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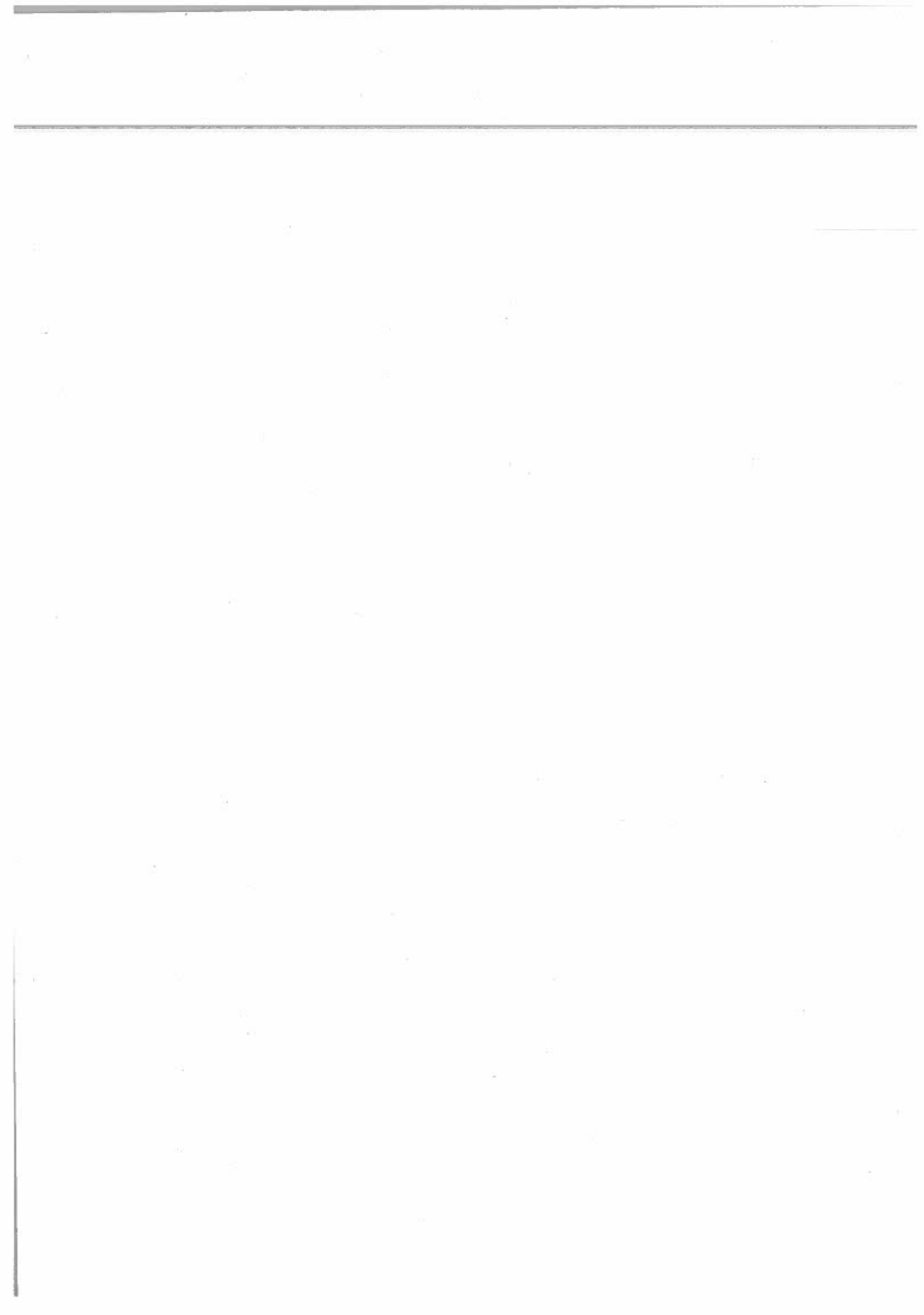
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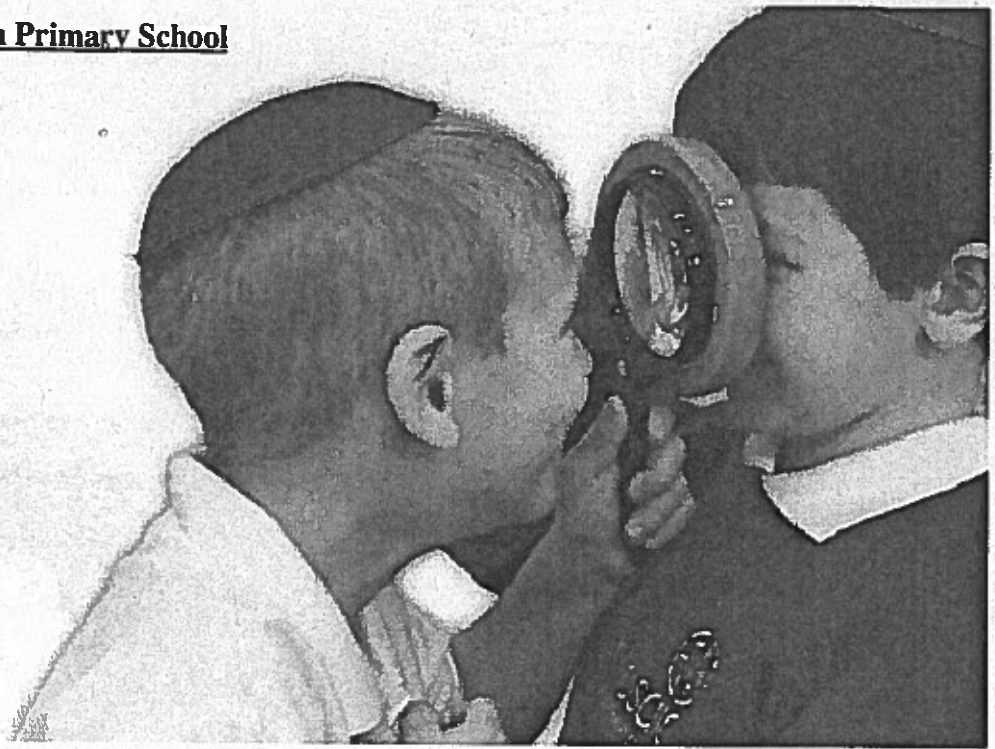
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Re: Mosaic admissions

Wilf, I can confirm the FA has been executed  
Frank





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## **Policy**

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## **MJPS Admission Criteria**

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As our school has an ethos of inclusiveness and diversity it is important that our admission policy is structured in a way to help achieve a balance between children local to the school and those of Jewish faith from across the south and south west of London. We believe that the split between

open and faith based places as set out below is an effective way to achieve this. With regard to the faith based places, we have developed a broad and inclusive criteria for "Jewishness" that reflects our cross-community and pluralistic ethos and perspective. We want a school where everyone feels welcome and at home and our admissions criteria are intended to encourage this as much as possible. We are committed to a process that is transparent.

### **Planned admission numbers**

The school has an agreed admissions number of 30 pupils for entry into Reception in 2014.

### **Children with a statement of SEN**

The school will admit all pupils with a statement of SEN which names the school.

If undersubscribed, the school will admit all applicants.

### **Oversubscription criteria**

If oversubscribed, the school will admit children under two categories:

#### **Category 1 – Faith based places**

Up to 50% of places will be offered to children who satisfy any of the criteria below.

All aspects have equal weight:

- a. Membership of a synagogue or other Jewish prayer group for at least 6 months in the 12 months before the application closing date.
- b. Attendance by a parent / carer or child at a minimum of 4 synagogue or other organised Jewish prayer group services in the 12 months before the application closing date
- c. A child's enrolment in formal Jewish education, either at a nursery or pre-school run by or under the auspices of a synagogue or other denominational body, for at least 6 months in the 12 months before the application closing date.
- d. A parent /carer's regular (at least monthly) involvement as a volunteer in any Jewish communal, charitable or welfare activity of at least a year's duration in the 2 years before the application closing date.
- e. A parent /carer's regular (at least 6 individual occurrences) involvement in any combination of the following in the year before the application closing date.
  - i. Private or family celebration of Shabbat or Jewish festivals.
  - ii. Organised Jewish learning (e g London Jewish Cultural Centre courses, Limmud sessions, Jewish Museum courses).
  - iii. Jewish youth movement activities.
  - iv. Organised Jewish community activities (eg Mitzvah Day, Jewish Community Centre events, Jewish Book Week events).

For (i) evidence is required in the form of a letter from a non-family member who was actually present. Each event must have its own separate letter and author. For (ii), (iii) and (iv) evidence should be in the form of a letter from the organisation involved.

Where there is oversubscription the following order of priority will be used to select between applicants:

*After the admission of children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs which names the school, places will be allocated in the following order of priority:*

*Children looked after and those who ceased to be children looked after because they were adopted, or because they became subject to a residence order or a special guardianship order (note 1);*

*Children with a professionally supported exceptional medical or social need for a place at the school as decided by the Governing Body (note 2);*

*Brothers and sisters of children on the roll of the school on the date of admission (from September 2014 onwards) (note 3);*

*Children in order of straight line distance from home to school as measured by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Information System (note 4).*

## **Category 2 – Open Places**

Remaining places will be offered in the following order, without reference to faith:

*After the admission of children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs which names the school, places will be allocated in the following order of priority"*

*Children looked after and those who ceased to be children looked after because they were adopted, or because they became subject to a residence order or a special guardianship order (note 1);*

*Children with a professionally supported exceptional medical or social need for a place at the school as decided by the Governing Body (note 2);*

*Brothers and sisters of children on the roll of the school on the date of admission (from September 2014 onwards)(note 3);*

*Children in order of straight line distance from home to school as measured by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Information System (note 5).*

## **Tie Break**

Where two applications have equal weighting, they will be considered in order of straight line distance from home to school as measured by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Information System (note 4).

If 2 children live an equal distance from the school (e.g. in a block of flats), the available place will be given using a means of random allocation.

## **Late Applications**

Late applications, other than those from Looked After or Previously Looked After Children will be considered after on time applications. Where places are not available, applicants will be placed on the relevant waiting list in the order of the oversubscription.

## **Waiting Lists**

Where in any year the School receives more applications for places than there are places available a waiting list will be maintained by Wandsworth until the end of August 2014. Any allocation of places from the waiting list will be in strict order of the oversubscription criteria.

Applications for in-year admission must be made on the Local Authority Common Application Form.

