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Dear Parents and Carers,

NURSERY PAYMENTS AND KODESH VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS 2025/26

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 2025/26, starting in September 2025.

1) Nursery Fees

We refer to the offer letters that we sent out in January, stating that the nursery fees for the academic year 2025-26 will be £6,300 per pupil, payable annually, termly or monthly over 10 months. The annual fee takes the universal state-funded provision of 15 hours per week into account. This is explained in Appendix 1.

Where parents are eligible for 30 hours of free childcare per week, their fees will be reduced accordingly. For more information, please contact the school office.

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 make a charge of £4.40 per meal which is compulsory for pupils attending afternoon Nursery. There are 186 days in the next academic year, adding up to £818.40 for the entire year.

3) Kodesh Voluntary Contributions

Although the nursery is privately funded, North West is a state school that receives funding from the Government. **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.**

Our charity employs the Kodesh teachers and provides the resources for all Kodesh Studies and extra-curricular Kodesh activities, which **every** pupil receives. **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 ask for a further VC to cover additional provision not funded by the State. We will write to you regarding this in approximately one year's time.

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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.

Suggested VC Per Child	Annual (1 contribution)	Termly (3 equal contributions)	Monthly (10 equal contributions)
With Gift Aid	£2,356.59	£785.53	£235.66
Without Gift Aid	£2,812.50	£937.50	£281.25

How can I make my Contributions?

- **DIRECT DEBIT** ([click here to set up](#))
- 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]

Summary Table of all Payments and Contributions

Item	Nature	Total without Gift Aid	Total With Gift Aid
Nursery Fees	Compulsory	£6,300.00	£6,300.00
Lunch Fees	Compulsory	£818.40	£818.40
Kodesh Voluntary Contribution	Voluntary	(suggested) £2,812.50	(suggested) £2,356.59
TOTAL inc. full suggested contribution		£9,930.90	£ 9,474.99

We have put together some FAQs in Appendix 2. 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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Appendix I – Nursery Fees breakdown

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to North West in September. As you may be aware, for the past few years the Government has only provided Nursery funding for 15 hours per week, and we have had to charge a fee to parents for the other half of the Nursery provision. However, as you are probably aware, six years ago the Government introduced a new initiative to provide a means tested additional 15 hours of Nursery in the afternoon.

If you are eligible for 30 hours of free childcare per week

If you have received your eligibility code, you will be covered for a total of 30 hours of our nursery service for the year. As such, you will not be required to pay the full nursery afternoon fee of £6,300 per annum.

However, we provide more than 30 hours per week of nursery care. These additional hours will not be covered by the government's provision. We have calculated the charge for the extra nursery provision above 30 hours to be £600 in total, or £200 per term. We will deduct this charge against the deposit you have already paid.

As eligibility needs to be reconfirmed every 3 months, we will be staggering deposit refunds into 3 equal repayments each term once eligibility has been confirmed.

If you are only eligible for 15 hours of free childcare per week (universal provision)

If parents are not eligible for 30 hours or have not applied for the extra provision, they will need to fund the afternoon nursery provision themselves.

We note that you have contracted to pay the fees for the afternoon Nursery for the academic year 2025-2026. As previously notified, payment is £6,300 per child for the school year. Payment can be made in the following ways:

Annually	£6,300 minus £1,500 deposit	<i>£4,800 – 1 payment due at start of School Year</i>
Termly	£6,300 minus £1,500 deposit divided by 3 instalments at the commencement of each term	<i>£1,600 – 3 payments due at the beginning of each School Term</i>
Standing Order	£6,300 minus £1,500 deposit divided by 10 monthly instalments	<i>£480 - 10 payments due on standing order on the 13 Oct – 13 July each month</i>

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Appendix 2 - 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 and may jeopardise the future of the school, long term.

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.

Items classified as fees (i.e. Nursery Fees and Nursery Lunches) are not subject to Gift Aid treatment.

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>£2126.25</u>
<u>NWLJDS reclaims</u>	<u>£531.56</u>
<u>You could claim a tax refund of</u>	<u>£531.56</u>
<u>NWLJDS receives</u>	<u>£2,657.50</u>
<u>The net cost to you is</u>	<u>£1,594.69</u>

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

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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?

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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