

## Admissions 2024/25- Frequently Asked Questions

We fully understand that awaiting the outcome of your application for a Reception place can be stressful, especially as allocation day approaches. To try and alleviate some of this anxiety, we have put together some FAQs that we hope will help you better understand the allocation process for places at Yavneh Primary School.

### **When are offers made?**

The first round of offers takes place each year on 15 April. You will be told by your Local Authority which school your child has been allocated on that day. If you have applied online, you will be notified as to when the system is available for you to view your offer. If you did not apply online, a letter will be sent out to you on 15 April.

Please do not contact the school on 15 April, as we will not be able to advise you if you have been offered a place at Yavneh College or any other school.

### **Who makes the decisions – the school or the local authority?**

The formal offer of a place at Yavneh College comes from Herts, via your own Local Authority. Herts act on our behalf and administer the system. Yavneh College sets its own admission arrangements and instruct Herts in which order to offer places, in line with our admissions criteria.

### **I got offered a place at Yavneh College, which I want to accept - what should I do next?**

Please login online and follow the instructions prior to 30 April 2023.

### **I was allocated a place at Yavneh College, which I do not want to accept - what do I do next?**

Please login on line and follow the instructions to decline the place, as soon as possible so that the Yavneh College place can be released and offered to someone else. You must also notify your Local Authority of your decision.

Please do not hold onto the place if you are not going to accept it.

### **I wanted a place at Yavneh Primary School, but was offered a lower preference school or a school I didn't even apply to - what should I do next?**

We can only offer 60 places and there are far more people than that who have applied to the school. We do not know the order in which you have put your school choices – only Herts know that. If all the schools on your list are heavily over-subscribed, there is a chance that you will not get any of them. You should contact the school where you have been offered a place and your Local Authority to explain your circumstances and seek advice.

You will automatically go onto our Continued Interest (CI) list, unless you tell us otherwise. If you still want a place at Yavneh Primary School, you can submit an appeal (see below).

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### **How does the CI list work?**

Yavneh Primary School maintains a CI list for places that become available after 15 April. The first round of offers must be accepted or rejected by 30 April 2023. The CI list will be ranked according to the oversubscription criteria, as set out in our admission arrangements. Should a place become available it will be offered to the highest placed applicant on the CI list. Your child's name will remain on the CI list unless you tell us otherwise.

### **When are the "rounds"?**

After offers are made on 15 April, there is generally some movement as families do not always accept the place that they have been offered. For example, whilst they might have been offered a place at Yavneh Primary School, they might choose to send their child to a private school.

As a result, there may be some places that arise after 15 April and these places can be offered – these are the additional 'rounds' of offers and this can continue for several months after allocation day. The rounds are coordinated by Herts and they make a new round of offers every two weeks or so, if there are places to offer. Historically, a few places become available in this way each year, but this cannot be guaranteed. If you are offered a place for a school you ranked lower than Yavneh College and are happy to accept it, but still wish remain on the CI list in case a place becomes available, you should let your Local Authority know. Your child can stay on the CI list for as long as you wish.

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