#### **Appeals and adherence to regulation and codes:**

Parents who wish to appeal an admission decision with respect to their child have a right to appeal. The Governing Body will establish an Independent Appeal Panel and appeals should be made to the Wandsworth Education Appeals Service [educationappeals@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:educationappeals@wandsworth.gov.uk). We intend to fully comply with the procedures and practices of the Local Authority in which the school is located.

We are committed to abiding by all relevant regulations, codes and laws that pertain to admissions, including the Social Admissions code, the School Admission Appeals code and admissions law as it applies to maintained schools.

#### **Notes**

1. A child looked after is a child in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989. Children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted are as defined by section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002, or those who became subject to a residence order (under section 8 of the terms of the Children act 1989) or special guardianship order (under section 14A of the Children Act 1989).
2. Applications made on acute medical grounds must be supported by a current letter from a specialist health professional. Applications made on exceptional social grounds must be supported by a current letter from a social worker or other care professional working with the family. The letters must give reasons why the child's condition or circumstances make it necessary for the child to attend the school and the difficulties that would be caused if they had to attend an alternative school. If this information is not provided by the application closing date, the application will not be considered under this criterion.
3. A sibling is defined as a full brother or sister, a step/half brother or sister living at the same address, a child who is living at the same address as part of the family, by reason of a court order, or a child who has been placed with foster carers as a result of being looked after by a local authority.
4. The permanent address of the parent/guardian with whom the child is living on the closing date for applications will be used for this purpose. A childminder's address will not be accepted. In the case of parents who have shared responsibility for a child following the breakdown of their relationship and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the address at which the child lives for most of the week will be used for this purpose. If a child spends an equal amount of time at both addresses, the address that is registered with the child's GP will be used. Distance is measured by Wandsworth Borough Council on behalf of the school, using the GIS computerised system. Measurements produced by alternative measuring systems will not be taken into account in any circumstances. The distance is measured from the applicant's home to the front gates of the school, using a straight line measurement. The school reserves the right to verify applicants' addresses with primary schools and electoral registers.

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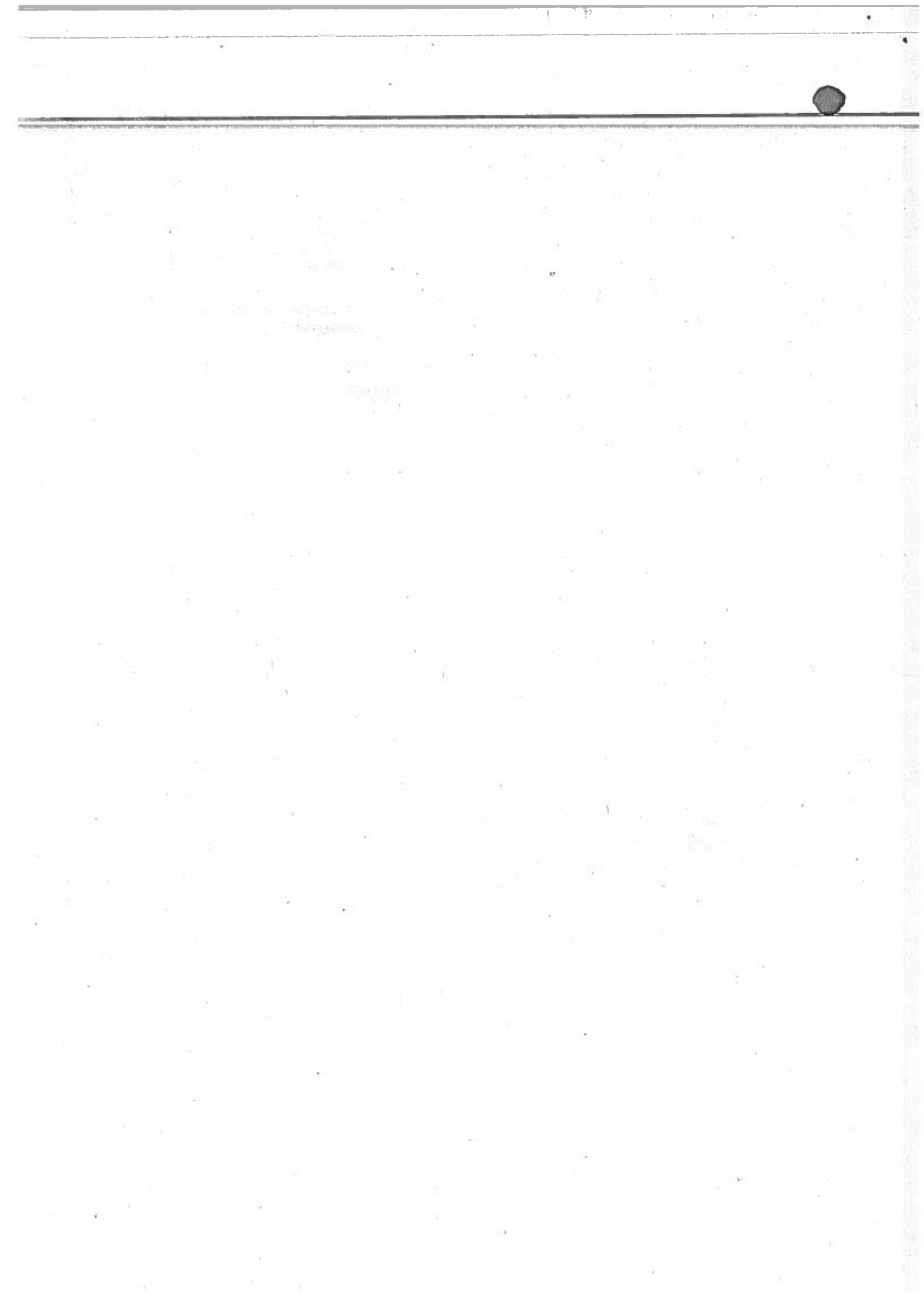
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Mrs Carol Parsons

29 July 2013

Dear Carol,

**Objection to the admission arrangements of the Mosaic Jewish Primary  
School, Wandsworth for September 2014  
Case Reference: ADA/002548**

Thank you for agreeing to take this case. The case papers have already been emailed to you and I will email you a copy of my initial letters for your information. I have asked for any comments to be sent to me by 10 August.

Please confirm what additional information, in addition to what has already been received and the above asked for, that you consider may be needed. If no additional information is needed please confirm that you have sufficient information for which to make a determination.

I am the case manager; please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

Rachael Reid  
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**From:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Sent:** 12 August 2013 17:31  
**To:** 'gcarter@wandsworth.gov.uk'  
**Subject:** ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School, Wandsworth  
**Attachments:** ADA2548 LA 1.doc; anonymised objection text.docx

Please find attached a letter, which has also been posted.

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Mr Graham Carter  
Head of Admissions  
London Borough of Wandsworth  
Town Hall  
Wandsworth High Street  
London  
SW18 2PU

12 August 2013

Dear Mr Carter,

**Objection to the admission arrangements of the Mosaic Jewish Primary School, Wandsworth for September 2014**  
**Case Reference: ADA/002548**

We have received an objection to the admission arrangements determined by the Mosaic Jewish Primary School for September 2014 (copy attached). The adjudicator appointed to determine this case is Mrs Carol Parsons and I have passed the papers to her today. If you have good reason, you may question the choice of adjudicator. A brief synopsis on the individual adjudicators can be found on our website [www.education.gov.uk/schoolsadjudicator](http://www.education.gov.uk/schoolsadjudicator).

I would be grateful if you would send me a map of the local area identifying local schools, the council's admission booklet (weblink if possible) and any comments the authority may have regarding this objection. A response with one week would be appreciated.

When the adjudicator has considered the initial information I will let you know whether it is necessary to request further information or arrange a meeting or visit. The adjudicator will aim to make a decision as quickly as possible once we are in receipt of the required information. The adjudicator's decision will be final and binding on all parties.

In coming to a decision the adjudicator will assess the determined admission arrangements for the school against the requirements of the School Admissions Code and the legislation concerning admissions.

**I will copy all information from you and the other parties to everyone else.** The parties in this case are the school, the local authority, the objector and the Jewish Day School Advisory Board. The adjudicator may determine that there may be additional parties.

~~Please address all correspondence to me, the case manager, quoting the reference number above.~~

Yours sincerely



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**Rachael-OSA**

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**From:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Sent:** 12 August 2013 17:32  
**To:** 'richardgold@stoneking.co.uk'  
**Subject:** ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School, Wandsworth  
**Attachments:** ADA2548 Jewish Board 1.doc; anonymised objection text.docx

Please find attached a letter, which I have also posted.

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Richard Gold  
The Jewish Day School Advisory Board  
c/o Stone King Solicitors  
16 St John's Lane  
London  
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12 August 2013

Dear Mr Gold,

**Objection to the admission arrangements of the Mosaic Jewish Primary School, Wandsworth for September 2014**  
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I would be grateful if you would send me any comments that you may have regarding this objection, and any guidance you provide to schools in relation to admission arrangements, within one week of the date of receipt of this letter.

When the adjudicator has considered the initial information I will let you know whether it is necessary to request further information or arrange a meeting or visit. The adjudicator will aim to make a decision as quickly as possible once we are in receipt of the required information. The adjudicator's decision will be final and binding on all parties.

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Yours sincerely



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**From:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Sent:** 12 August 2013 17:30  
**To:** ; 'headteacher@mjps.org.uk'  
**Subject:** ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School, Wandsworth  
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Shirley Lee - Chair of Governors  
Kate Baum - Headteacher  
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12 August 2013

Dear Ms Lee and Ms Baum

**Objection to the admission arrangements of the Mosaic Jewish Primary School, Wandsworth for September 2014**  
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We have received an objection from a parent to the admission arrangements determined by your school for September 2014 (copy attached). The adjudicator appointed to determine this case is Mrs Carol Parsons and I have passed the papers to her today. If you have good reason, you may question the choice of adjudicator. A brief synopsis on the individual adjudicators can be found on our website [www.education.gov.uk/schoolsadjudicator](http://www.education.gov.uk/schoolsadjudicator).

I would be grateful if you would send me, within one week:

- The determined admission arrangements (including the SIF, if used);
- The date on which the arrangements were determined and the minutes of the meeting at which this was agreed;
- Evidence of the date on which consultation on these arrangements last took place to meet the terms of the Code;
- Your comments on this objection.

When the adjudicator has considered the initial information I will let you know whether it is necessary to request further information or arrange a meeting or visit. The adjudicator will aim to make a decision as quickly as possible once we are in receipt of the required information. The adjudicator's decision will be final and binding on all parties.

