

Year 7 Admission arrangements for September 2026.

The number of places, for pupils of normal age of entry, in September 2026 is 150.

Parents/carers are reminded that it is not necessary to meet all, or indeed any, of the criteria below for their child to get a place at Yavneh College (the School). However, in the event of the School being over-subscribed, The Admissions Committee of the Board of the Yavneh College Academy Trust (the Committee) will apply the following criteria in order of priority as laid out below:

- A. **Children looked after and children who were previously looked after, including those who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England, and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order¹ or a special guardianship order**, who obtained a minimum of six points on the Yavneh College Certificate of Religious Practice. See definition below in Note 2.
- B. Other children who obtain a minimum of six points on the Yavneh College Certificate of Religious Practice.
- C. Any other **Children looked after and children who were previously looked after, including those who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England, and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order¹ or a special guardianship order**, who obtained fewer than six points on the Yavneh College Certificate of Religious Practice. See definition below in Note 2.
- D. Any other children who obtain fewer than six points on the Yavneh College Certificate of Religious Practice.

In the event of over-subscription within each of the above categories B and D, places will be offered in accordance with the following further criteria: -

1. Siblings of pupils attending Yavneh College at the deadline for application and who will still be attending Yavneh College in September 2026. For these purposes a sibling means the full sibling (sharing both parents), a half sibling (sharing one parent), step-brother or sister and adopted brother or sister or a child looked after or previously looked after and in every case living permanently in a placement within the home as part of the family household from Monday to Friday at the time of application.

A sibling must be on the roll of the named school at the time the younger child starts or has been offered and accepted a place.

If a place is obtained for an older child using fraudulent information, there will be no sibling connection available to subsequent children from that family.

A sibling link will not be recognised for children living temporarily in the same house, for example a child who usually lives with one parent but has temporarily moved or a looked after child in a respite placement or very short term or bridging foster placement.

If an applicant lives at more than one address, the sibling must also reside at the same address for the majority of the school week. The sibling's address will be verified by the school.

2. Children attending Yavneh Primary School at the deadline for application.
3. Children of members of staff. For these purposes, a member of staff means an individual who, at the time of application, has a permanent contract of employment with Yavneh College and i) has been employed at the school for two or more years or ii) has been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage, and in both cases i) and ii) will be working at Yavneh College in September 2026. For these purposes a child of a member of staff means their natural born child, adopted child, a step child (the child's parent is married to or in a civil partnership with the member of staff) or a child of the member of staff's cohabiting partner; in every case living and sleeping in the same house as the staff member for over 50% of their time from Sunday to Thursday night during term time, and at the time of application.
4. All other children.

Tie Break

In the event of over-subscription in any of the above criteria 1- 3, proximity to the School of the child's permanent home address as at the time of application will be the determining factor. Where the child lives with parents with shared responsibility, each for a part of the week, the child's home address will be defined as the address at which they spend the majority of their time.

Notes:

1. *Children with special educational needs whose Education Health Care Place (EHCP) (under Section 324 of the Education Act 1996) names Yavneh College are admitted under the assessment process rather than the admission process but their admission is taken into account against the school's Published Admission Number. The School must also admit children with an EHC (Education, Health and Care) Plan that names the School.*
2. *Under paragraphs A and C above, A 'looked after child' is one, who is (a) in the care of a Local Authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in the exercise of their social services functions, in England. A 'previously looked after child' is one who was looked after in England, but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements or special guardianship order, as well as a child who appears to the Admission Authority to have been in state care outside of England (i.e. in the care of, or accommodated by, a public authority, religious organisation or any other provider, whose sole/main purpose is to benefit society) but ceased to be so as a result of being adopted.*

3. *A document describing the Jewish Ethos of Yavneh College is attached. We ask all parents applying for a place at Yavneh College to respect this Jewish Ethos and its importance to the School community. This does not affect the rights of parents who are not of the faith of this School to apply for and be considered for a place at Yavneh College.*
4. *In the event that a twin or multiple-birth child is offered a place under the above admission rules, the remaining twin or multiple-birth children will also be offered a place, even if this means exceeding the Published Admissions Number.*
5. *The Committee will administer arrangements for admission to the School under the Hertfordshire LA Coordinated Admissions Scheme.*

4. The address provided must be the child's current permanent address at the time of application.

- _"At the time of application" means the closing date for applications.
- _"Permanent" means that the child has lived at that address for at least a year.

Where a family has not lived at an address for a year, they must be able to demonstrate that they own the property or have a tenancy agreement for a minimum of 12 months* and the child must be resident in the property at the time of application.

* If, because of the nature of the agreement, it is not possible to provide a 12-month tenancy agreement, alternative proof of address will be requested.

The application can only be processed using one address. If a child lives at more than one address (for example due to a separation) the address used will be the one where the child lives for the majority of the school week. If a child lives at two addresses equally, parents/carers should make a single joint application naming one address.

