



Supporting Jewish Schools

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Dear Ferzana,

I am writing as Executive Director of PaJeS to lend my support to the application for VA status for Noam Primary school.

For the North West London Jewish Community this is an essential development that will help address the increase in demand from the orthodox sector as projected by JPR in a recent study. It is a community that proudly supports the work of the Local Authority but there is a growing urgency to ensure that these families can access state funded education in line with their ethos and beliefs.

As you are aware Noam is now a well-established school serving the orthodox Jewish community with the organisational infrastructure already in place for running a school that can operate successfully in the state aided sector. This includes both an experienced staff and an experienced and organised governing body who have sought for a number of years now to run the school in line with best practice for schools in the state aided sector. The school finds a good balance between providing excellence in both Jewish studies and secular studies and places a high priority on teaching British Values, which is integrated into the curriculum. It is currently rated as Good by Ofsted.

The school occupies an important position in the Jewish community, and due to its educational approach and the significant growth in this sector of the community there is high demand for places at the school with significant oversubscription in recent years. Pupils at Noam are primarily from within Barnet despite the present location of the school, in Wembley synagogue, which is quite a distance for many parents to travel, especially during the rush hour. Though the school offers significant subsidies for lower income families, the fact that it is a fee paying school certainly impacts on admissions and for many of the current parent body meeting the financial obligations is a significant challenge.

As you will also know the school is in the process of building a new school building on the site it has acquired in Burnt Oak. Once the school has relocated, it will be able to expand to 30 places per class. I understand work is now underway and is fully funded, with the intention that they will be in the building by the second term of the new academic year.

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Noam's application is seen as an important element in the meeting of the needs of our community, and I am therefore writing to lend my support to their application.

If there is any further information you require please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Meyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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