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**From:** Shirley Lee  
**Sent:** 14 August 2013 18:18  
**Cc:** headteacher@mjps.org.uk  
**Subject:** Re: ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School, Wandsworth

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Dear Rachael,

We have studied the paperwork you have sent us and have instructed Stone King to act on behalf of the school over this matter. Please feel free to discuss all issues related to this case with Roger Inman or his team member Laura Berman.

My understanding is he will be in touch with you very soon.

Sincerely,

Shirley Lee  
Chair MJPS

On 12 Aug 2013, at 17:29, <Rachael.REID@osa.gsi.gov.uk> <Rachael.REID@osa.gsi.gov.uk> wrote:

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**REID, Rachael-OSA**

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**From:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Sent:** 19 August 2013 14:40  
**To:** 'Roger Inman'  
**Cc:** Shirley Lee; Richard Gold  
**Subject:** RE: ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School

Dear Mr Inman,

Thank you for your email of 14 August 2013 and for confirming that Stone King is now formally instructed by Mosaic Jewish Primary School and that the school will confirm this separately. May I respond to the points raised?

1. The arrangements were available in the local authority booklet for parents (and I believe on the school's own website) and this is the 'previously public arrangements' referred to. The original objection was received on 21 June, which was well within the deadline.
2. However, the adjudicator can only consider the determined admission arrangements of an established school. The Funding Agreement for this school was not signed and executed until August and this delayed consideration of the objection. The objector therefore had to wait until August, at which point, the objector confirmed that 'I would like my objection to stand'.
3. The adjudicator notes that it will be important for parents who will be applying for places at the school for September 2014 that the objection is investigated and dealt with as quickly as possible. It is appreciated that you will need time to gather information and therefore the adjudicator has agreed to an additional three weeks and has asked if you would be kind enough to provide a response by Tuesday 10 September 2013.
4. I will be contacting the parties this week, with a view to arranging a meeting on the afternoon of Monday 16 September.

Regards

Alison on behalf of  
Rachael Reid  
Case Manager

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**From:** Roger Inman [mailto:RogerInman@stoneking.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 14 August 2013 20:42  
**To:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Cc:** Shirley Lee; Richard Gold  
**Subject:** ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School

Dear Rachael (if I may),

Please note that Stone King is now formally instructed by Mosaic Jewish Primary School in this Adjudication (Ms Lee will confirm that with you shortly). Could I ask the Adjudicator the following:

1. The Objector states that "I would like my objection to stand" and refers to making an objection to "previously public arrangements". Please confirm that the Objection comprises solely of the text that you have sent us (attached), or is there further text that we need to take into account?
2. Subject to the answer to question 1 above, as Richard Gold has mentioned below, this Objection is very late after the regulatory deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> June. I note that the OSA's policy on its website is that "The schools adjudicator may consider late objections - but only if there is

good reason for not meeting the deadline of 30 June." Please inform us of the "good reason" given by the Objector and why it was satisfactory to the Adjudicator.

3. If the Adjudicator does accept late jurisdiction, she will I am sure understand that the Academy will need time to consult with all relevant parties and then provide its Response, all during a holiday period when many of the relevant parties are away. Consequently could the Academy have in any event until 13<sup>th</sup> September to provide any required Response.

Please note that Richard Gold (copied in) will separately continue to represent JCDSAB but all correspondence for Mosalc Jewish Primary School should come to me.

Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to the Adjudicator's response.

Yours sincerely,

**Roger Inman**  
**Partner and Head of Education**

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**Subject:** RE: ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School, Wandsworth

Rachel,

Thank you for this.

Please note that the correct title of the school's religious authority is Jewish Community Day School Advisory Board.

Stone King does not act for the Board. I am the correspondent for the Board in my private capacity. As I mentioned to your colleague, Mr. Fleming on Friday, the Board only meets once a term and the next scheduled meeting is not until 12<sup>th</sup> November. I am, therefore, referring the matter to the Chair of the Trustees to consider what action can be taken quickly. However, as it is now the holiday period, this may take a little time and the Board clearly will not be able to respond within a week as you suggest.

The implications arising from the objection raise issues of considerable legal complexity and importance not just in this case but to Jewish schools of all kinds. It will, therefore, be important that these issues be examined in a proper context and I think the Board will wish to make submissions on this and have the opportunity to make representations to the Adjudicator at a meeting.

I would just make the point that this appears to be a very late objection. The School Admissions Code, para 3.5, requires that objections be referred by 30<sup>th</sup> June. Can you please confirm the date on which the objection was lodged and, if it was lodged after that date, what reasons were given by the objector for the delay.

Regards

**Richard Gold**  
**Consultant, Education Team**

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**Subject:** RE: ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School, Wandsworth

Dear Mr Gold

Thank you for your email of 13 August 2013 and for noting the importance of the issues that have been raised. The original objection was received on 21 June, which was well within the deadline. However, the adjudicator can only consider determined admission arrangements of an established school. The Funding Agreement for this school was not signed and executed until August and this delayed consideration of the objection.

It will be important for parents who will be applying for places at the school for September 2014 that the objection is investigated and dealt with as quickly as possible. I hope that the Board will be able to assist both in the timing of its response and subsequently, in providing a representative to attend the meeting that has yet to be arranged, at which the objection will be considered with the school. I will be contacting the school this week, to arrange a meeting on the afternoon of 16 September 2013, and hope that a representative would be able to attend that meeting at the school.

Regarding the request for an extension to the one week deadline for your comments, the adjudicator has agreed to an extension of a further three weeks and asks if you would be kind enough to provide a response by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

Regards

Alison on behalf of  
Rachael Reid  
Case Manager

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**From:** Richard Gold [mailto:RichardGold@stoneking.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 13 August 2013 09:44  
**To:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
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Rachel,

Thank you for this.

Please note that the correct title of the school's religious authority is Jewish Community Day School Advisory Board.

Stone King does not act for the Board. I am the correspondent for the Board in my private capacity. As I mentioned to your colleague, Mr. Fleming on Friday, the Board only meets once a term and the next scheduled meeting is not until 12<sup>th</sup> November. I am, therefore, referring the matter to the Chair of the Trustees to consider what action can be taken quickly. However, as it is now the holiday period, this may take a little time and the Board clearly will not be able to respond within a week as you suggest.

The implications arising from the objection raise issues of considerable legal complexity and importance not just in this case but to Jewish schools of all kinds. It will, therefore, be important that

these issues be examined in a proper context and I think the Board will wish to make submissions on this and have the opportunity to make representations to the Adjudicator at a meeting.

I would just make the point that this appears to be a very late objection. The School Admissions Code, para 3.5, requires that objections be referred by 30<sup>th</sup> June. Can you please confirm the date on which the objection was lodged and, if it was lodged after that date, what reasons were given by the objector for the delay.

Regards

**Richard Gold**  
**Consultant, Education Team**

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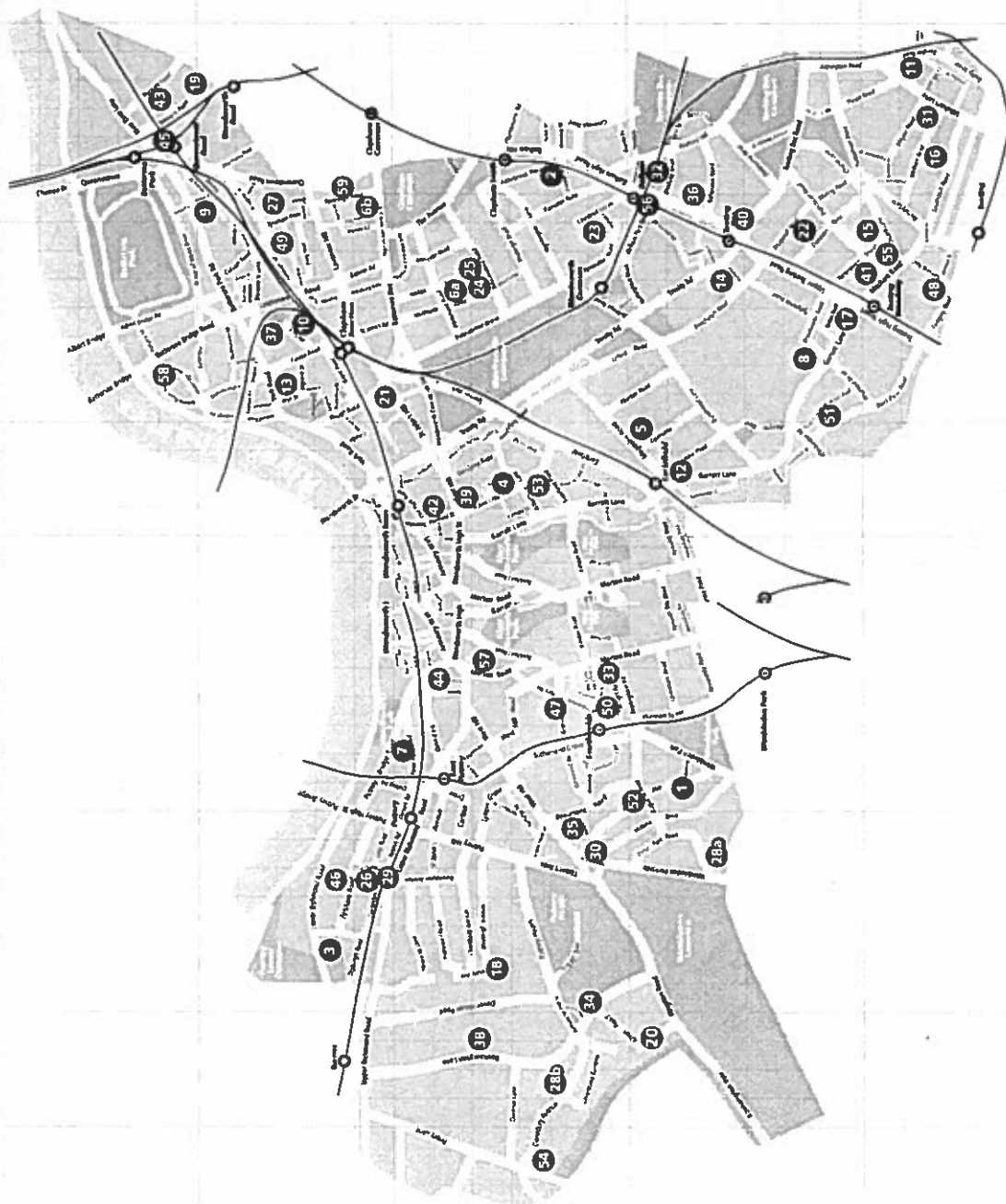
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4	Allfarthing	M.23
5	Beatrix Potter	Q.25
6a	Belleville (Webbs Road site)	L.30
6b	Belleville (Meteor Street site)	J.33
7	Brandlehow	K.16
8	Broadwater	U.28
9	Chesterton	F.33
10	Christchurch (CE)	H.29
11	Eandley	X.38
12	Earlsfield	R.24
13	Falcombark	H.27
14	Ficcroft	S.30
15	Franciscan	W.32
16	Furzedown	Y.35
17	Gatton (Muslim)	V.29
18	Granard	M.9
19	Griffin	E.37
20	Heathmore	Q.6
21	High View	J.26
22	Hillbrook	U.32
23	Holy Ghost (Catholic)	P.32
24	Honeywell Infant	M.30
25	Honeywell Junior	M.31
26	Holham	J.12
27	John Burns	G.33
28a	Mosaic (Jewish) Temporary site	S.13
28b	Mosaic (Jewish) Permanent site	O.5
29	Our Lady of Victories (Catholic)	K.12

