

# Supplementary Information Form - IJDS

## Gan, Hachana – Kitta Vav

### Determination of Orthodox Jewish Practice for priority eligibility

Thank you for applying to the IJDS.

The IJDS oversubscription criteria give priority to parent(s)/carer(s) who have obtained a Certificate of Religious Practice over those who have not. If you wish to claim priority based on Jewish Practice you must complete this SIF and ensure that it is signed by a parent/carer along with your Rabbi.

In the event that this form is not returned to the IJDS, the applicant will only be considered after all those whose orthodox Jewish Practice has been confirmed.

**Please note:** It is your responsibility to ensure that your Rabbi has correctly and accurately completed the whole of the Rabbi's Reference for each specific question and that this form is submitted to the school before the published deadline date in the case of applications to Gan or Hachana. The school reserves the right not to consider applications which are incomplete and these applications will not be eligible for priority in the event of oversubscription. The school reserves the right to verify the information which has been given. If there is any doubt regarding the way that questions have been answered, any place offered as a result may be subsequently withdrawn if the information is later found to be incorrect.

#### RELIGIOUS PRACTICE

Education at the IJDS is a partnership between our parent(s)/carer(s) and our educators and the school's success is based on this partnership. Parent(s)/carer(s) should identify with and support the IJDS ethos, both at school and at home.

The IJDS community needs to be unified around the principles of Limmudei Kodesh b'lvrit, love of Torah learning, a passion for Mitzvot and Ahavat Yisrael. In practice, all parent(s)/carer(s) must respect the halachot of tzniut, Shabbat and kashrut and show a commitment to a Modern Orthodox Zionist Jewish way of life. The questions below and the applicant's answers to them will allow the IJDS board of directors and its admissions committee to determine whether the applicant shows the above commitment to modern orthodox Jewish practice.

This form should be verified and signed by an Orthodox Rabbi who is connected to an Orthodox synagogue. A list of the synagogues which have been recognised as Orthodox is listed at Appendix 1 to this document. The IJDS's Principal, Rabbi Zobin, will be approached by the Admissions Committee to verify the identity of a Rabbi who is not connected to one of these Orthodox synagogues.

#### DECLARATION BY PARENT/CARER

I have read the IJDS Admissions Policy. I understand the admissions criteria for entry to the IJDS. I wish my child to be considered for a place at the IJDS and declare that the information I will provide is true and correct in every detail and that our family life revolves around these statements and principles. I understand that if a place has been obtained on the basis of incorrect or inaccurate information and the place would not have been offered had the information been correct or accurate, the offer may be withdrawn. Only information submitted at the time of the application can be considered.

Signature .....

Name ..... Date .....

#### SCORING

For a Certificate of Religious Practice to be issued, you must complete section 1, be able to answer **each and every** question in Section 2 **and** obtain a reference from your Rabbi (see section 3).

# SECTION 1

## The IJDS Ethos

The IJDS has a unique modern orthodox Zionist ethos that delivers a Kodesh education that is not found anywhere else in the UK. It is an essential part of the IJDS curriculum that Kodesh is taught in Ivrit (with modern Hebrew pronunciation) and that Limmudei Kodesh occupies a significant part of each day. The IJDS spends approximately 40% of its teaching time on matters which incorporate Limmudei Kodesh and Ivrit. The IJDS community supports Zionism and Medinat Yisrael and learning Kodesh b'Ivrit reinforces the strong connection we have with Medinat Yisrael and is a key part of the school's spirit. Kodesh B'Ivrit is supported in the classroom and throughout school life by the presence and active participation of bnot sherut and shlichim.

The IJDS ethos also supports British values, offering a broad and balanced national curriculum as an Orthodox Jewish school that adheres to modern Orthodox Jewish values. The IJDS has a mixed choir, mixed sporting teams and is a proud participant in the Maccabi Simchat HaMayim swimming gala.

Please confirm that you and your immediate family identify with the ethos of the school: Yes / No

# SECTION 2

## 1. Kashrut.

*Parent(s)/carer(s) who attend the IJDS are entitled to expect that they are able to eat in each other's houses and that certain standards are applied. Priority will be given to orthodox Jewish applicants who are fully observant of kashrut both inside and outside the home. Please read and then confirm that you comply with the "what is kosher?" section of the LBD Kashrut guide (<https://www.kosher.org.uk/article/what-kosher>) and only use supervised products as required.*

Do you only eat in supervised restaurants, (other than tea, coffee, and cold drinks)?

Parent(s)/Carer(s) please confirm that this is the case:

## 2. Shabbat and Yom Tov

*Keeping the laws and observing the spirit of Shabbat is a basic and fundamental part of leading an Orthodox Jewish life. Parent(s)/carer(s) attending the IJDS need to know that this is observed by everyone at the school. Priority will be given to orthodox Jewish applicants who are fully observant of Shabbat and Yom Tov both in their home and outside.*

All parent(s)/carer(s) must strictly observe the halachot of Shabbat and Yom Tov as a member of the Orthodox Jewish community according to the Shulchan Aruch e.g. cooking, turning on lights, use of forbidden things such as electrical items, handling מוקצה.

