

**Clore Shalom School**  
**Admissions 2026 – 2027**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**



Please read below for information regarding:

- 1 The application process
- 2 The school day
- 3 Costs and charges

### **1. Application**

#### **How do I apply for a place at Clore Shalom?**

Please visit our website to download a copy of the required paperwork:

Reception applications comprise completion of our Certificate of Religious Practice and a Supplementary Information Form. Parents must also make an application on their Borough County Council admissions portal.

Please read the Admissions Policy for full information including how applications are prioritised.

#### **When is the deadline for applications for Reception?**

The deadline for all paper and online applications is 15 January 2026.

#### **How are applications prioritised?**

The order of priority is as follows, (further explanations are in the Admissions Policies on our website)

- Children with an EHCP
- Looked after children
- Siblings
- Children of staff who meet the criteria outlined in the admissions policy
- Applications with a CRP signed by any synagogue
- Applications without a CRP

#### **What is the catchment area?**

There is no designated catchment area and places are allocated based on a straight line distance from the applicant's primary home address to the school. Distances are measured using a computerised mapping system to two decimal places. The points from which such distances are measured, and the distances so measured, will be determined conclusively by Hertfordshire County Council. Governors are unable to overrule or deviate from any such measurements made. For further information, please visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or call Hertfordshire's Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 4043. Places will be allocated based on a combination of distance and priority application

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### **When will I find out if I have a place at Clore Shalom and how?**

National Allocation Day for Reception places is 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026. You will be advised of your child's place for a Reception place via the online portal at Hertfordshire County Council and you will receive a confirmation letter from Clore Shalom once the place is accepted.

## **2. The School Day**

### **What time does school run from?**

School for pupils in Reception is from 8.15am –3.15pm.

### **Will my child have to wear a uniform?**

All pupils are expected to wear school uniform. Boys must wear a kippah for Tefillah and this is optional for girls. Full details will be given during the summer term before your child starts school.

### **What will my child learn?**

At Clore Shalom School, we aim to deliver an exceptionally high standard of secular and Jewish values-based education for all our pupils.

This will enable them to:

- Develop a strong sense of identity and a love of learning
- Become confident in their studies, their abilities, Judaism and themselves
- Fulfil their potential
- Grow to be ambassadors for the school and the community

In our purpose-built, early-years provision, pupils will learn in a secure, warm, caring, inclusive and stimulating environment. Staff ensure that children are given the opportunity of achieving the objectives in the seven areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum. We have a free flow indoor and outdoor setting to maximise learning and opportunity.

We offer excellent resources and facilities, with indoor and outdoor areas mirroring the planned learning objectives of the week. Jewish festivals and themes are integrated into the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum and pupils are encouraged to use every opportunity that is presented to help them achieve their learning potential.

The Reception day is very busy, offering a range of lessons and activities to ensure your child is reaching their potential. These include:

- Arts and crafts
- Cookery
- Drama
- Dance
- Music
- Ivrit and Jewish Studies
- Sports
- Phonics
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- ICT sessions
- Regular library visits
- Sensory Play
- Personal Social and Emotional sessions

### **What food and drink will my child have at school?**

- All children under the age of 5 by the end of each school term are entitled to free school milk.
- All Early Years pupils receive a fruit snack each day.
- There is the option of a hot meal, a jacket potato with filling or a sandwich. You will see menus in advance so that you may choose lunch for your child. Alternatively, a meat free and nut free packed lunch may be brought in from home.
- Pupils in Reception are entitled to receive a free school meal.

### **3. Costs and Charges**

#### **Do I have to pay to send my child to Clore Shalom?**

- From time-to-time there may be educational trips off-site or visitors to the school to enhance the pupil's learning. Parents are asked to make a donation towards the cost of the activity. Additionally, there may be charity events which pupils are asked to take part in such as wearing their own clothes or fancy dress. There is often a recommended amount that parents are asked to donate, if possible. To cover the cost of any trips or visitors, the school requests a voluntary contribution to cover the costs; no profit is made. Without sufficient funding, it may not be possible for these events to go ahead. In line with the Governors' policy, no pupil will be excluded if parents are unable to contribute. However, if this is the case, parents are asked to contact the school before the payment deadline to discuss alternative payment options.
- There is no cost for education at Clore Shalom.
- As a voluntary aided school, we do ask for a voluntary donation for all pupils attending Clore Shalom. This donation is subject to change. Currently, the suggested donation amounts are as follows:

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Per month</b>	<b>Per term</b>
One child in Reception	£100.00	£400.00
Two or more children in Reception – Year 6	£180.00	£720.00

#### **How do I pay the voluntary donation?**

You may pay via Arbor (the school portal), direct debit or BACS transfer/standing order. We encourage parents to sign a Gift Aid form for these amounts, so the school can make your donation go even further.

#### **Extended School's Provision**

The after school club runs until 6.00pm Monday to Thursday. Our breakfast club runs from 7.45-8.15 every day. After school club does not operate when school closes early for Jewish festivals and the end of term. All sessions are booked directly with school via Arbor.

#### **Who should I contact with further questions?**

Please email the Admissions Team via [admissions@cloreshalom.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@cloreshalom.herts.sch.uk).