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30	Our Lady Queen of Heaven (Catholic)	P.13
31	Penwortham	X.36
32	Ravenstone	Q.34
33	Riversdale	P.19
34	Roehampton Church (CE)	O.8
35	Ronald Ross	O.14
36	Rutherford House	R.34
37	Sacred Heart Battersea (Catholic)	G.28
38	Sacred Heart Roehampton (Catholic)	M.6
39	St Anne's (CE)	L.23
40	St Anselm's (Catholic)	S.33
41	St Boniface (Catholic)	W.31
42	St Faith's (CE)	K.22
43	St George's (CE)	Q.37
44	St Joseph's (Catholic)	L.19
45	St Mary's Battersea (Catholic)	E.36
46	St Mary's Putney (CE)	I.12
47	St Michael's (CE)	O.18
48	Sellincourt	X.30
49	Shafesbury Park	H.32
50	Sheringdale	P.18
51	Smallwood	V.26
52	Southmead	Q.15
53	Swaffield	N.23
54	The Alton	N.2
55	Tooting	W.32
56	Trinity St Mary's (CE)	Q.33
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58	Westbridge	E.27
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Dear Carol

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Carol

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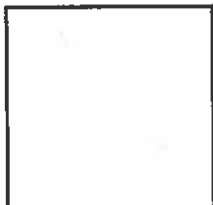
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**Cc:** ; Laura Berman  
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Dear Rachel,

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**Cc:** headteacher@mjps.org.uk  
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Laura

I would be grateful if the school could confirm direct that they are content that the meeting is to be held at the school and also let me know who the representatives from the school will be.

Once confirmation is received I will send out formal invite letters to the parties.

Many thanks  
Alison on behalf of

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Alison on behalf of  
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Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Carter

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**From:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Sent:** 30 August 2013 10:46  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** FW: ADA2548 The Mosaic Jewish Primary School, Wandsworth

Carol

Please see email below from Mr Cannon

Alison

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**From:** Rob Cannon [mailto:robert.x.cannon@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** 30 August 2013 09:31  
**To:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Subject:** Re: ADA2548 The Mosaic Jewish Primary School, Wandsworth

Dear Ms Rachael

If Mosaic Jewish Primary School has not been designated as a faith school at the date of my complaint then my complaint should be decided on the basis that it is not a faith school and that all of the faith criteria are unlawful. In addition, as the Jewish Community Day School Advisory Board currently has no role in relation to the school it should not be included in any correspondence.

Could you please also provide an explanation of how in your email of 13 August 2013 you said that the OSA had been informed by the DfE that the relevant religious body for Mosaic Jewish Primary School is the Jewish Community Day School Advisory Board and then in your email of

27 August 2013 you say that the designation order which will list Mosaic Jewish Primary School as a faith school is due to be published at the end of this month. Rules are there for a reason? Until the designation order is made Mosaic Jewish Primary School is not a faith school. Please provide the correspondence with the DfE in which the DfE made incorrect statements suggesting that a designation order had already been made.

What action is the OSA taking in relation to the incorrect statements that have been made to it by the DfE? I note that this issue re designation as a religious school follows an original claim by the DfE that the funding agreement for the school was not in place so my complaint could not be decided, which I showed to be untrue when I produced evidence from Mosaic Jewish Primary School's own website saying that the funding agreement had been signed.

I am extremely unhappy with how this matter is being handled. The OSA should act independently of a politicised and discredited DfE which is run by a minister who has extensive links with the Jewish community and is objectively biased in relation to this matter. The OSA needs to step up and decide my complaint based on the facts as of the time of the complaint, not supposition as to whether or not things may or may not happen in the future.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards



**REID, Rachael-OSA**

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**From:** Richard Gold <RichardGold@stoneking.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 03 September 2013 16:55  
**To:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: ADA/2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School  
**Attachments:** Submission re Mosaic JPS admissions September 2013 JCDSAB Final.docx

Dear Rachel,

Thank you for this.

I am attaching the submission by the religious authority, Jewish Community Day School Advisory Board.

I will be attending the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September on behalf of the Board. Mr Epstein is not proposing to attend. I would just reiterate that I will be there in my private capacity as Company Secretary to the Board and not as a representative of Stone King.

Regards

**Richard Gold**  
**Consultant, Education Team**

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3 September 2013

## **MOSAIC JEWISH PRIMARY SCHOOL (MOSAIC) ADMISSIONS CRITERIA**

This submission is made by Jewish Community Day School Advisory Board (JCDSAB) which is the religious authority for the purposes of admissions for Mosaic as well as for a number of other state-funded schools, namely JCoSS (VA Secondary), Akiva, Clore Shalom and Clore Tikva (all VA Primary) and Eden Primary and Alma Primary (both Free School Academies).

JCDSAB is an umbrella organisation established with the following main objects:-

1. to advance education by the provision of advice and guidance to Jewish schools including pre-schools, nurseries and sixth form colleges and to organisations seeking to establish such schools and the promotion, establishment and maintenance and development of such schools
2. to advance the education of the pupils of such schools by providing or assisting in the provision of educational, recreational and other charitable facilities not normally provided by the local education authority.

It was established in 2002 as an autonomous charity with trustees appointed by three synagogal bodies, Reform Judaism, Liberal Judaism and Masorti Judaism, in order to support and promote cross-communal Jewish schools. This was a response to the fact that the overwhelming number of Jewish schools established at that time, being established by organisations within the Orthodox communities, in practice excluded a large number of Jewish children who could not meet the admissions criteria set by those schools. However, JCDSAB is not a trustee of any school and does not appoint governors. It operates, on a minimal budget, as a source of advice, guidance and networking. It is totally lay-lead with no paid staff other than a part-time administrator and it has no affiliation to any single synagogue body.

The only formal function that JCDSAB has with the schools in question is as the religious authority for admissions purposes. The schools consult with JCDSAB and their faith criteria are monitored to check that they are appropriate in terms of what can properly be regarded as Jewish practice. JCDSAB does not issue formal guidance but it applies the same principles as those laid down by the Chief Rabbi in 2010 for the schools for whom he is the religious authority. A copy of that guidance is attached to this submission. JCDSAB does not, though, consider that guidance to be all-embracing. There are other aspects of the practice of Judaism that the Chief Rabbi does not mention although would undoubtedly endorse them, namely *Tzedakah* (charity) and *Tikkun Olam* (repair of the world). JCDSAB considers that evidence of activity towards any of these key principles properly stands as evidence of Jewish practice.

JCDSAB does not evaluate the degree of practice required by each school. It considers that to be a matter for the individual school but, in common with the Chief Rabbi, it supports the view that the criteria should be as inclusive as possible. The criteria should not stand as a barrier to those who are supportive of a Jewish way of life and who wish their children to be educated to understand this. It is especially important that the criteria do not act as unreasonable barriers to those parents who

may have experienced low levels of formal Jewish education or levels of observance and who wish their children to have opportunities that were denied to them by the criteria adopted by Jewish schools in earlier times.

It is important to keep the following points in mind:-

1. The core of Jewish life and practice is not the synagogue but the home. The synagogue has developed as a public place of worship but its origins, as shown by its Greek etymological derivation, is simply as a meeting place. There is no obligation on Jewish people to attend synagogue or to worship in association with others. Indeed one of the strongest and most common indicators of Jewish practice is the lighting of *Shabbat* candles at the dinner table on Friday night. The importance of the home is a point that the objector in this case appears not to appreciate.
2. Judaism is not a hierarchical faith. The primary function of a rabbi is as a teacher. Jewish communities, even if the synagogue is affiliated to one or other of the synagogue movements (of which the four mentioned in the course of this submission are only a selection), are autonomous and are led by lay leaders. The community employs the rabbi – many communities do not have a rabbi at all – and unlike for example in the case of a Catholic priest the rabbi has no legal authority over the community or its members.
3. The responsibility for teaching children is first and foremost placed on the family. The primary injunction in the *Shema*, the prayer that all Jews are enjoined to say twice daily, is “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might” and the injunction proceeds “You shall teach them thoroughly to your children, and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you rise”. It is all-embracing and learning and teaching are fundamental precepts. Thus, someone who wishes to practise as a Jew, irrespective of the level of observance or any denominational allegiance, will see it as an obligation to secure a full Jewish education for their children. That is why access to Jewish schools is so important and why it is necessary not to place obstacles in the way of those wishing to educate their children in this way.
4. There is an important distinction to be made between practice and observance. Very many people who consider themselves to practise Judaism, to maintain a Jewish way of life, are not observant in the sense that would be applied by an Orthodox Jew. They do not observe all the 613 commandments (the *Mitzvot*) that an Orthodox Jew will observe as essential to that person’s definition of observance. Nonetheless, they live their lives in accordance with the principles identified above.
5. JCDSAB does not endorse admissions criteria that differentiate according to whether or not a person is regarded as having Jewish status. That would conflict with the Supreme Court decision in the JFS case. JCDSAB does, though, recognise that any criteria based on evidence of Jewish practice will be a form of indirect discrimination in favour of Jews by any definition. The JCDSAB position on this is that any such discrimination is justified as being a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim, namely the establishment (as permitted by law and in accordance with Article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights) of a faith school providing Jewish education for those who practice Judaism. To rule otherwise would set Judaism aside from virtually all other faiths and make it impossible to create a truly Jewish school. That would nullify the freedom to establish such a school and give priority in admission criteria to faith applicants that is conferred by the Equality Act 2010.

