

July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

NURSERY PAYMENTS AND KODESH VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS 2024/25

We look forward to welcoming your children to North West London Jewish Day School. This letter sets out all the payments and voluntary contributions for nursery children, for the academic year 2024/25, starting in September 2024.

1) Nursery Fees

We refer to the offer letter that we sent out in January, advising that the nursery fees for the academic year 2024-25 will be **£6,000 per pupil**. Please note, that the school has revised our Nursery school fees from the current academic year in order to meet our increased costs and to bring our Nursery fees in line with the current standard UK fee rates for nurseries. To offset this increase and to streamline payments in line with the single VC contribution for the rest of the school, we have reduced the VC contribution request for Nursery pupils from £3,990 (incl. gift aid) to **£2,356.59 (incl. gift aid)**. The total payment requested per pupil, taking into account Nursery fees and VC contributions, therefore equates to a **7% increase** vs. 2023/24.

Please also see the separate Nursery fees letter for further details, including when and how to pay.

2) School Lunch fees

We are fortunate to have a dedicated on-site kitchen which cooks fresh fully kosher meals every day for our pupils. As Nursery pupils are not entitled to free school meals, we are required to pass on the cost per meal of **£4.05**, which is compulsory for pupils attending afternoon Nursery. There are 186 days in the next academic year, adding up to **£753.30** for the entire year.

Please see the separate Nursery lunch fees letter for further details, including when and how to pay.

3) Kodesh Voluntary Contributions

North West London Jewish Day School is a state school that receives funding from the Government. Although the nursery is privately funded, **the school also receives absolutely no money at all from the Government for Kodesh (Jewish Studies) and the Kodesh education is provided by our charity NWL Jewish Day School.**

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Our charity employs the Kodesh teachers and provides the resources for all Kodesh Studies and extra-curricular Kodesh activities, which **every** pupil receives in an integrated and inclusive environment in every school year from Nursery upwards. **We therefore rely solely on parents for VCs to help cover the entire cost of the Kodesh Education.**

The suggested Kodesh VC is **£2,812.50 for the year or £2,356.59 when opting in for Gift Aid (click)**. This is a charitable donation and you may be entitled to claim tax relief depending on your circumstances. We are also able to accept these donations from charity accounts, e.g. Charitable Trusts, Achisomoch, CAF, payroll giving etc.

Please note that for pupils in Reception-Year 6, we also request a VC contribution to cover additional provision not funded by the State. We will write to you regarding this in approximately one year's time.

This year we have introduced Direct Debit as a method of payment to make it as straightforward as possible for parents. This is our preferred method of collecting VCs. Simply click the links in the table below to sign up. **We are offering families the opportunity to contribute at last year's suggested levels by Direct Debit when signing up before 1 September 2024.**

Suggested VC Per Child	Annual (1 payment)	Termly (3 equal payments)	Monthly (10 equal payments)
With Gift Aid	£2,356.59 <u>(Before Sept: £2,244.38)</u>	£785.53 <u>(Before Sept: 748.13)</u>	£235.66 <u>(Before Sept: £224.44)</u>
Without Gift Aid	£2,812.50 <u>(Before Sept: £2,700)</u>	£937.50 <u>(Before Sept: £900)</u>	£281.25 <u>(Before Sept: £270)</u>

How can I make my Payments?

- **DIRECT DEBIT**
- Parentmail (select payment sum from the "Parentmail Shop");
- Cheque (inc. from business or charitable trust)
- Charity Voucher (SmartGiving/CAF etc);
- Bank Transfer/Standing Order (account details below):
Account Name: NWL Jewish Day School
Account No: 36563160
Sort Code: 30-65-41
Reference: [Your child's full name]

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Summary Table of all Payments and Contributions

<u>Item</u>	<u>Total without Gift Aid</u>	<u>Total With Gift Aid</u>
Nursery Fees	£6,000.00	£6,000.00
Lunch Fees	£753.30	£753.30
Kodesh Voluntary Contribution	(suggested) £2,812.50	(suggested) £2,356.59
<u>TOTAL inc. full suggested contribution</u>	<u>£9,565.80</u>	<u>£ 9,109.89</u>

We have put together some FAQs overleaf. For any further VC queries, please contact Melanie Laban, Administrator for VC collections, (mlaban@nwljds.org.uk) who will be very happy to assist.

Thank you very much for your continued support to ensure our children receive the most fantastic education.

Yours sincerely,

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Frequently Asked Questions

Are contributions really voluntary?

Yes, contributions are voluntary and are a charitable donation. There is no obligation for any parent to make any contribution, but we need parents to understand that the finances of the school are not sustainable if parents do not contribute back into the school. If we do not get sufficient contributions then ultimately it will impact on the quality of our children's education, in terms of what we are able to provide.

No pupil at the school is treated differently, whether their parents have made any contribution or not.

Can I claim Gift Aid?

Yes, contributions **are** eligible for Gift Aid relief since these are considered charitable contributions, but only provided that a Gift Aid declaration has been signed. We quote a reduced amount for those donors who have registered with us for Gift Aid to reflect this.

Gift Aid allows the school to claim 25p for every £1 donated to the charity, from the Government, provided that the donor is a taxpayer and has signed a Gift Aid Declaration. In addition, should you be eligible, higher-rate tax relief is available on Gift Aided donations.

[Please click here to complete an online Gift Aid declaration.](#)

How can Gift Aiding my VCs help me?

Provided the above conditions are met, the following is a worked example of the real cost of VCs for higher rate (40%) taxpayers. Please note that this is provided for purely illustrative purposes and must not be taken as tax advice. For detailed tax advice, please consult an accountant.

<u>You donate</u>	<u>£2,356.59</u>
<u>NWLJDS reclaims</u>	<u>£589.15</u>
<u>You could claim a tax refund of</u>	<u>£589.15</u>
<u>NWLJDS receives</u>	<u>£2,945.74</u>
<u>The net cost to you is</u>	<u>£1,767.44</u>

Can I contribute using Charity Cheque, Business Cheque or a Charitable Trust Account?

Yes, Contributions can be made by charity voucher (including Achisomoch, SmartGiving and CAF) or via a Business or Charitable Trust Account. These payments are not eligible for further Gift Aid, so we do request the full suggested contribution in these instances.

What happens if I cannot afford to contribute?

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For those who are financially unable to contribute, please contact Melanie Laban, Administrator for VC collections, (mlaban@nwljds.org.uk), in the strictest of confidence. We do ask that parents contribute as much as they are able.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DO SO WE CANNOT EMPHASISE ENOUGH HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR US TO RECEIVE FULL AND TIMELY CONTRIBUTIONS.

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