

**Consultation by Noam Primary School –
Proposal to join maintained sector as a voluntary aided school**

Consultation Responses

Name of Respondent	Date of response	Response
Mike Freer MP	2 January 2018	<p>I write in support of the proposal for The Noam Primary School and Nursery to become a Voluntary Aided Primary School and Nursery.</p> <p>I recognise Noam Primary School as a successful independent one form entry, co-educational primary school and nursery which serves my constituents who prefer a tailored National Curriculum to meet the needs of the Orthodox Jewish community. I fully support the proposal to relocate from temporary premises in LB Brent to LB Barnet and the move from the independent sector to become Voluntary Aided, maintained by LB Barnet as the school currently relies on fees and donations to meet operational costs, thus disadvantaging some families who would welcome the opportunity Noam presents. A move to Voluntary Aided status would allow the school greater access to funding for learning resources, without taking funding from other schools in LB Barnet and permit greater access to in-service training and professional development. This can only enhance the standard of education provided.</p> <p>The relocation would also be more convenient, as the school population mostly live in LB Barnet. Furthermore, unless the school relocates, they are prevented from expanding and meeting high and growing considerable demand due to the size of the temporary premises.</p> <p>Although my diary is fully committed for 30 January, I would like to wish Noam every success with their application.</p>
Cllr Reuben Thompstone	3 January 2018	I welcome this application, subject to any conditions agreed with our officers. I regret 30th of January is full council so will be unable to attend.
Parents	23 January 2018	We are very much in favour of the Noam Primary School becoming a voluntary aided school

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		which will enable it continue its fantastic work it does for our children by getting the funding it desperately needs.
Parent	23 January 2018	<p>I write in favour of the proposed changes to the school, for the following reasons: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The changes are a necessary step to allow the school to obtain more suitable premises which will be to pupils' advantage. 2) The expansion in funding model will allow the school to reach a greater pool of potential students and reduce pressure on disadvantaged parents. 3) The change in funding will allow the school to expand headcount, thereby achieving greater efficiency of usage of centralised resources. 4) The change in funding model cements the school's policy of wholeheartedly embracing British values.
Parent	23 January 2018	As a parent of a child at Noam, I fully support this application and implore the Council to approve this much needed VA status to allow Noam Primary to grow further.
Governor/Parent	23 January 2018	I definitely support the building if a new purpose built school for Noam Primary. It is very important for its continuity and I am very in favour of its development
Parent	23 January 2018	<p>I am writing in support of the proposal for Noam Primary School to join the voluntary aided education sector. I have three sons currently attending the school. They are receiving a fantastic secular education including a broad range of topics relevant to national and global issues to engage them as responsible and caring members of society.</p> <p>The school can only improve its scope by gaining access to provision for inclusion of children with particular needs as well as facilities to ensure that our children are stretched and challenged further to reach their potential in all aspects and to enrich their education.</p> <p>With thanks to those with the ambition to push for this important move.</p>

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Parent	24 January 2018	Myself and my husband are very hopeful that Noam will receive voluntary aid. This will help our children have a more rounded education with more facilities, more space and to be on par with other Barnet schools.
Governor/Parents	24 January 2018	We will benefit from Noam Primary School joining the Barnet maintained sector as a voluntary aided school. We wholeheartedly support this proposal. The relocation of Noam to Barnet will enhance our access to the school, and enhance the ability of Noam to deliver high quality education. Noam is unique in many ways and its inclusion in the maintained sector will increase the diversity of provision in Barnet
Governor/Parent	24 January 2018	As a Barnet resident, I support the consultation as I have a number of children in the school and I feel this school fits all their cultural and academic needs. Additionally, as a state school, the top tier education Noam provides will be open to all Barnet residents and this would provide a benefit to the wider Barnet area.
Parent	24 January 2018	<p>We fully support Noam Primary School in their endeavour to become a voluntary aided school.</p> <p>The school plays a vital role in the community and is in desperate need of the added resources that will become available to a voluntary aided school- such as permanent premises, government financial assistance to improve the learning resources and facilities for our children.</p>
Governor/Parents	24 January 2018	<p>We fully support the application in the hope that Noam can become a voluntary aided school.</p> <p>The school provides a wonderful, caring environment for our children and the education they receive in secular, as well as Jewish subjects is excellent, as evidenced by the SAT outcomes. However in the present situation, the premises are inadequate and we are having to pay high fees due to lack of state aid. There are also obvious challenges due to distance and traffic in going to and from the school. Noam can only benefit from working with Barnet and other local schools and I believe that other schools could benefit from the experience Noam has to offer.</p>

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		<p>It seems wrong that as a lifelong resident of the Borough of Barnet I was and am unable to send my children to a Voluntary Aided Jewish school in the Borough due to lack of places. Because of this we have to travel further and pay more for our children's education.</p> <p>I do hope the application is made and the school is soon accepted.</p>
Parent	24 January 2018	<p>Having been a parent of children at Noam Primary School for the past 13 years which is a happy well rounded school in both jewish and secular education, i can honestly say that there is a huge need in our community for the school to become Voluntary aided. There is a lack of orthodox jewish school places in Barnet and whilst Noam has just managed to keep its head above water for the past 15 or so years without state help, a new building in Barnet closer to where the students live is crucial to its continuation to provide the wonderful secular and jewish education it has provided for so long.</p> <p>There is no question that Barnet as well as Noam and all the families and children who are involved in the school, will benefit enormously from becoming one of Barnet's voluntary aided schools.</p>
Parent	24 January 2018	<p>I am fully in support of the Noam Primary School Voluntary Aid proposal. I believe it's a major step towards further enriching and supporting pupils and staff to make our school even better and to provide excellent education.</p>
Parents	24 January 2018	<p>My wife and I currently send our children to Noam and we feel qualified therefore to say that Noam is a truly unique school. It provides an outstanding education and a warm environment facilitated by caring teachers in what are currently fairly limited facilities. We are very eager to see Noam reach this next milestone in its development and are confident that this will only help to improve the standards and prospects for the children attending.</p> <p>There is a clear need for an increase in capacity for orthodox Jewish primary schools within Barnet council and specifically north west London. Noam would be a most fitting candidate to support</p>

