

Certificate of Religious Practice

Following the adverse judgment in the Supreme Court Jewish schools have again been forced to adopt a religious practice test for 2011 admissions.

We understand that in some cases the schools will be asking you to complete a Certificate of Religious Practice (CRP), which includes verification of synagogue attendance.

We are therefore asking that everyone, whether a member or not, who wishes to have their attendance at synagogue verified for school admissions purposes complies with a set procedure (see below), which includes:

1. Pre-registration of attendance
2. Making oneself known to an authorised official when attending. You will be handed a personalised card which you will need to keep until the end of the service when you will be able to "post" it back in the box which we will provide.

Those requiring us to record attendance will be required to stay until the end of the service.

3. Receiving a signed CRP only if attendance has been verified.

Attendance will only be recorded on those Shabbats as detailed in the Schools' Admissions procedures and will not include any Yom Tov, including Yom Kippur 2010.

This is a task that we would much rather we were not being asked to undertake. However, we wish to provide assistance to our Jewish schools as they have been placed in an incredibly difficult situation forced upon them, because, and only because, of the Supreme Court's decision. It is important therefore to point out that this process does not confirm Jewish status.

If you have any questions in relation to this process, please contact the Carolyn Abrahams, the Synagogue Administrator on 020 8868 7204 or email admin@pinnersynagogue.com

I look forward to welcoming you to our synagogue and hope that by following this simple procedure we can minimise the disruption and discomfort that this process will create.

Howard Lewis
Chairman

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