Jon Epstein

Jon Epstein  
Chair, Jewish Community Day School Advisory Board



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## Jewish School Admissions Criteria

Following the judgment handed down by the Court of Appeal in July 2009, and subsequently confirmed by the Supreme Court in December 2009, Jewish schools under the religious authority of the Chief Rabbi had requested guidance on the religious criteria to be used in their admissions policies.

Until then, the only religious criterion in relation to schools admission, in the event of oversubscription, had been that the applicant is halakhically Jewish. Jewish schools were able to give priority to those children who were members of the Jewish faith, and through education develop their knowledge, understanding and practice of the Jewish faith. The Court of Appeal's decision meant that this criterion could no longer be used.

In light of this decision schools set their admissions criteria for 2010 entry, faithfully applying the law as declared by the Courts, and must do so again for 2011 entry.

In considering alternative criteria, schools should be guided by the principle that there is a religious obligation to provide Jewish education to all Jewish children. Individual schools may formulate their own criteria in accordance with their specific ethos, but those criteria should be inclusive rather than exclusive. Inclusive Orthodoxy has been the ethos of the Chief Rabbinate throughout its history, and of the United Synagogue. This should not be changed.

The Chief Rabbi views Jewish schools as transformative institutions. They should aim at raising the level of their pupils' knowledge and observance of Jewish law, regardless of their level at admission.

The Chief Rabbi's view is that, consistent with the ethos of each school, any religious criteria should be designed to be as inclusive as possible. They should reflect the rabbinic principle that "The world stands on three things: Torah (Jewish study and knowledge), Avodah (the life of religious observance and prayer) and Gemillut Chassadim (acts of kindness and social responsibility). Evidence of practice should normally be considered as positive evidence of religious commitment. Otherwise, schools risk denying the opportunity for an orthodox Jewish religious education to many children who would greatly benefit from it.

Designing tests which are inclusive and also meet the School Admissions Code is difficult, and schools must continue to take their own specialist advice.

This guidance is given to help schools with their practical and immediate needs in the light of the Courts' ruling, pending any legislative change that Parliament may enact in the future.

The Chief Rabbi wishes to make clear that the criteria adopted by schools in line with this guidance do not confirm the Jewish status of any individual.

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**From:** Laura Berman <LauraBerman@stoneking.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 04 September 2013 11:51  
**To:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Cc:** Shirley Lee  
**Subject:** RE: ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School  
**Attachments:** OSA response 4.9.13DOCX.DOCX; admissions policy 2014DOCX.DOCX; SIF 2014DOCX.DOCX

Dear Rachael

I am now attaching the response to the Objection on behalf of Mosaic Jewish Primary School (MJPS).

As well as the School's comments on the Objection, in your letter of 12 August you requested:

1. The determined admission arrangements (including the SIF). These are attached.
2. The date on which the arrangements were determined and the minutes of the meeting at which this was agreed.
3. Evidence of the date on which consultation on the arrangements last took place.

We believe that the information requested in 2. and 3. is standard when an Objection is investigated. However they do not readily apply to MJPS which only formally came into existence in August this year when the Funding Agreement was signed. The admission arrangements were determined in the process of the application to set up the Free School and as such were agreed with the DfE. The consultation that took place formed part of the process for setting up the School.

As you know, I will be attending the meeting on 16 September on behalf of MJPS together with Shirley Lee, the Chair of Governors and Kate Baum, the Head teacher. I would be grateful if you could please confirm the time of the meeting.

Please do let me know if you require further information.

Kind regards

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Yours sincerely

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**Cc:** Richard Gold  
**Subject:** RE: ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School

Dear Mr Inman,

Thank you for your email of 14 August 2013 and for confirming that Stone King is now formally instructed by Mosaic Jewish Primary School and that the school will confirm this separately. May I respond to the points raised?

1. The arrangements were available in the local authority booklet for parents (and I believe on the school's own website) and this is the 'previously public arrangements' referred to. The original objection was received on 21 June, which was well within the deadline.
2. However, the adjudicator can only consider the determined admission arrangements of an established school. The Funding Agreement for this school was not signed and executed until August and this delayed consideration of the objection. The objector therefore had to wait until August, at which point, the objector confirmed that 'I would like my objection to stand'.
3. The adjudicator notes that it will be important for parents who will be applying for places at the school for September 2014 that the objection is investigated and dealt with as quickly as possible. It is appreciated that you will need time to gather information and therefore the adjudicator has agreed to an additional three weeks and has asked if you would be kind enough to provide a response by Tuesday 10 September 2013.
4. I will be contacting the parties this week, with a view to arranging a meeting on the afternoon of Monday 16 September.

Regards

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**Sent:** 14 August 2013 20:42  
**To:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Cc:** Shirley Lee; Richard Gold  
**Subject:** ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School

Dear Rachael (if I may),

Please note that Stone King is now formally instructed by Mosaic Jewish Primary School in this Adjudication (Ms Lee will confirm that with you shortly). Could I ask the Adjudicator the following:

1. The Objector states that "I would like my objection to stand" and refers to making an objection to "previously public arrangements". Please confirm that the Objection comprises solely of the text that you have sent us (attached), or is there further text that we need to take into account?
2. Subject to the answer to question 1 above, as Richard Gold has mentioned below, this Objection is very late after the regulatory deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> June. I note that the OSA's policy on its website is that "The schools adjudicator may consider late objections - but only if there is good reason for not meeting the deadline of 30 June." Please inform us of the "good reason" given by the Objector and why it was satisfactory to the Adjudicator.
3. If the Adjudicator does accept late jurisdiction, she will I am sure understand that the Academy will need time to consult with all relevant parties and then provide its Response, all during a holiday period when many of the relevant parties are away. Consequently could the Academy have in any event until 13<sup>th</sup> September to provide any required Response.

Please note that Richard Gold (copied in) will separately continue to represent JCDSAB but all correspondence for Mosaic Jewish Primary School should come to me.

Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to the Adjudicator's response.

Yours sincerely,

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**From:** Richard Gold

**Sent:** 13 August 2013 09:44

**To:** 'Rachael.REID@osa.gsi.gov.uk'

**Subject:** RE: ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School, Wandsworth.

Rachel,

Thank you for this.

Please note that the correct title of the school's religious authority is Jewish Community Day School Advisory Board.

Stone King does not act for the Board. I am the correspondent for the Board in my private capacity. As I mentioned to your colleague, Mr. Fleming on Friday, the Board only meets once a term and the next scheduled meeting is not until 12<sup>th</sup> November. I am, therefore, referring the matter to the Chair of the Trustees to consider what action can be taken quickly. However, as it is now the holiday period, this may take a little time and the Board clearly will not be able to respond within a week as you suggest.

The implications arising from the objection raise issues of considerable legal complexity and importance not just in this case but to Jewish schools of all kinds. It will, therefore, be important that these issues be examined in a proper context and I think the Board will wish to make submissions on this and have the opportunity to make representations to the Adjudicator at a meeting.

I would just make the point that this appears to be a very late objection. The School Admissions Code, para 3.5, requires that objections be referred by 30<sup>th</sup> June. Can you please confirm the date on which the objection was lodged and, if it was lodged after that date, what reasons were given by the objector for the delay.

Regards

**Richard Gold**  
**Consultant, Education Team**

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**Sent:** 12 August 2013 17:32

**To:** Richard Gold

**Subject:** ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School, Wandsworth

Please find attached a letter, which I have also posted.

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**Response by the Mosaic Jewish Primary School (MJPS) to the anonymous objection to the School's admission arrangements:**

**OSA Case No ADA/002548**

**Submitted on its behalf by Laura Berman, Senior Associate at Stone King LLP.**

**The Objection**

1. The Objector complains about aspects of the process leading up to the determination of the admission arrangements, but essentially the Objection is to the faith-based criteria within the arrangements. The Objector states that all but 2 of the criteria (b and e(i)) are unlawful and allegedly breach paragraph 1.9 (e) of the Code.
2. The Objector states that criteria for faith places must be based on practice of a religion and not on ethnic or cultural considerations to comply with the Supreme Court ruling in *R(E) v JFS Governing Body & Ors (2009)*.

**Response**

3. In the *JFS* case, preference on the grounds of ethnicity (i.e. the matrilineal test of descent) was held to be unlawful. The guidance from the Chief Rabbi following that case stated that any religious school admissions criteria should be designed to be as inclusive as possible. Criteria "should reflect the rabbinic principle that 'The world stands on three things: Torah (Jewish study and knowledge), Avodah (the life of religious observance and prayer) and Gemillut Chassadim (acts of kindness and responsibility). Evidence of practice should normally be considered as positive evidence of religious commitment.'" Although the Chief Rabbi is not the religious authority for MJPS, his rabbinic status as an expounder of Jewish law is unquestionable and his rulings on religious issues are treated with the greatest respect by Jews of all denominations. Furthermore, as was recognised by all the judges in the *JFS* case, the secular law does not attempt to pass judgment on

religious law or doctrine and in interpreting the requirements of the Admissions Code it is necessary to stay within the bounds of what is stated authoritatively as constituting Jewish practice.

4. MJPS adopted its faith-based criteria with the above very much in mind and with the aim of being as inclusive as possible. In light of the *JFS* ruling MJPS took particular care in establishing their admissions criteria. MJPS were told that the DfE took its own legal advice in relation to the admission arrangements, specifically to be satisfied that they were compliant with the Admissions Code. Full consultation took place with the JCDSAB (Jewish Community Day School Advisory Board) as well as with the London Borough of Wandsworth (the Local Authority) before the DfE approved and signed off the arrangements. Also, the admission arrangements were an intrinsic part of the general consultation required as part of the process for establishing a Free School. For clarification purposes, JCDSAB is the religious authority for the School, but has no rabbinic involvement. It is an umbrella organisation for the non-orthodox Jewish schools. It includes schools, like Mosaic, that have no specific connection with any organisation or denomination.
5. Whilst the Objector does not specifically mention paragraph 1.38 of the Admissions Code, it is this paragraph that states what is required for faith-based criteria. Paragraph 1.38 is set out below for ease of reference:

*1.38 Admission authorities for schools designated as having a religious character **must** have regard to any guidance from the body or person representing the religion or religious denomination when constructing faith-based oversubscription criteria, to the extent that the guidance complies with the mandatory provisions and guidelines of this Code. They **must** also consult with the body or person representing the religion or religious denomination when deciding how membership or practice of the faith is to be demonstrated.*

The crucial question therefore is whether the MJPS faith criteria meet the requirements for demonstrating membership or practice of the Jewish faith without breaching the Code. It is clear from the Code that it is not observance that needs to be demonstrated. There is a clear distinction to be

drawn between practice and observance. Very many people who regard themselves as practising Jews do not necessarily "observe" in the sense of regular or frequent attendance at public worship.

