



simon marks
jewish primary school

Under the Rabbinic Authority
of the Chief Rabbi of the
United Hebrew Congregations
of the Commonwealth

Headteacher: Gulcan Asdoyuran
Honorary Principal: Rabbi David Mason

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Simon Marks Jewish Primary School. Simon Marks is a voluntary aided primary school. This means that despite being state-funded, the school relies upon regular donations for funding vital elements of its curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Voluntary donations pay for the Jewish ethos and Jewish education that the school provides – both the formal lessons and the range of informal activities. Donations to the Trust are passed onto the school to cover the cost of all resources and equipment used to deliver this part of the curriculum together with additional activities to enhance the children’s Jewish identity and cement our Jewish way of life.

Also, only 90% of all capital costs of the voluntary aided schools are covered by the state. The balance also has to be funded by the Trust. Over the summer we undertook works to upgrade the kitchen with the Trust supporting the school with 10% of the cost.

As I am sure you are aware, in common with all other Jewish schools, this contribution is voluntary and your child will not be treated differently if you are unable to pay.

However, we anticipate and rely upon most parents being willing to contribute. We believe there is a strong moral obligation on all to pay – if not the suggested full amount, then as much as you can afford. It also embodies the sense of corporate responsibility for the education and future of our next generation and models the habit of giving, which is such a hallmark of our community.

The enclosed forms provide details of the voluntary contribution scheme for this academic year. Please note that as SMJPS Trust is a registered charity, if you pay tax and complete a gift aid form (available from Sue Zion in the office), the school benefits by receiving additional funds from the Government.

P.T.O.

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We look forward to receiving your completed forms.

This year, we will review donations on a monthly basis in order to manage the Trust's cashflow of donations better to aid the school. If we don't hear from you, we will assume that you require more information about why we ask for donations and we will therefore be in touch.

Our voluntary contributions administrator, Mrs Sue Zion is available to discuss any questions regarding your contributions. If you would like to contact her, please phone the School Office, alternatively you can contact her on her email at: szion@simonmarks.hackney.sch.uk. Please be assured that all conversations will be in the strictest confidence.

We very much look forward to your support.

With kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Howard Pallis', written in a cursive style.

Mr Howard Pallis
Chair of Governors on behalf of SMJPS Trust