



simon marks
jewish primary school

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November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you and your families are well and your children have settled happily back into school life.

Simon Marks is committed to providing the very best education for all of its pupils. As a Jewish school it provides our children with their spiritual, moral, social and cultural education.

You probably already know that Simon Marks Jewish Primary School is voluntary aided. State funding only goes so far, and the school relies heavily upon donations for funding the Jewish ethos and education that the school provides. This includes both the formal Hebrew and Jewish Studies lessons and the range of informal activities which, together, underpin and enhance the special community environment of the school.

Donations to the school also help to fund the 10% gap in capital costs that the school incurs for items such upgrading of the school's IT systems or building improvements.

This year's annual shortfall in the school's budget is circa £90,000. We anticipate and rely upon most parents being willing to contribute to help cover this cost that the state does not meet.

We understand that we are currently living in unprecedented times and that not all parents will be able to afford the requested amount so we thought you may find it helpful for us to suggest a reduced amount dependent on your household income. If your household income is less than £40,000, we would hope that you could afford 10 monthly donations of £55 and if your household income is less than £20,000, we hope that you could afford 10 monthly donations of £22.

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.

The enclosed forms provide details of the voluntary contribution scheme for this academic year. **We look forward to receiving your completed forms by Monday 15th November.** If we don't hear from you, we hope you don't mind us being in touch to answer any further questions you may have.

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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

VOLUNTARY DONATIONS INFORMATION SHEET

Academic year 2021 / 2022

There are a number of different ways that you can pay your Voluntary Contributions:

£1,430 is the suggested full amount

£550 is the suggested amount if your household income is less than £40,000

£220 is the suggested amount if your household income is less than £20,000.

SCHEDULED REQUESTED PAYMENT BASED ON THE STANDARD DONATION

<u>Number of children in school</u>	<u>Ten monthly standing order staged payments commencing on 30 November 2021</u>	<u>Three standing order staged payments 30/11/2021 28/02/2022 30/05/2022</u>	<u>Single cheque</u>
1	£143	£ 476	£1430
2	£114	£381	£1144
3	£107.20	£357	£1072

The figures above reflect the following savings per child on the single child contribution, for two children -20% and for three or more -25%

The bank details for making standing orders are as follows:

**SIMON MARKS JEWISH PRIMARY SCHOOL TRUST,
HSBC BANK,
PO Box LB 663,
39 Tottenham Court Road,
London,
W1A 1FP**

Sort Code: **40-07-07**
Account Number: **71492381**

- Alternatively, you can pay via parent pay but please be aware that the Trust will receive your donation less a small administration fee.
- As the 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.
- We would like to request that all staged payments are made by standing order. We have enclosed a form for your ease. Alternatively, it can be found on the school's website under Parents / Voluntary Contributions