6. The School's faith criteria set out to ensure that faith based places can be offered to children of families who actively participate in a Jewish way of life. MJPS believes that practicing Judaism is made up of 3 elements: prayer, study and communal activity. This accords with the guidance from the Chief Rabbi set out above and with the three names used in connection with Jewish places of worship (e.g. a synagogue): Beit Tefilah – House of Prayer, Beit Midrash – House of Learning and Beit Knesset – House of Assembly. Frequently, all three will be found in the same physical building. Alternatively, the same space will fulfil all three functions and all relate to Jewish practice.

7. The criteria all fall within one of these 3 elements.

Prayer – Criteria a, b and e(i). Criteria a and b cover both membership and attendance at a synagogue or other Jewish prayer group. In addition, since Judaism places as much (if not more) weight on personal prayer as on communal prayer i.e. on religious practice in the home as well as synagogue attendance, criteria e(i) was included to ensure that a Jewish parent/carer who worships privately rather than publically is not discriminated against. The Objector does not object to criteria b or e(i).

Learning – Criteria c, e(ii) and e(iii). Jewish education is a key component of living a practising Jewish life. The criteria allow for a child's enrolment at a Jewish nursery or for a parent/carer's involvement in any organised Jewish learning. These are regarded as strong indicators of a commitment to a Jewish way of life.

Community Activity – Criteria d and e(iv). Looking after the welfare of the community is considered an essential part of Jewish practice.

8. The School submits that the very broad criteria that are used to define faith practice do not discriminate against any person on the grounds of ethnicity and do not fall foul of the ruling in the *JFS* case. The School submits that the Objector has confused what amounts legitimately to membership and practice of the religion and what amounts to ethnicity.
9. In Judaism the idea of practice is based very much in the community, family and individual. It is crucial to this Objection (and the key to the Objector's misunderstanding of what is required under the Code and what is relevant in terms of Jewish practice) to note that in Judaism there is no requirement for formal worship. The home and the family make up the central core of Jewish practice. If activities of the kind included in the criteria are not allowed, there will in effect be discrimination against Jewish people who are not observant in a conventional orthodox sense, but who are nonetheless committed to Judaism and who should be entitled to educational provision that recognises their needs.

#### **Alleged Failure to Comply with Mandatory Requirements of the School Admissions Code**

10. The Objector contends that all the faith based criteria save for b and e(i) breach paragraph 1.9e of the School Admissions Code. It is set out below for ease of reference:

*1.9 It is for admission authorities to formulate their admission arrangements, but they **must not**:*

*e) give priority to children on the basis of any practical or financial support parents may give to the school **or any associated organisation, including any religious authority**; [emphasis added]*

11. The above paragraph only bites where the organisation is one with which the School is associated. MJPS has no association with any synagogue or body or, in any financial sense, with JCDSAB. The Objection therefore has no basis to it.

12. The Objector specifically mentions 2 previous adjudications. These are addressed below:

### **Ruling in Clore Shalom**

The central issue in this case was an objection to the arrangements for the Reception class that gave priority to children attending the nursery class at Clore Shalom, i.e. a nursery associated with the School. This case is distinguished on the facts since there is, as we have explained, no association between any nursery education and MJPS.

There was also an objection to the use of membership of a synagogue as an admission criterion. In that case, membership of a synagogue was given greater weight and therefore higher priority in the admissions criteria over other faith criteria. This case is again distinguished on its facts since criterion a (membership of a synagogue) does not hold any more weight than any of the other faith criteria. A member of a synagogue will not gain priority over any applicant seeking priority by virtue of the other faith criteria. It is simply included as one of a number of different routes to establishing membership and/or practice of Judaism. It is included as an indicator of commitment to Jewish practice.

In the Clore Shalom case the School offered to change its criteria by adding an additional criterion stating that regular attendance at a synagogue can be a substitute for membership in determining whether a family meets the faith criterion. This was accepted by the Adjudicator and in effect is what is in place at MJPS.

### **Ruling in London Oratory**

There have in fact now been two adjudications relating to this school. The Objection in the first case was to the criterion that the School used to judge religious observance requiring service within a Catholic Parish or the wider Catholic Church and whether the school had made it clear that non-Catholics could be admitted if places were available. The latter part of the Objection is

not applicable to MJPS that only has 50% of faith places in any event. The Objection in the second case covered substantially the same ground.

The London Oratory School argued that the service stated is religious activity permitted by paragraph 1.9i of the Code that states:

*schools which have been designated as having a religious character may take account of religious activities, as laid out by the body or person representing the religion or religious denomination.*

The important distinction in both those cases is that the School's faith criteria did not correspond with criteria that were generally advised by the School's religious authority. That is not the case where MJPS is concerned. The adjudicator in the London Oratory case did not accept that service within a Catholic Parish or the wider Catholic Church was an activity laid out by the Diocesan Bishop, but it is submitted that the activities in the MJPS criteria are activities that are referred to in the guidance from the Office of the Chief Rabbi as set out above. Furthermore, they can be distinguished in that they do not amount to practical or financial support to any synagogue or other body associated with the School. In addition, there were other complicating factors in the London Oratory case which again distinguish the MJPS case, the details of which I will not go into here.

**Comments on other points raised in the Objection, but which are not in themselves objections to the admission arrangements.**

13. The Objector states that the meetings held by the School as part of the consultation were neither public nor open. However, this is simply incorrect. The consultation was carried out in accordance with DfE requirements for public consultation and MJPS used an outside agency specifically to ensure compliance with requirements. Adverts were inserted in local newspapers, thousands of leaflets were dropped in surrounding areas, the School's website and Facebook pages contained information about the open events, hundreds of email flyers were sent to organisations, religious bodies, surgeries and libraries as is common practice. Details of the open meetings

were published with dates and times and address details. There was no requirement to register on the website before attending any meeting. MJPS made every effort to be as open as possible. In fact, the consultation required in connection with the establishment of a Free School is far more extensive than that required under the Admissions Code. In any case, because at the time of the consultations MJPS was not in existence, formal compliance with the Admissions Code was not technically possible.

14. The advertisement mentioned by the Objector was unfortunate. The advert was placed by the previous vice-chair of governors who did not agree the publicity of it in accordance with the School's clear process for publicity. As soon as the School had notice of it, the advert was made private as it had not been agreed by the School. Sadly the person who placed the advert was suffering from a serious brain tumour that affected his actions. He has withdrawn from the project and returned with his family to Australia.

15. Finally, the Objector mentions a discussion board on a local website. There had been weeks of unpleasant comments made by an individual on this website which included personal remarks and the naming of one of the MJPS directors. The School simply responded initially by referring people to the website for up-to-date information. The comments however continued and caused such upset that the site moderator closed the thread.

## **Conclusion**

16. There is a significant shortfall in the accessibility to a primary school in South London which is aligned to the Jewish faith. In setting up the Free School, MJPS has spent considerable effort determining its admission arrangements to be as inclusive as possible. None of the faith-based criteria give greater priority to any applicant than any of the others. To gain a faith place at the school, an applicant simply has to demonstrate their practice of the Jewish faith in one of a number of ways. Given the Jewish population in the area it may well take significant time before the faith-based places are oversubscribed. Given this emphasis on an inclusive, community provision, MJPS respectfully submits that the use of all their faith-based criteria is lawful.

and in no way breaches the admissions code. We therefore request that the Adjudicator rejects this Objection.

17. We hope that the above response is helpful to the Adjudicator and will of course offer her any further assistance that she requires.

**Laura Berman,  
Senior Associate,  
Stone King LLP**



# *Policy*

## **MJPS Admission Criteria**

### **Admissions and ethos**

As our school has an ethos of inclusiveness and diversity it is important that our admission policy is structured in a way to help achieve a balance between children local to the school and those of Jewish faith from across the south and south west of London. We believe that the split between open and faith based places as set out below is an effective way to achieve this. With regard to the faith based places, we have developed a broad and inclusive criteria for "Jewishness" that reflects our cross-community and pluralistic ethos and perspective. We want a school where everyone feels welcome and at home and our admissions criteria are intended to encourage this as much as possible. We are committed to a process that is transparent.

### **Planned admission numbers**

The school has an agreed admissions number of 30 pupils for entry into Reception in 2014.

### **Children with a statement of SEN**

The school will admit all pupils with a statement of SEN which names the school.

### **Oversubscription criteria**

If undersubscribed, the school will admit all applicants.

If oversubscribed, the school will admit children under two categories:

#### **Category 1 - Faith based places**

Up to 50% of places will be offered to children who satisfy any of the criteria below.

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All aspects have equal weight:

**a.** Membership of a synagogue or other Jewish prayer group for at least 6 months in the 12 months before the application closing date.

**b.** Attendance by a parent / carer or child at a minimum of 4 synagogue or other organised Jewish prayer group services in the 12 months before the application closing date

**c.** A child's enrolment in formal Jewish education, either at a nursery or pre-school run by or under the auspices of a synagogue or other denominational body, for at least 6 months in the 12 months before the application closing date.

**d.** A parent /carer's regular (at least monthly) involvement as a volunteer in any Jewish communal, charitable or welfare activity of at least a year's duration in the 2 years before the application closing date.

**e.** A parent /carer's regular (at least 6 individual occurrences) involvement in any combination of the following in the year before the application closing date.

i. Private or family celebration of Shabbat or Jewish festivals.

ii. Organised Jewish learning (e g London Jewish Cultural Centre courses, Limmud sessions, Jewish Museum courses).

iii. Jewish youth movement activities.

iv. Organised Jewish community activities (eg Mitzvah Day, Jewish Community Centre events, Jewish Book Week events).

For (i) evidence is required in the form of a letter from a non-family member who was actually present. Each event must have its own separate letter and author. For (ii), (iii) and (iv) evidence should be in the form of a letter from the organisation involved.

Where there is oversubscription the following order of priority will be used to select between applicants:

*After the admission of children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs which names the school, places will be allocated in the following order of priority:*

*Children looked after and those who ceased to be children looked after because they were adopted, or because they became subject to a residence order or a special guardianship order (note 1);*

*Children with a professionally supported exceptional medical or social need for a place at the school as decided by the Governing Body (note 2);*

*Brothers and sisters of children on the roll of the school on the date of admission (from September 2014 onwards) (note 3);*

*Children in order of straight line distance from home to school as measured by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Information System (note 5).*

## **Category 2 - Open Places**

Remaining places will be offered in the following order, without reference to faith:

*After the admission of children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs which names the school, places will be allocated in the following order of priority"*

*Children looked after and those who ceased to be children looked after because they were adopted, or because they became subject to a residence order or a special guardianship order (note 1);*

*Children with a professionally supported exceptional medical or social need for a place at the school as decided by the Governing Body (note 2);*

*Brothers and sisters of children on the roll of the school on the date of admission (from September 2014 onwards)(note 3);*

*Children in order of straight line distance from home to school as measured by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Information System (note 5).*

## **Tie Break**

Where two applications have equal weighting, they will be considered in order of straight line distance from home to school as measured by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Informational System (note 5).

