

SINAI JEWISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Sinai Jewish Primary School

Big school, big heart, big opportunities

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Outstanding

in all areas

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"Pupils show their love of learning. They flourish and achieve extremely well academically, personally and socially."

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"happy children, learn well"

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Thank you for your interest in Sinai.

It is with great pride and pleasure that I welcome you to view Sinai through our prospectus.

As an experienced Headteacher of our thriving three-form entry school, I am honoured to lead a community that has been recognised by Ofsted as Outstanding in all areas, with no areas for development. This achievement is a testament to the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our children and the unwavering support of our families.

We are the largest Jewish primary state school in Europe, with a fabulous campus that allows us to provide opportunities akin to a private school. We are aspirational for every child in our care and provide opportunities for all of our children to thrive. Whilst we are large in size, we have the philosophy of a small school. Knowing all of our pupils well and catering for all of their needs and interests.

At Sinai we believe that every child deserves the very best start in life. Our aim is to inspire a love of learning, nurture confident and compassionate individuals and ensure that every pupil is given the opportunity to achieve their full potential. We set the highest expectations for behaviour, achievement and personal growth, fostering an environment where children feel safe, valued and motivated to succeed. We are aspirational for every child to achieve their best.

Our rich and varied curriculum is expertly designed by our curriculum teams to secure strong academic outcomes. Through our progression of skills and knowledge we also develop creativity, resilience and a sense of wider responsibility. As a three-form entry school, we benefit from a strong year-group community while still being able to offer a personalised and carefully crafted educational experience for each child. Our highly skilled and committed staff work collaboratively to ensure that high-quality teaching and learning is at the heart of all we do.

Beyond the classroom, we are proud to offer a wide range of enrichment opportunities, from sports and the arts to leadership roles and community engagement projects. These experiences help our pupils to develop character, discover their passions and build the skills they need to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Choosing the right school is one of the most important decisions a family can make. I warmly invite you to visit us and experience the vibrant, caring and ambitious ethos that makes Sinai such a special place to learn and grow. Together, we strive for excellence, every day, for every child.

Children at Sinai, love Sinai. Happy children learn well. Behaviour is excellent and teachers have high expectations, through a warm and nurturing approach. We are proud of our achievements and are always aspirational for all our pupils.

We are a big school, with a big heart, offering big opportunities.

J. Lipshaw

Juliette Lipshaw
Headteacher, Sinai Jewish Primary School

About Sinai School

Sinai Jewish Primary School is three-form entry, co-educational voluntary-aided school, admitting 90 children into Reception and up to 60 children into Nursery. It is the largest Jewish primary school in Europe – a big school, with a big heart, offering big opportunities.

The school follows the National Curriculum and strives to embed a lifelong love of learning and boasts a team of dedicated and driven staff who all believe that every child has the right to the best education. We have extensive sports facilities, including a purpose built gym and a dedicated PE teacher and sports coaches. We also have a dedicated French teacher and specialist facilities for Music and Art.

Our size means we offer amazing opportunities both inside and outside the classroom whilst we nurture and care for the well-being of every child.

Sinai offers a wealth of extra-curricular activities including dance, drama, karate, football, art, chess, choir, musical instruments and multi-sports. We also support the working parent and offer daily breakfast and after school clubs as well as school coaches from Radlett, Elstree, Borehamwood, Mill Hill, Edgware, Stanmore and Bushey.

Themed days, workshops, school trips, visits from speakers and theatre groups and cross curricular activities bring learning to life and enhance the varied and exciting learning environment for all the children.

We embody a love of and commitment to Judaism and Israel. Hebrew and Jewish Studies underpin the whole educational character of the school. Jewish Studies is taught both as an independent subject and integrated into day-to-day lessons.

The Jewish Studies curriculum aims to develop spirituality and to make the children proud of their Judaism, with the necessary skills and knowledge to continue with their Jewish Studies throughout their secondary education and on into adulthood. Celebrating the festivals is a big part of Sinai life and we welcome parents and grandparents in on a regular basis to share this joy.

We received an "Outstanding" judgement, in all areas in our most recent Ofsted inspection, validating our exceptional Early Years provision and beyond.

Quality of education	**OUTSTANDING**
Behaviour and attitudes	**OUTSTANDING**
Personal development	**OUTSTANDING**
Leadership and management	**OUTSTANDING**
Early years provision	**OUTSTANDING**

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'A nurturing environment for your child to learn and develop'



Our Nursery

Our Nursery provision is Outstanding led by a highly experienced Nursery Manager. Every child is cared for by experienced and loving key workers.