Parent(s)/Carer(s) please confirm that this is the case:

## 3. Regular attendance and active participation in Tefilla

*Davening is a cornerstone and basic precept of daily orthodox Jewish life. Priority will be given to orthodox Jewish applicants who comply with this precept of orthodox Jewish life.*

For Men- Do you daven three times a day and at least twice in an orthodox shul on Shabbat?

For Women: Do you, where possible, commit time to prayer in accordance with Jewish Law?

Name of Synagogue:	
Please specify how you participate in Tefilla:	

## 4. Learning

*Engaging in regular Jewish learning is an essential part of continued Jewish development and growth. As stated above, education at the IJDS is a partnership between our parent(s)/carer(s) and our educators. It is essential that our parent(s)/carer(s) identify and support the IJDS ethos, both at school and at home. The school's success is based on this partnership and priority will be given to orthodox Jewish applicants who comply with this aspect of orthodox Jewish life.*

Priority will be given to parent(s)/carer(s) who incorporate learning into their weekly schedule in a regular (i.e for at least an hour per week) and consistent manner (e.g. shiur (excluding drashot and divrei Torah during tefillot), chavruta, podcast etc.)?

Parent(s)/Carer(s) please confirm that this is the case:

## 5. Tzniut

***The IJDS DRESS CODE states as follows:***

*We educate our children to live according to Torah values. These values specifically include behaving and dressing Be'Tzniut. With this in mind, we request that all parents and visitors to the School premises respect the fact that we are an orthodox School and dress appropriately.*

*Gentlemen should wear a Kippa and dress respectfully. Cycling shorts are not acceptable.*

*Ladies are expected to wear tops with sleeves that extend half way down from the shoulder to the elbow, with necklines which are no more than 2-3 inches down from the collarbone. Leggings and cycling/gym shorts are not acceptable. Ladies who come into the School building during the day, for any reason, are expected to wear a skirt or dress to the knee.*

*We do not expect au-pairs, nannies or anyone else collecting the children to adhere to the same standards of Tzniut as our parents, however we would ask that they do not come to school in shorts and sleeveless tops and that they dress in a manner which shows respect for our ethos. Adults who are dressed inappropriately will be asked to leave school premises.*

Will you ensure that, when on school premises or at school events, the way you dress complies with school's dress code?

Yes / No

Will you instruct anybody representing your family at the school to comply with this dress code?

Yes / No

Does the way you dress in public generally comply with the school's dress code (for men this includes wearing a kippa or hat when not at work or in sensitive/dangerous situations)

Yes /No

### Your Child's details:

Your child's name:	
Your child's date of birth:	
Requested date of entry to the school and kitta you are applying for:	Date: Kitta:
Name (of parent(s)/carer(s) who have answered the questions above):	
Signed (by the parent(s) / carer(s) who have answered the questions above):	Date of signature:

### Reference from your Rabbi: instructions to parents

Please give the whole form to a Rabbi who can complete the reference below for your family. In order to complete the reference your Rabbi must have seen your answers to questions 1-5 above.

**The completed form, together with the Rabbi reference,** should be sent to:

Chair of Admissions  
Independent Jewish Day School Academy  
46 Green Lane  
London NW4 2AH

## SECTION 3

### Reference from the Family's Rabbi: instructions to the Rabbi

Dear Rabbi,

Many thanks for agreeing to complete this form.

Would you kindly read the attached, completed form (including the statement at the beginning regarding the ethos of the IJDS) and then confirm whether, to your best knowledge and belief, the family named do indeed reflect the ethos and practices required to gain a CRP for the IJDS. Please note that Rabbi Zobin, the Principal of the IJDS, will be approached if the Admissions Committee has any queries regarding the way this Reference has been completed.

We would also be grateful if you could answer the following questions regarding the form and this family:

1. Have you read the answers given to questions 1-5 in Section 2 above? **Yes / No**
2. Can you confirm that, to the best of your knowledge, this family fully observe Shabbat and Chagim? **Yes / No / Unsure**
3. As far as you are aware, does the family adhere to the laws of Kashrut, both at home and when they eat out? **Yes / No / Unsure**

#### **Rabbi's Declaration:**

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

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

Name of Rabbi (please print):

Name of Synagogue (please print):

Full Postal Address and telephone number:

Signed

Date

\*Please insert the number of years you have known the parents/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 parents/guardians who may be known to their Rabbi for a longer period will gain no advantage over those for whom the acquaintance is shorter, as the purpose here is merely to ascertain that the period of acquaintance is sufficient to form a reasonable basis for the Rabbi's declaration.

# Appendix 1

## List of Orthodox Synagogues

- A synagogue to which Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis is affiliated
- A Dayan of the following Batei Din:
  - London Beth Din,
  - the Federation of Synagogues,
  - S&P Sephardi
  - Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations
- Rabbis of a synagogue being a member of or affiliated member of:
  - the United Synagogue
  - the Federation of Synagogues,
  - S&P Sephardi
  - Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations and communities affiliated to it for burial
- The following Independent synagogues not included above:
  - Ner Yisrael, Hendon