If 2 children live an equal distance from the school (e.g. in a block of flats), the available place will be given using a means of random allocation.

## **Late Applications**

Late applications, other than those from Looked After or Previously Looked After Children will be considered after on time applications. Where places are not available, applicants will be placed on the relevant waiting list in the order of the oversubscription.

## **Waiting Lists**

Where in any year the School receives more applications for places than there are places available a waiting list will be maintained by Wandsworth until the end of August 2014. Any allocation of places from the waiting list will be in strict order of the oversubscription criteria.

Applications for in-year admission must be made on the Local Authority Common Application Form.

## **Appeals and adherence to regulation and codes:**

Parents who wish to appeal an admission decision with respect to their child have a right to appeal. The Governing Body will establish an Independent Appeal Panel and appeals should be made to the Wandsworth Education Appeals Service [educationappeals@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:educationappeals@wandsworth.gov.uk). We intend to fully comply with the procedures and practices of the Local Authority in which the school is located.

We are committed to abiding by all relevant regulations, codes and laws that pertain to admissions, including the Social Admissions code, the School Admission Appeals code and admissions law as it applies to

maintained schools.

## Notes

1. A child looked after is a child in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989. Children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted are as defined by section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002, or those who became subject to a residence order (under section 8 of the terms of the Children act 1989) or special guardianship order (under section 14A of the Children Act 1989).
2. Applications made on acute medical grounds must be supported by a current letter from a specialist health professional. Applications made on exceptional social grounds must be supported by a current letter from a social worker or other care professional working with the family. The letters must give reasons why the child's condition or circumstances make it necessary for the child to attend the school and the difficulties that would be caused if they had to attend an alternative school. If this information is not provided by the application closing date, the application will not be considered under this criterion.
3. A sibling is defined as a full brother or sister, a step/half brother or sister living at the same address, a child who is living at the same address as part of the family, by reason of a court order, or a child who has been placed with foster carers as a result of being looked after by a local authority.
4. The permanent address of the parent/guardian with whom the child is living on the closing date for applications will be used for this purpose. A childminder's address will not be accepted. In the case of parents who have shared responsibility for a child following the breakdown of their relationship and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the address at which the child lives for most of the week will be used for this purpose. If a child spends an equal amount of time at both addresses, the address that is registered with the child's GP will be used. Distance is measured by Wandsworth Borough Council on behalf of the school, using the GIS computerised system. Measurements produced by alternative measuring systems will not be taken into account in any

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circumstances. The distance is measured from the applicant's home to the front gates of the school, using a straight line measurement. The school reserves the right to verify applicants' addresses with primary schools and electoral registers.

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## MOSAIC JEWISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Supplementary Information Form for entry to Reception September 2014  
**Please ensure that you have completed and returned a Wandsworth application form to [admissions@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@wandsworth.gov.uk) as well as completing and returning this supplementary form to the address below.**  
The application deadline is 15 January 2014

Please refer to the admissions policy and instructions at [ww.mjps.org.uk/admissions](http://ww.mjps.org.uk/admissions)  
Note: You may tick and provide evidence for all the criteria that are relevant to you.

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Mosaic Jewish Primary School  
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### ABOUT YOUR CHILD

Surname	.....		
First name(s)	..... (please circle preferred name)		
Gender	Male	Female	Date of birth
Address	.....		
	.....		
	.....		

### ABOUT YOU

Your name	.....
Relationship to child	.....
Phone	.....
Mobile	.....
Email	.....
(circle preferred)	.....

**a Have you been a member of a synagogue, havurah or other formal Jewish prayer group for at least 6 months?**

If YES, please either have the declaration below signed or attach original evidence. If NO, please continue to section b.

Synagogue / Group officer: I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information in section a is correct.

Signed

Date

Synagogue/Group

Name and role of  
signatory

Address

**b Have you or your child attended at least four formal Jewish services between 01/01/2013 and 01/01/2014?**

If YES, please either have the declaration below signed or attach original evidence. If NO, please continue to section c.

Synagogue / Group officer: I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information in section b is correct.

Signed

Date

Synagogue/Group

Name and role of  
signatory

Address

**c Has your child been in formal Jewish education for at least 6 months between 01/01/2013 and 01/01/2014?**

If YES, please either have the declaration below signed or attach original evidence. If NO, please continue to section d.

Education provider: I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information in section c is correct.

Signed

Date

Synagogue/Group

Name and role of  
signatory

Address



**d Have you been involved at least monthly as a volunteer in Jewish charity work for minimum 12 months between 01/01/2012 and 01/01/2014?**

If YES, please either have the declaration below signed or attach original evidence. If NO, please continue to section e.

Jewish charity/equivalent: I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information in section d is correct.

Signed

Date

Organisation

Name and role of  
signatory

Address

**e Have you been involved at least 6 times between 01/01/2013 and 01/01/2014 in any combination of:**

- i. Private or family celebration of Shabbat or Jewish festivals
- ii. Formal Jewish learning
- iii. Jewish Youth movement activities
- iv. Organised Jewish community activities

If YES, please provide signed evidence or documentation for section e above and attach to this form.

Please refer to the admissions policy and instructions at [www.mjps.org.uk/admissions](http://www.mjps.org.uk/admissions)

Endorser: I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information in section e i is correct.

Jewish organisation: I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information in section e ii. iii. or iv is correct.

Signed

Date

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signatory

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Please provide whatever evidence and documentation is relevant so that this can be assessed to gauge acceptance into the Faith-based admittance criteria for MJPS.

If you cannot have your admission judged under the Faith criteria your application will automatically be assessed under the Open places admissions policy.



**REID, Rachael-OSA**

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**From:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Sent:** 05 September 2013 14:06  
**To:** headteacher@mjps.org.uk; slee@  
**Subject:** ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School  
**Attachments:** School meeting invitation.docx

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**By post & Email**

Ms Kate Baum, Headteacher  
Ms Shirley Lee, Chair of Governors  
Mosaic Jewish Primary School  
1 Queensmere Road  
London SW19 5QD

5 September 2013

Dear Ms Baum and Ms Lee

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**Re: Rachael-OSA**

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**From:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
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**Subject:** ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School  
**Attachments:** LA meeting invitation.docx

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**From:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Sent:** 05 September 2013 14:11  
**To:** Laura Berman (LauraBerman@stoneking.co.uk)  
**Subject:** ADA2548 Jewish Mosaic Primary School  
**Attachments:** Laura Berman meeting invitation.docx

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Via Email

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**Sent:** 05 September 2013 14:10  
**To:** richardgold@stoneking.co.uk  
**Subject:** ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School  
**Attachments:** Mr Gold meeting invitation.docx

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Mr Richard Gold  
Via Email

29 August 2013

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**From:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Sent:** 05 September 2013 14:29  
**To:**  
**Subject:** FW: ADA/2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School  
**Attachments:** Submission re Mosaic JPS admissions September 2013 JCDSAB Final.docx

Here is a sub from Richard Gold, I will ack and copy round on Monday.

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**From:** Richard Gold [<mailto:RichardGold@stoneking.co.uk>]  
**Sent:** 03 September 2013 16:55  
**To:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Cc:** '  
**Subject:** RE: ADA/2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School

Dear Rachel,

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Regards

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**Sent:** 28 August 2013 14:44  
**To:** Richard Gold  
**Subject:** ADA/2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School

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Alison on behalf of

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**From:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Sent:** 09 September 2013 09:54  
**To:**  
**Subject:** FW: ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School

For info re. next week's meeting.

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**From:** Carter, Graham (Children's Services) [<mailto:GCarter@wandsworth.gov.uk>]  
**Sent:** 06 September 2013 10:57  
**To:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Cc:** Wells, Adam  
**Subject:** RE: ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School

Rachael

I will attend this meeting, but as I am retiring from the Council's service at the end of the month, I would like my successor to accompany me as an observer. His name is Adam Wells.

Thanks

Graham Carter  
Head of Pupil Services

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**Sent:** 09 September 2013 12:58  
**To:** ; headteacher@mjps.org.uk; gcarter@wandsworth.gov.uk  
**Subject:** FW: ADA/2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School  
**Attachments:** Submission re Mosaic JPS admissions September 2013 JCDSAB Final.docx

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**Sent:** 03 September 2013 16:55  
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**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: ADA/2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School

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**Sent:** 09 September 2013 12:57  
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**Subject:** RE: ADA/2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School

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**Sent:** 05 September 2013 14:30  
**To:**  
**Subject:** FW: ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School  
**Attachments:** OSA response 4.9.13DOCX.DOCX; admissions policy 2014DOCX.DOCX; SIF 2014DOCX.DOCX

Here is a sub from Laura Berman, I will ack and copy round on Monday.

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**From:** Laura Berman [mailto:LauraBerman@stoneking.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 04 September 2013 11:51  
**To:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Cc:** Shirley Lee  
**Subject:** RE: ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School

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Kind regards

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**Sent:** 28 August 2013 14:39  
**To:** Roger Inman  
**Cc:** Laura Berman  
**Subject:** RE: ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School

Dear Roger/Lauren

Please find attached a copy of the objection form (redacted) that was omitted in error from the information sent to you with my letter dated 12 August.

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Regards

Alison on behalf of  
Rachael Reid  
Case Manager

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**From:** Roger Inman [mailto:RogerInman@stoneking.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 22 August 2013 12:39  
**To:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Cc:** Laura Berman; Richard Gold  
**Subject:** RE: ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School

Dear Rachael

The below is noted. We will do our best to meet the 10<sup>th</sup> September deadline but you will appreciate that we are responding to very late notification of an Objection during the holiday period. My apologies for seeking further clarification, but for the record we will act on the assumption that the single anonymous document attached to my earlier email is the entirety of the objection unless we hear otherwise from the OSA.