Starting Nursery is a big step for everyone in the family. Our priority is for your child to feel safe and nurtured, just as they do at home. Our Nursery is happy, warm and friendly with a calm energy that our children thrive on.

We believe that learning at this young age is all about exploring through play and developing the learning skills needed for future years. Our bright and modern Nursery setting is open plan and allows the children to use the space and equipment to its full advantage.

Our Nursery and Reception lay the foundation for the children's future education. Our children are taught a blended mix of formal lessons, group work and independent free-flow activities.

"Pupils play an active role during lessons. This starts in early years where they take a lead in their learning."
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The EYFS curriculum encompasses seven key areas of learning.

The three prime areas of learning are:

1. Personal, Social and Emotional Development
2. Communication and Language
3. Physical Development

The four specific areas, through which the three prime areas are strengthened and applied, are:

1. Literacy
2. Mathematics
3. Knowledge of the world
4. Expressive arts and design

Jewish Studies forms the 8th area of learning, ensuring it is an integral part of the children's learning and development.





"The working relationships between staff and pupils are warm and caring." **Ofsted**

Sinai Facts

2 outdoor spaces exclusively for our Nursery

Our Reception

At Sinai, our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) ensures that children learn through play, as play is vital for children's development. It is through play that young children learn, grow and have fun. It helps them understand the world around them and to develop socially and emotionally. The child is at the centre of the Early Years Foundation Stage and our staff will acknowledge and value your child's interests and abilities, building on them through play.

The children have a daily Maths meeting, Phonics and Maths lessons and weekly Literacy and Writing lessons which are supported with continuous provision inside and outside the classroom. Teachers and support staff lead focus group activities across all areas of learning.

All children work at their own individual pace and work is differentiated accordingly. By the end of the year, children will be ready to start, the Key Stage 1 Curriculum. We ensure that intervention groups and 1:1 support for those children identified with specific learning needs takes place, as well as ensuring support is given to any child who is not making the appropriate progress.

The Reception curriculum is comprised of seven areas of learning. Each area of learning and development is implemented through a mix of adult led activities and child initiated play. Our staff will pick up on your child's interests and abilities and build on them through play – ensuring that each individual child reaches their fullest potential.





Sinai Facts

4 outdoor playgrounds and play equipment




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Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)
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The Curriculum

Year 1 – Year 6

We follow the National Curriculum which sets out a clear, full and statutory entitlement to learning for all children aged five to eleven and determines the content of what will be taught.

Our subject leaders have designed an impressive curriculum to ensure progression of skills and knowledge throughout the learning journey from Nursery to Year 6.

This is preceded by the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum which is taught to children age three to five.

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum that places the children at the centre of their learning: immersing them in memorable moments, actively engaging lessons and creating meaningful links within our learning.

Core curriculum subjects are:

- **English**
- **Mathematics**
- **Science**
- **ICT (Information and Communication Technology)**

The Foundation subjects are:

- **History**
- **Geography**
- **Design and Technology**
- **Religions and World Views**
- **Music**
- **Art and Design**
- **Physical Education**
- **PSHE**
- **Computing**



Music



Music reflects the culture and society we live in, and so the teaching and learning of music enables children to better understand the world we live in. Besides being a creative and enjoyable activity, music can also be a highly academic and demanding subject. It also plays an important part in helping children feel part of the community.

All children are given opportunities to perform, compose, listen to and appraise music. We encourage pupils to look at new ways of expressing musical ideas through classical music and interactive experiences.

We have a well-resourced music area so the children have access to the following instruments as part of their lessons: violin, African drums, recorder, toot (miniature flute) and ukulele.

We also offer private music lessons for piano, violin, flute, clarinet and guitar.



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Art / Design & Technology

We believe that Art provides children with a range of quality experiences which captivate and motivate them, allowing them to creatively explore various subjects including many of the topics they are learning in class.

At Sinai we aim to give children a wide variety of high quality art experiences, using a range of media for drawing, painting, printing, collage and sculpture that engage and challenge our pupils. Our schemes of work take inspiration from artists, styles and cultures from around the world.

Art is taught in our well-resourced Art room. We are fortunate to have an onsite kiln and a range of mixed media. Children's artwork is proudly displayed around the school.



Sport

At Sinai we recognise the vital role that PE has to play in promoting a long-term healthy lifestyle that is both enjoyable and rewarding. We aim to provide a high-quality physical education curriculum that inspires all of our pupils to succeed and excel in competitive sport and other physically demanding activities. Physical education is at the forefront of our school culture and we believe this will enhance academic achievement, as well as the health and well-being of our pupils. We have a dedicated PE teacher and two specialist PE coaches who teach Football, Basketball, Tennis and Netball, Swimming and Multisports. The children also complete the daily mile on a track that loops our MUGA (multi use games area).