5. If the child's living arrangements change after you apply and they now spend the majority of the school week living at a different address, you must provide evidence of the new permanent address.
6. We may ask for proof of your address at any time. If, following an initial investigation and/or any investigation by with the Shared Anti-Fraud Service, the school concludes that, a fraudulent address has been used, correspondence confirming this decision will be sent to the applicant. We will explain the decision-making process and the action that will be taken with the application. We will also confirm which address will be used as the child's permanent home address for admission allocation purposes.
7. If we receive more than one application with different address details and **parents don't agree**, parents/carers should provide court documentation to evidence the address that should be used for admission allocation purposes. If two applications are received, with different addresses, neither will be processed until the address issue is reconciled.
8. If two different applications are received for the same child from the same address but contain different preferences, parents/carers will be invited to submit a joint application or provide court documentation to evidence the preferences that should be used for the admission process. Until the preference issue is reconciled neither application will be processed.
9. If duplicate applications are made to different Local Authorities for the same child, those LAs will liaise and share information. The child's home LA will determine if the application will be processed.
10. For the transfer application rounds, if the initial differing applications (one or both) were received "on-time", an amended joint application will also be considered "on-time" if received before the determined 28.02.25

"late deadline". If the amended joint application is received after the late date, it will be treated as "late". The late deadline for the 2026/27 transfer application process is 3 February 2026 for primary, junior and middle applications. If these dates change, amendments will be published on the HCC admissions web pages at the start of the 2026/27 application process in September 2025.

11. *In the over-subscription criteria 1 – 3 above, applicants will be ranked within each criterion by distance based on the system used by HCC. Distances are measured using HCC's computerised mapping system to two decimal places. The measurement is taken from the AddressBase Premium address point of your child's house to the address point of the school. AddressBase Premium data is a nationally recognised method of identifying the location of schools and individual residences. In the event where two different addresses are the same distance from a school, in the case of a block of flats for example, the lower door number will be deemed nearest as logically this will be closest to the ground and therefore closer. If there are two identical addresses of separate applicants, the tiebreak will be random allocation. Every child entered onto the HCC admissions database has an individual random number assigned between 1 and 1 million, against each preference school. When there is a need for a final tie break the random number is used to allocate the place, with the lowest number given priority.*
12. *If you are applying under over-subscription criterion 2 'Children of members of staff', please attach a letter to
the Admissions Officer, Mrs L Foreman, stating the date of issue of your permanent contract.*
13. *As an admission authority we have the right to request further information and to investigate any concerns we may have about your application including information given in the Supplementary Information Form or Certificate of Religious Practice and to withdraw the offer of a place if we consider there is evidence that you have made a fraudulent claim or provided intentionally misleading (e.g. inaccurate or out of date) information, for example a false address was given which denied a place to a child with a stronger claim. We reserve the right to check any address and other information provided so we can apply the oversubscription criteria accurately and fairly.*
14. *If a School place was allocated to a child on the basis of false or misleading information in respect of the Supplementary Information Form, the Certificate of Religious Practice or the child's home address, we will not consider the sibling priority in the event of oversubscription for any children applying in the future and wishing to benefit from the sibling priority criterion.*
15. *Parents whose application is unsuccessful have a right of appeal. Notice of appeal must be sent to the Chair of the Board of the Yavneh College Academy Trust within twenty school days of receiving the result of the*

application. Details will be provided by the School when notifying parents that the School is unable to offer their child a place.

16. A continuing interest list will be maintained throughout the academic year. Parents/carers with children on the list will be contacted at the beginning of each term to see whether they wish their child's name to remain on the list. The continuing interest list will be ranked according to the above oversubscription criteria, and not by date of receipt of application.

1. Admission Process Timetable:

Deadline for receipt of Applications (Common Application Form)	31 October 2025
Deadline for receipt of Yavneh College Certificate of Religious Practice and Supplementary Information Form	31 October 2025
Allocation Date	2 March 2026
Acceptance Date- date by which parents/carers may accept or reject place offered.	8 March 2026

2. If parents/carers wish to apply for a priority place, then they should complete our SIF and return it to the School by the above date. If a SIF (including the Certificate of Religious Practice) is not completed, the Committee will apply our admission arrangements using the information submitted on the Common Application Form, which may result in the application being given a lower priority.
3. Parents may seek a place for their child outside of the normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. Children should only be educated out of the normal age group in very limited circumstances. If parents wish to seek a place for their child outside of the normal age group, they should submit a request in writing to the Committee as early as possible. Governors responsible for admissions will make decisions based on the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, the child's medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. The views of the head teacher of the School will also be taken into account. The exception to this will be summer born children who delayed their entry into Reception and have been educated out of year ever since
4. There were 390 applications for Year 7 intake September 2025, for 180 places.
5. The School's in-year admission arrangements will work within the remit of Hertfordshire County Council's agreed scheme of in-year coordination. The Committee remains responsible for the allocation of all places in accordance with the School's published admission rules.
6. The School is obliged to abide by the In-Year Fair Access Protocol adopted by the Local Authority. This may mean that children to whom the Protocol applies are given priority over other applicants or that pupils are accepted above the Published Admission Number.
7. For further information please contact Mrs. L Foreman, Admissions Officer, Yavneh Schools, Hillside Avenue, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, WD6 1HL, admissions@yavnehcollege.org or 020 8736 5580 ext 251.