Please note that my colleague Laura Berman (copied in) will have conduct of this matter from 27<sup>th</sup> August,

Yours sincerely

**Roger Inman**  
**Partner and Head of Education**  
**Mobile:** 07946 181235

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**Sent:** 19 August 2013 14:40  
**To:** Roger Inman  
**Cc:** Richard Gold  
**Subject:** RE: ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School

Dear Mr Inman,

Thank you for your email of 14 August 2013 and for confirming that Stone King is now formally instructed by Mosaic Jewish Primary School and that the school will confirm this separately. May I respond to the points raised?

1. The arrangements were available in the local authority booklet for parents (and I believe on the school's own website) and this is the 'previously public arrangements' referred to. The original objection was received on 21 June, which was well within the deadline.
2. However, the adjudicator can only consider the determined admission arrangements of an established school. The Funding Agreement for this school was not signed and executed until August and this delayed consideration of the objection. The objector therefore had to wait until August, at which point, the objector confirmed that 'I would like my objection to stand'.
3. The adjudicator notes that it will be important for parents who will be applying for places at the school for September 2014 that the objection is investigated and dealt with as quickly as possible. It is appreciated that you will need time to gather information and therefore

**From:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Sent:** 09 September 2013 13:01  
**To:** gcarter@wandsworth.gov.uk; richardgold@stoneking.co.uk  
**Subject:** FW: ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School  
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**Sent:** 09 September 2013 13:04  
**To:** 'Laura Berman'  
**Subject:** RE: ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School

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Dear Rachael

I am now attaching the response to the Objection on behalf of Mosaic Jewish Primary School (MJPS).

As well as the School's comments on the Objection, in your letter of 12 August you requested:

1. The determined admission arrangements (including the SIF). These are attached.
2. The date on which the arrangements were determined and the minutes of the meeting at which this was agreed.
3. Evidence of the date on which consultation on the arrangements last took place.

We believe that the information requested in 2. and 3. is standard when an Objection is investigated. However they do not readily apply to MJPS which only formally came into existence in August this year when the Funding Agreement was signed. The admission arrangements were determined in the process of the application to set up the Free School and as such were agreed with the DfE. The consultation that took place formed part of the process for setting up the School.

As you know, I will be attending the meeting on 16 September on behalf of MJPS together with Shirley Lee, the Chair of Governors and Kate Baum, the Head teacher. I would be grateful if you could please confirm the time of the meeting.

Please do let me know if you require further information.

Kind regards

**Laura Berman**  
**Senior Associate Solicitor Education Team**

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**RE: Rachael-OSA**

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**From:** ELLSWORTH, Alison  
**Sent:** 10 September 2013 07:52  
**To:**  
**Cc:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Subject:** FW: ADA/2548 - Mosaic Jewish Primary School

Carol

Please see email below from Mr Cannon. He would like to attend the meeting.

Alison

**Alison Ellsworth**  
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**From:** Rob Cannon [<mailto:robert.x.cannon@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** 09 September 2013 18:07  
**To:** ELLSWORTH, Alison  
**Cc:** Rob Cannon; REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Subject:** Re: ADA/2548 - Mosaic Jewish Primary School

Dear Ms Ellsworth

As I understand from forwarded correspondence that a hearing is scheduled for Monday 16 September 2013, please provide me with details of the hearing so that I may attend.

It is not satisfactory that I was not notified of the hearing at the same time as the other participants. It is not satisfactory to provide me with details only on Friday 13 September 2013. As you will appreciate, I have work and family commitments that necessitate making arrangements in advance in order to be able to attend at the hearing.

Kind regards

Rob

On 9 September 2013 15:52, <[Alison.ELLSWORTH@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Alison.ELLSWORTH@education.gsi.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Mr Cannon

Further to our telephone conversation this afternoon. I confirm that we will respond to your email of 30 August by the end of this week.

Yours-sincerely

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**Alison Ellsworth**

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**REID, Rachael-OSA**

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**From:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Sent:** 10 September 2013 11:02  
**To:**  
**Subject:** FW: ADA2548 The Mosaic Jewish Primary School, Wandsworth

For info, Mr Cannon sent this to me just after his conversation with Alison yesterday

RR

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Rob Cannon [<mailto:robert.x.cannon@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** 09 September 2013 15:27  
**To:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Subject:** Fwd: ADA2548 The Mosaic Jewish Primary School, Wandsworth

Dear Ms Reid

I have just spoken with your colleague Ms Ellsworth in relation to this. I gather from the emails that you forwarded to me earlier today that a hearing has been scheduled for 16 September 2013 of which I have received no notice.

I have not had a response from you to my email of 10 days ago. I understand from your colleague Ms Ellsworth that this is because the OSA is seeking legal advice in relation to the matters raised in my email.

Given that the OSA is seeking legal advice in relation to this matters raised in my email, and given that one such matter is the Jewish Community Day School Advisory Board in this objection, it seems highly premature to schedule a hearing and invite the Jewish Community Day School Advisory Board to attend and, indeed, to do so without any consultation with or notice to myself.

I have already tried to reach you by phone twice today to understand why the OSA is treating my complaint in this manner. I spoke with your colleague Ms Ellsworth but unfortunately she seemed to fail to appreciate the highly prejudicial nature of scheduling a hearing without notification to, or consultation with, myself, at a point when legal question marks hang over the involvement of the Jewish Community Day School Advisory Board in such hearing.

I regard the approach taken by the OSA in relation to my email below and the scheduling of the hearing to be a breach of the audi alteram partem principle and contrary to natural justice.

Kind regards

Rob



**ELLSWORTH, Alison**

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**From:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Sent:** 13 September 2013 10:50  
**To:** ELLSWORTH, Alison  
**Subject:** FW: ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School

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**From:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Sent:** 13 September 2013 10:23  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** FW: ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School

Carol

This is the name of the trainee solicitor. I will let the parties know as agreed in the call with Lisa yesterday.

Alison

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**From:** Laura Berman [mailto:LauraBerman@stoneking.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 12 September 2013 16:49  
**To:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Cc:** Venetia Phipps  
**Subject:** RE: ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School

Dear Rachael

I have today spoken to one of your colleagues about bringing a trainee solicitor along to the adjudication meeting on Monday, purely as an observer. She has checked with the Adjudicator and confirmed that this is acceptable.

For your information her name is Venetia Phipps and I have copied her into this email.

Many thanks

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**From:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Sent:** 13 September 2013 10:50  
**To:** ELLSWORTH, Alison  
**Subject:** FW: ADA2548 Mosaic jewish Primary School

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**From:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Sent:** 13 September 2013 10:43  
**To:** [gcarter@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:gcarter@wandsworth.gov.uk)  
**Cc:** 'awells@wandsworth.gov.uk'  
**Subject:** ADA2548 Mosaic jewish Primary School

Dear Graham

The adjudicator has agreed to a request from Stone King to bring a trainee solicitor along to the meeting purely as an observer, her name is Venetia Phipps.

Regards

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**ELLSWORTH, Alison**

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**Sent:** 13 September 2013 10:50  
**To:** ELLSWORTH, Alison  
**Subject:** FW: ADA/2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School

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**From:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Sent:** 13 September 2013 10:36  
**To:** [richardgold@stoneking.co.uk](mailto:richardgold@stoneking.co.uk)  
**Subject:** ADA/2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School

Dear Mr Gold

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Regards

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 17 September 2013 10:07  
**To:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Subject:** Mosaic

Rachael,

We discovered yesterday at the meeting at the school that they had no determined arrangements, so I had no jurisdiction to consider the objection

Meantime the school will determine its arrangements at the GB meeting sometime next week and will publish them asap. The LA will also get a copy.

I will telephone later.

Thank you

Carol



**RE: Rachael-OSA**

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**From:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Sent:** 18 September 2013 14:20  
**To:** slee@l headteacher@mjps.org.uk; Laura Berman  
(LauraBerman@stoneking.co.uk); richardgold@stoneking.co.uk;  
gcarter@wandsworth.gov.uk  
**Subject:** ADA2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School, Wandsworth  
**Attachments:** ADA2S48 objector OJ letter (redacted).doc

Following the recent meeting at the school, the adjudicator has concluded that this objection is out of jurisdiction. For your information, please find attached a copy of a letter (redacted) which I have sent to the objector. A hard copy will follow.

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The Jewish Community Day School Advisory Board  
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18 September 2013

Dear Mr Gold,

**Objection to the admission arrangements of the Mosaic Jewish Primary  
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**Case Reference: ADA/002548**

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Yours sincerely

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Shirley Lee - Chair of Governors  
Kate Baum - Headteacher  
Mosaic Jewish Primary School  
1 Queensmere Road  
London  
SW19 5QD

18 September 2013

Dear Ms Lee and Ms Baum

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Mr Graham Carter  
Head of Admissions  
London Borough of Wandsworth  
Town Hall  
Wandsworth High Street  
London  
SW18 2PU

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**RE Rachael-OSA**

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**From:** REID, Rachael-OSA  
**Sent:** 18 September 2013 14:21  
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For info, here is the letter I've sent to the objector, and copied (a redacted version) to the other parties.

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Mr Masson-Smith  
Wandsworth Council  
Education & Learning  
The Town Hall  
Wandsworth High Street  
London SW18 2PU

21 May 2014

Dear Mr Masson-Smith,

**Case Reference: ADA/2548 Mosaic Jewish Primary School**

I refer to the above case which was ruled out of the adjudicator's jurisdiction in September 2013 as the school had not properly determined its admission arrangements for September 2014. The local authority's Head of Admissions, Graham Carter, was informed in a letter dated of 18 September 2013.

The objector in this case contacted the Office of the School Adjudicator (OSA) on 8 May stating that the following statement regarding the outcome of the case had been posted on a local website by you on behalf of Wandsworth Council.

*"Earlier this year one member of the public complained to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator that Mosaic's admissions criteria were unlawful. The Chief Adjudicator, who is completely independent, looked at this issue and did not uphold the complaint"*

Having read the statement and for the avoidance of doubt the actual position is that the adjudicator appointed in this case considered the objection and decided to hold a meeting with the parties to the case to assist her in her consideration of whether the school's admission arrangements complied with admissions law and the School Admissions Code. The meeting took place on 16 September 2013 with all parties, except for the objector due to a request to remain anonymous. I should say here that the objector was known to the OSA in line with Regulation 24 of the School Admission Regulations 2012. The aim of the meeting was to consider the objection together with the school's supplementary information form which is part of those arrangements.

It became clear during the meeting that the requirements for determination had not been met and in such circumstances it was not possible for the objection to be considered formally as the adjudicator had no jurisdiction under either section 88H or section 88I of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

The governing body therefore agreed to determine and publish its arrangements.

I hope this clarifies the outcome of the OSA's consideration of this objection.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Fleming', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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