The Governors will admit 60 children, born in the period 01 September 2015 to 31 August 2016, 30 each to the two reception classes for the school year 2020/2021. In common with Redbridge Voluntary Aided schools, entry to the school will be in September 2020.

It is hoped to attract parents who wish to be fully involved in their child’s education and will join in with the life of the School and become part of its ‘family’. We expect you to support the Ethos Statement of the School and to consider Judaism as the important and central aspect of the School’s programme.

Families from every synagogue, and those with no current synagogue affiliation, are welcome on the basis that they will respect those with Jewish beliefs and practices different from their own.

Our admissions arrangements are in line with LEA requirements. The school welcomes a mixed ability and socially diverse intake. Careful thought will be given to ensure that appropriate provision can be made for the admission of children with special needs. In accordance with legislation the Governing Body will admit any child where Clore Tikva is named in the child’s statement of special educational needs.

*If your child is offered a place in reception class before your child is of compulsory school age, there is the option of deferring entry until later in the school year. By law, children do not have to start school until the term after their fifth birthday, however you will not be able to defer your child’s place beyond this period. Parents will need to discuss this with the Head teacher and apply in writing to Chairman of Governors at the school to defer your child’s entry.*
JEWISH STATUS

The school will regard as Jewish for the purpose of admission to the school:

- Any child who is a member or is eligible for membership of any synagogue in the U.K.
- Any child adopted by Jewish parents who is currently in a process leading to the granting of Jewish status by a recognised Jewish authority.
- Any non-Jewish child currently going through a conversion process leading to the granting of Jewish status by a recognised Jewish authority.

The child’s birth/adoption certificate must be supplied, together with documentary evidence of the parent’s Jewish status.

Matters of Jewish status will be determined by the Rabbinic representatives of the founding congregations, namely:

- East London & Essex Liberal Synagogue
- New Essex Masorti Synagogue
- South West Essex and Settlement Reform Synagogue
- Sukkat Shalom Reform Synagogue

*Education at Clore Tikva School will not of itself confer Jewish status on a child, nor will it guarantee that the child will be eligible for later admission to JCOSS, King Solomon High School, or to other Jewish Schools.*

OVER-SUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

In the event of the School being oversubscribed the following clearly stated order of priority will be observed until all the available places have been filled. The remaining children will go on a waiting list.

A. Jewish Children (as defined above)

- “Looked after” and previously looked after children.
- Children, where it is agreed it is essential they be admitted on exceptional medical or psychological grounds.
- Siblings of current pupils who will still be in attendance at the date of admission.
- Current parental membership of a synagogue that is within the Assembly of Masorti Synagogues; Liberal Judaism; or The Movement for Reform Judaism. Priority given to length of membership.
- Current parental membership of another synagogue. Priority given to length of membership.
- Jewish children whose parents are not synagogue members.
- Distance from school.

B. Non Jewish Children

2020/21 School Admission Arrangements
• “Looked after” and previously looked after children
• Siblings of current pupils who will still be in attendance at the date of admission.
• Children whose parents accept the School’s Ethos Statement.
• Distance from school

In the event there is still over-subscription then the shortest measured walking distance as measured by a Geographic Information System from the child's home to the school's main entrance is used to give priority to applicants. Distance will be measured along the shortest walking route by public roads and recognised footpaths. It should be noted that when measurements involve flats in the same block the distance will be to the main entrance of the block. In using distance as a tie-breaker, should there be more than one applicant for a final place living an identical distance from the school the Authority will use the random allocation facility within the Tribal “Admissions and Transfers System” pupil database which is used for allocations.

*Where parents are separated or divorced the synagogue membership of either parent will be acceptable.

THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE

In line with all other LEA schools applications to this school must be made as follows:-

Parents must complete the on-line school application and submit it electronically to their Local Authority by 15 January 2020

Parents must also complete the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) obtainable from the school office and return to The School Administrator Clore Tikva School by 15 January 2020, together with a copy of their child’s birth certificate and proof of residence, e.g. Council Tax or current utilities bill and synagogue membership, if applicable.

Letters of offer of entry will be sent to parents by their Local Authority and parents must respond to their Local Authority accepting or refusing the place offered.

The Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998 allows parents to appeal against any decision made by or on behalf of Redbridge Education Authority about the school at which education is to be provided for a child.

DEFINITIONS

“Looked After Children” that is children who are in the care of local authorities as defined by Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 and who are confirmed by that local authority to be expected to be still in public care when due to be admitted to schools. (This applies only to children who are ‘looked after’ by social services). The Highest priority will be given to looked after children, and previously looked after children. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order)

Exceptional medical/psychological reasons which should be supported by a qualified professional directly involved with the child and will be considered by the Authority’s medical or psychological
advisers. Only where it is agreed that admission to that school is essential will an exception to the general policy be made.

**Sibling** The term ‘sibling’ shall include children as follows: Half-siblings, adopted siblings, children subject of a residence order, foster children, step-children, common law step-children. Sibling priority is applicable only for children who live in the same home as another sibling attending the named school and who would still be in attendance when the child is admitted.

**Parents** The term ‘parent’ shall include mother/father, legal guardian or foster parent where a relative has been appointed.

**Ordinary residence** When a child lives with its birth parents, legal guardian or foster parent, that address will be considered to be the child’s normal, permanent place of residence. However when a child has parents who are separated, the parents may nominate only one address for the application process. If one parent has parental responsibility (as evidenced by documentation) that parent’s address must be used. If both parents have parental responsibility (as evidenced by documentation) the Local Education Authority will normally accept the parent’s address used by the child’s primary school. If a child lives full or part-time, with neither parent e.g. with a relation, the Local Education Authority will accept this as the application address only if the arrangement is long-standing and can be confirmed as such. The child must sleep at this address for a minimum of four nights each week.

**Synagogue membership length/duration of synagogue membership** will be defined as being at the statutory national closing date for applications.