signed by a parent/guardian and also your Rabbi.

For those that meet the religious criteria, our admissions policy also gives priority to certain other groups, and these are covered in section 4 below.

**Religious Practice**

We regard education at MFS as a partnership between our families and our staff. It is therefore essential that you, as parents/guardians, reflect the ethos of the school. In particular it is key that parents/guardians adhere to those areas of Halacha identified in Section 1 below in order for the school/home partnership to function optimally.

**Declaration by Parent/Guardian**

I have read the MFS Admissions Policy and I understand the admissions criteria for entry to MFS. I wish my child/the child under my guardianship to be considered for a place at MFS and declare that the information I will provide is true and correct in every detail. I understand that if it comes to light that a place at the school has been offered on the basis of incorrect or inaccurate information, that offer may be withdrawn.

Signature ..........................................................................................................................................

Print Name ..........................................................................................................................................

Date................................................................................................................................................... 

Child’s name ....................................................................................................................................... 

Requested date of entry to school ........................................................................................................

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**Optional information**

The following information does not form part of the SIF and will not affect your application, but will help us to process your form if there are any questions. You are not required to complete it.

Child’s date of birth.............................................................................................................................. 

Contact telephone number................................................................................................................... 

Email....................................................................................................................................................
Scoring
To meet the religious criteria you must:

(i) be able to answer all questions in Sections 1 and 2 below positively;
(ii) score at least 4 points in Section 3 below; and
(iii) obtain an acceptable reference from your Rabbi.

Important notes:

(1) If you are a single parent or guardian you need only answer the questions applicable to you. If you are married, your answer to each question must cover (and will be treated as taking account of) both yourself and your spouse.

(2) In this document, any reference to “Jewish law” means such law as is codified in the Shulchan Aruch (the Code of Jewish Law) and the Orthodox commentaries thereon.

Section 1 – Religious requirements

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<td>1. Kashrus</td>
<td>Do you eat only kosher food (as defined by the London Beis Din from time to time)?</td>
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<td>Do you eat only in restaurants that are supervised by a recognised Orthodox kashrus authority (this question does not apply to drinks)?</td>
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<td>2. Shabbos</td>
<td>Do you observe the halachos of Shabbos as in accordance with Jewish Law?</td>
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<td>3. Tefilla</td>
<td>For men: Do you daven three times a day, wherever possible with a minyan?</td>
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<td>For women: Do you where possible commit time to prayer in accordance with Jewish Law?</td>
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<td>4. Talmud Torah</td>
<td>For men: Where possible, do you incorporate learning into your daily schedule (eg chavrusa, formal shiur, daf hayomi, or independent learning)?</td>
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<td>For women: Where possible, do you incorporate learning into your weekly schedule?</td>
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<td>5. Tznius</td>
<td>For men: Do you keep your head covered (except in circumstances where Jewish Law does not require this)?</td>
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<td>For women: In public, do you only wear skirts or dresses which cover the knee and tops which cover the elbow?</td>
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<td>6. Taharas Hamishpochah</td>
<td>Do you observe the halachos of taharas hamishpochah in accordance with Jewish Law?</td>
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<td>7. Sha’atnez</td>
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Section 2 – School ethos

Do you support MFS’s commitment to the following: Answer

Yes/No

1. A 50:50 time-split between Kodesh and secular studies?
2. Teaching boys and girls together in mixed classes
3. Supporting British values

Section 3 – Additional religious expectations

You will be awarded a point for a positive answer to each of the following. To meet the religious criteria, you must score at least 4 for this section. Answer

Yes/No

1. Do you toivel all kelim as required by Jewish Law?
2. Do you spend time with your child each week on the Sidra or a Torah-related subject?
3. Do you read Krias Shema with your child each night?
4. Are you actively involved on a voluntary basis in one or more charity or chesed organisations or causes?
5. Do you strive to observe the halachos of shmiras haloshon in accordance with Jewish Law?

Section 4 – Other priority criteria

Note that if you answer Yes to a question, then you do not need to answer subsequent questions. Answer

Yes/No

1. Does the child have a sibling who is attending the school now and will be attending the school at time of admission? If so, please provide details below
   Name..........................................................Current year group......................................

2. Does the child have a sibling who previously attended the school? If so, please provide details below
   Name..........................................................Dates attended MFS..............................

3. Is the child eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium, the Pupil Premium, or the Service Premium, and has attended Menorah Foundation Nursery?

4. Have you moved into the community (defined by the postcodes NW4, HA8, NW11, or any address within 4.5km of the school) from outside the boundaries of the M25 motorway within the last six months?

Print name of parent/guardian completing this form.................................................................

Signature .....................................................................................................................................

Date...........................................................................................................................................
Reference from your Rabbi: instructions to parents/guardians

Please give the whole form to a Rabbi (or two Rabbis – see footnote) who can complete the reference below for you/your family.

The completed form, together with the Rabbi’s reference, should be sent to:
Chair of Admissions Committee, Menorah Foundation School, Abbots Road, Edgware HA8 0QS

Reference from the family/guardian’s Rabbi

Dear Rabbi

Thank you for agreeing to complete this reference.

Please read the completed Supplementary Information Form and then confirm whether, to the best of your knowledge and belief, the parent/guardian completed the form honestly and accurately.

We sincerely appreciate your assistance with this.

Chair of Admissions Committee
Menorah Foundation School

Rabbi’s Declaration

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided by the family/guardian is correct.

Child’s name............................................................................................................................................................................

I have known the family for ............. years.*

Name of Rabbi (please print): ..............................................................................................................................................

Postal address: ...........................................................................................................................................................................

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Telephone number: .................................................................................................................................................................

Signature: .......................................................................................................................................................................................

Date: ..........................................................................................................................................................................................

*Please insert the number of years you have known the parent(s)/guardian in question. If the period is less than two years, a similar declaration will be required from a second Rabbi.
Please note that other parent(s)/guardians who may be known to their Rabbi for a longer period will gain no advantage over those for whom the acquaintance is shorter, since the purpose here is merely to ascertain that the period of acquaintance is sufficient to form a reasonable basis for the Rabbi’s confirmation.