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		this need with such a strong foundation from which to grow.
Parent	24 January 2018	<p>I currently have children attending Noam Primary School, and two who have graduated from primary school.</p> <p>I strongly support the application for the school to achieve Voluntary Aided status. As a parent, my experience of the school has been extremely positive. I feel that becoming a State aided school will help the school to achieve a stability which will only benefit the children who attend the school and their families, as well as helping to secure the financial stability of the school, and therefore allowing for job security for its excellent teachers and support staff. I feel the Governors have made huge progress to achieve the level of governance required to this stage, and becoming state aided will allow the good governance of the school to continue, and for best practise as identified elsewhere in the state sector to be implemented in all areas of the running of the school.</p>
Parent	24 January 2018	<p>I'm writing to give my support for the new building for Noam Primary School. The current building is cramped and outdated, and a new building will provide much needed space for the children, particularly for PE and for outdoor provision for the nursery, in addition to more facilities in classrooms and throughout the school.</p> <p>The current location of the school, in Wembley, has never been suitable. Most pupils live in Hendon, Golders Green or Edgware and the proposed site in Burnt Oak is much closer and more centrally located, meaning that the pupils, almost all of whom live in Barnet, will halve their daily commute. They will have more free time, and in some cases will be able to walk or ride to school, reducing congestion and pollution and increasing their wellbeing and fitness, as well as that of their siblings and parents.</p> <p>The school is currently private and the fees are quite prohibitive, especially as many parents have three or more children in the Jewish community. Becoming voluntary aided would be a great relief to many families. Additionally, this will help the school access more resources. Currently the school struggles to meet its basic financial needs in terms of paying their staff and rent. Being</p>

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		voluntary aided will mean that the school's governing body can concentrate on making the school thrive, rather than keeping it financially afloat. It is a great school of committed parents and dedicated staff, and relieving it of its huge financial burden will enable it to thrive, and the children to access greater opportunities for learning and for better futures.
Parent	25 January 2018	<p>We fully support Noam Primary School in their endeavour to become a voluntary aided school.</p> <p>The school plays a vital role in the community and is in great need of the added resources that will become available to a voluntary aided school</p>
Parents	25 January 2018	<p>We very much in favour of Noam primary School becoming a voluntary aided school.</p> <p>It will help assist the school to become an outstanding school and enhance the children with more support and ability to help develop their extra curriculum activities. Also reduce the struggle financial to run the school.</p>
Parents	25 January 2018	<p>My wife and I are very excited at the prospect of Noam becoming a voluntary aided school. Our child is now in her second year in the school and our impression of Noam is that it is a very good school which excels in many areas. We feel that together with the drive for the new building and with support from Barnet council by becoming a voluntary aided school, Noam can reach even greater heights and be a true asset to the community.</p> <p>We, therefore, give our full support towards the proposal.</p>
Parent	25 January 2018	<p>I am emailing as a Noam parent to give strong support for the school's application to become a Voluntary aided nursery and school. This will make a huge difference to the school and its ability to provide a high class education to the children it provides for. It has taken a long time to get to this point and I really hope that Barnet will approve the application speedily so our children and future children can benefit.</p>
Parent	28 January 2018	<p>We would to like to express our support for the school's proposal to become voluntary aided.</p>

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		Having seen so many schools prove to be successful under this model, we see no reason why Noam should be any exception. It will be a truly valuable decision for countless families, including ours, and we are grateful that the opportunity is being considered.
Parent	28 January 2018	I strongly support the proposal for Noam primary school to become state aided. As a parent of 3 children currently in the school, I can see how it is a school that aims to produce young people who will be valuable members of British society. The ethos of the school, and the morals embedded in the children are fantastic. Additionally, the children are all encouraged on an individual basis to produce their personal best in their studies; in a warm and loving environment. This is a school that Barnet Council will be proud to help, and proud to be able to claim as one of its schools.
Parents	28 January 2018	Noam has been a wonderful school for our children over the years and the only thing that would make the school even better than it already is would be to become state aided which would improve the facilities for the children and help in all aspects when the children eventually move into their new building.
GMB Trade Union	30 January 2018	We do not have any objections and are completely satisfied with the terms of the move within Barnets local authority.
Menorah Foundation Primary School	5 February 2018	<p>Menorah Foundation Primary School is a two form state aided faith school and is continuously over-subscribed. We are writing to extend our full support of your school's application to join the maintained sector as a voluntary aided school in the London Borough of Barnet where we believe there is a need for additional school places within the community.</p> <p>We also see the opportunity for collaboration between Noam and MFS in areas including but not limited to education, security and transportation.</p>
R. David Myers (Partnership for Jewish	8 February 2018	I would like to voice my support and the support of Pajes to this proposal.

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Schools (PaJeS))		Noam educates children from the orthodox sector, where there is increasing demand, and the community would look to the authorities to support this school and approve its inclusion as a voluntary aided school.