

## **Important Information about Voluntary Contributions to the Curriculum Enrichment Fund**

Mosaic Jewish Primary School uses voluntary contributions to fund education and learning opportunities that the school could not afford based on the money we receive from the government alone.

We prepare a budget each year to meet all of the schools requirements and then compare this to the money we will receive from the DfE (Department for Education). We then look to other ways of funding the gap.

Most schools request a regular voluntary contribution from parents or carers because government funding is insufficient to cover the cost of the extended curriculum. This is particularly relevant in Mosaic Jewish Primary School given the additional range of extra-curricular activities provided beyond the standard curriculum.

We encourage voluntary contributions at Mosaic in order to enhance the educational experience of every child in our school whether or not they are Jewish. Diversity and inclusivity are at the heart of the Mosaic ethos and our voluntary contributions aim to enhance every part of our children's education. We call this fund our Curriculum Enrichment Fund. The money can be used in different ways depending on our priorities - to fund special events, outdoor learning, bringing in staff with specialist skills, teaching assistants, educational trips, independent study resources or musical equipment.

Other possible areas which can be funded by voluntary contributions are specialist teaching and extension activities for gifted and talented children, additional one-to-one support for children with special needs to complement funding received from the government and additional training and professional development for staff to ensure the quality of teaching remains outstanding.

We also retain a small percentage to help supplement families who need additional support.

Economic realities mean that we expect government funding for schools to remain under pressure for some time.

By giving regular voluntary contributions, everyone will be involved with providing the best education possible for all our children. Any contribution would be greatly appreciated and all donations are treated anonymously. The annual request for voluntary contributions (including information on payment methods) will be sent to you via Parent Mail early in September.

Voluntary contributions are exactly that – voluntary. Nobody is obliged to contribute and all children at Mosaic will benefit equally whether or not their parents or carers pay a voluntary contribution.