

**Nishkam School West London Admission Criteria September 2015.**

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<b>Admission Number</b>	50 Reception		

<b>School Statement</b>	<p>The Nishkam School West London (NSWL) is an exceptional new state-funded Independent school for North West London. It is a non-selective, inclusive school for both boys and girls aged 4 – 19 years, open to all applicants.</p> <p>At NSWL we believe that all pupils can succeed when given outstanding teaching, pastoral care and family support. We offer academic excellence with faith inspired values. Our motto is: “More than Academic Excellence, More than a School, More than Self”.</p> <p><b><u>More than Academic Excellence.</u></b></p> <p>We offer excellence in education and inspire in children a passion for lifelong learning. We provide learning experiences which build character and responsibility. We offer an enhanced National Curriculum to prepare children for further study, University, employment and adulthood.</p> <p><b><u>More than a School.</u></b></p> <p>We work to foster communities which actively support children throughout life, both within and beyond then School gates. We work with parents, families and guiding institutions to ensure children are surrounded by positive role models and mentors. These partnerships will provide children with the direct experience of civic institutions, industry and commerce, as well as skills in research and innovation.</p> <p><b><u>More than Self.</u></b></p> <p>The Nishkam School is driven and sustained by the principle of being ‘<i>nishkam</i>’ – a mind-set to serve others without expectation of reward or recognition. Our experience shows that this selfless practice promotes humility and can unlock great potential to transform ourselves and the world around us.</p>
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	<p><b>How to apply for Reception Class in September 2015</b></p> <p>Application must be made using the local authority Common Application Form (CAF) <b>and</b> the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) available from the school office or School web-site. <b><u>Both forms must be completed</u></b> for a place.</p> <p><b>How to make an In-Year application</b></p> <p>Applications made outside the normal admissions round (“In-Year” admissions) are made using the ‘In-Year’ forms from the Local Authority <b>and</b> the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) form the School. The ‘In-Year’ application form must be returned to the local authority and the SIF returned to the School</p> <p>Applications are made in the same way as the normal admissions. If a place is available and there is no waiting list then the School will admit the child. If more applications are received than there are places available then applications will be ranked in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.</p>
<p><b>Children with a statement of special educational needs</b></p>	<p>Any child with a Statement of Special Educational Needs is required to be admitted to the school that is named in the Statement. This gives such children overall priority for admission to the named school. This is not an oversubscription criterion.</p>
<p><b>Oversubscription</b></p>	<p>Where the number of applications received is equal to or fewer than the number of available places, NSWL will admit all applicants.</p> <p>Where the number of applications is greater than the admission number, applications will be considered against the oversubscription criteria set out in the following sections.</p>
<p><b>Criteria</b></p>	<p><b><u>Category 1 – Faith Places</u></b></p> <p><b>Priority places</b></p> <p><b>A. Looked After Children.</b> Children who are in the care or who were previously in care of a Local Authority as per section 22 of the Children Act 1989.</p> <p><b>B. Siblings*.</b> Children with a sibling on the roll at the time of proposed admission.</p>

	<p><b>C. Children of families practising a Faith.</b>  Children of families practising a Faith (both Sikh and non-Sikh) or whose parents can demonstrate a commitment to a faith:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Child or parents/guardian of Sikh <i>Dharam</i>**</b>, in the following order: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>Amritdhari</i> (initiated) Sikh</li> <li>ii. Child with uncut hair and/or practising vegetarian with intention to become <i>Amritdhari</i> (initiated) Sikh.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>2. Child of all other faiths**</b> whose parents can demonstrate a strong commitment to their faith, through baptism/initiation and prayer/service.</li> </ol> <p><i>**Letter from relevant registered faith organisation will be required, with supporting statements of initiation and/or demonstrating commitment to faith and any other additional relevant evidence.</i></p>
	<p><b><u>Category 2 – Open Places</u></b></p> <p><b>Priority places</b></p> <p><b>A. Looked After Children.</b>  Children who are in the care or who were previously in care of a Local Authority as per section 22 of the Children Act 1989.</p> <p><b>B. Siblings.</b>  Children with a sibling on the roll at the time of proposed admission.</p> <p>Under this category places will be allocated to children of any background, and places will be allocated through random allocation.</p> <p>Children, who are not allocated a place through category 1, will automatically be placed in this category for consideration.</p>
<p><b>Tie break</b></p>	<p>In category 1 above having allocated places in priority order, if in the lowest category where places have been allocated there remains oversubscription, all applications in that category will be subject to proximity: children who live nearest to the school when measured in a straight line from the front door of the home to the School’s front entrance.</p>
<p><b>Waiting list</b></p>	<p>Following the offer of places, a waiting list will be kept in strict oversubscription criteria order until at least the end of the first academic term. Each added child will require the list to be ranked again in line with the oversubscription criteria.</p>

<b>Appeals</b>	Appeals should be made in writing to the Chair of Governors at the school within 20 school days following notification that application was unsuccessful. Appeals will be heard by an independent panel, convened by the Governors, within 40 school days.
<b>Random allocation</b>	<p>In the event of oversubscription in any of the above the categories, applicants in that category will be ranked by random allocation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Using a Random Number Generator each applicant will be electronically allocated a number within each category.</li> <li>2. Applicants will be randomly selected using an electronic system in order to decide which applicant should take priority in each category.</li> </ol> <p>The procedure will be supervised by a person that is independent of Nishkam School Trust to provide authenticity and verification of the process.</p>

*\*'Sibling' includes adopted siblings, step or half-siblings, and other children living as permanent members of the household. Where necessary, preference will be given to multiple-birth children to avoid them being split between separate schools.*