We regularly enter sporting competitions, in both local and Jewish leagues, and our full trophy cabinet is a reflection of the high standard of sport at Sinai.

We also offer a variety of lunchtime and after school extra-curricular sports clubs for the children, run by external suppliers.









Sinai Facts

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Languages

Learning a foreign language provides a valuable educational, social and cultural experience in preparation for future life. At Sinai we have a dedicated Modern Foreign Languages teacher and we teach French throughout KS2 in a fun and enjoyable way through choosing interesting and relevant topics that will engage and stimulate learning and develop children's curiosity of language. They sing songs, read stories and perform role-plays.

At Sinai our aim is for children to begin to develop a love of learning a language at primary school, which should encourage them to continue to learn a modern foreign language at secondary school.



Jewish Studies

Jewish Studies is the heartbeat of our school. The curriculum is taught in an interesting and meaningful way, complementing and enriching the secular studies across the school.

Jewish History, prayer and Chumash are taught to the children through a progression of skills designed by our team of experienced teachers.

Our Jewish Studies curriculum aims to produce children who are proud, confident Jews with the necessary skills and knowledge to play a full part in the Jewish Community.

In Upper Key Stage 2 children learn their JS curriculum in innovative ways through the use of ICT.

We aim to create in every child the desire to continue with their Jewish Studies throughout their secondary education and on into adulthood.

Children at Sinai have a daily Jewish Studies lesson as well as *tefillah* and *bensching*.

Celebrating the festivals is a big part of Sinai life and we welcome parents and grandparents in on a regular basis to share this joy, whether that be for candle lighting at Chanukah, our model Seder at Pesach or *Oneg*, where we mark Shabbat.





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SENd Department

We strive to support all children to enable them to achieve at school. In order to do this, many steps are taken to support them through their learning journey. For some children there are occasions when further additional support may be needed to help them to make the best possible progress in school.

Sinai is a fully inclusive school and aims for all pupils to achieve their potential, personally, socially, emotionally and academically in all areas of the curriculum (regardless of their gender, ethnicity, social background, religion, sexual identity, physical ability or educational needs).

Children are identified as having SENd when they have a significant learning need or disability which calls for provision to be implemented that is additional to, or different from, the provision that is typically in place for other children of the same age in a mainstream setting. The school, through our dedicated and specially staffed SENd Department, then have specific needs based plans that help support their development and accelerate progress.



Sensory Room / Wellbeing Room and Garden

We have a fully equipped sensory room available for all our children to use as a safe and calm space to meditate or take some time for reflection.

We also have a Wellbeing and Therapy Room where our therapists meet with the children under their care. It is a calm and adaptable space used for therapy, relaxation and discussion. By offering a space for the children to relax and think we are enabling them to manage their own stress and wellbeing.

We have a beautiful Wellbeing Garden with a variety of plants, outdoor seating and a relaxing water feature – all designed to benefit physical, mental and social wellbeing.

Sinai is a nurturing school. We care for the whole child and have committed to providing the staffing and resources to facilitate this support.







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Sensory Room

'We care for the whole child and have committed to providing the staffing and resources to facilitate this support'


Sinai Facts
We have a SENd department and sensory room as well as a Wellbeing Leader and therapists available to all our children.

British Values, School Council and Eco Council

We believe it is important to listen to our pupils and value the contribution they can give to making decisions about the school. Every year, each class (Y3 to Y6) elects two representatives to the school council. As proud British Citizens we follow the rules of democracy.

The Council's aim is to help the school improve in a number of different areas with ideas, comments and suggestions. If children have a comment to make, there is a 'Suggestion Box' in every classroom. Meetings are held regularly in the Conference Room and the Councillors chair and minute these meetings with guidance from Senior Staff.

At Sinai we are passionate about climate change and the role schools have to play in shaping young minds about climate change and sustainability. We are an Eco School and have an Eco Schools Green Flag Award. Our Eco Council work hard to ensure we have a clean and cared for school environment.





Working with Parents

We welcome and encourage the active involvement of all parents and regard this as part of the partnership between school and home.

There are plenty of opportunities for Sinai families to come into school and experience the buzz of a school day.

At the beginning of each academic year we hold a launch meeting where parents get to meet the class teachers and learn about the curriculum for that year.

We will regularly update you on your child's progress and host two Parents Evenings per year as well as producing a mid year report and a detailed written report at the end of the school year.

We invite Sinai families in to celebrate Shabbat and the Jewish festivals, such as Chanukah, Pesach and Yom Ha'atzmaut and we are proud to be an open and welcoming school.

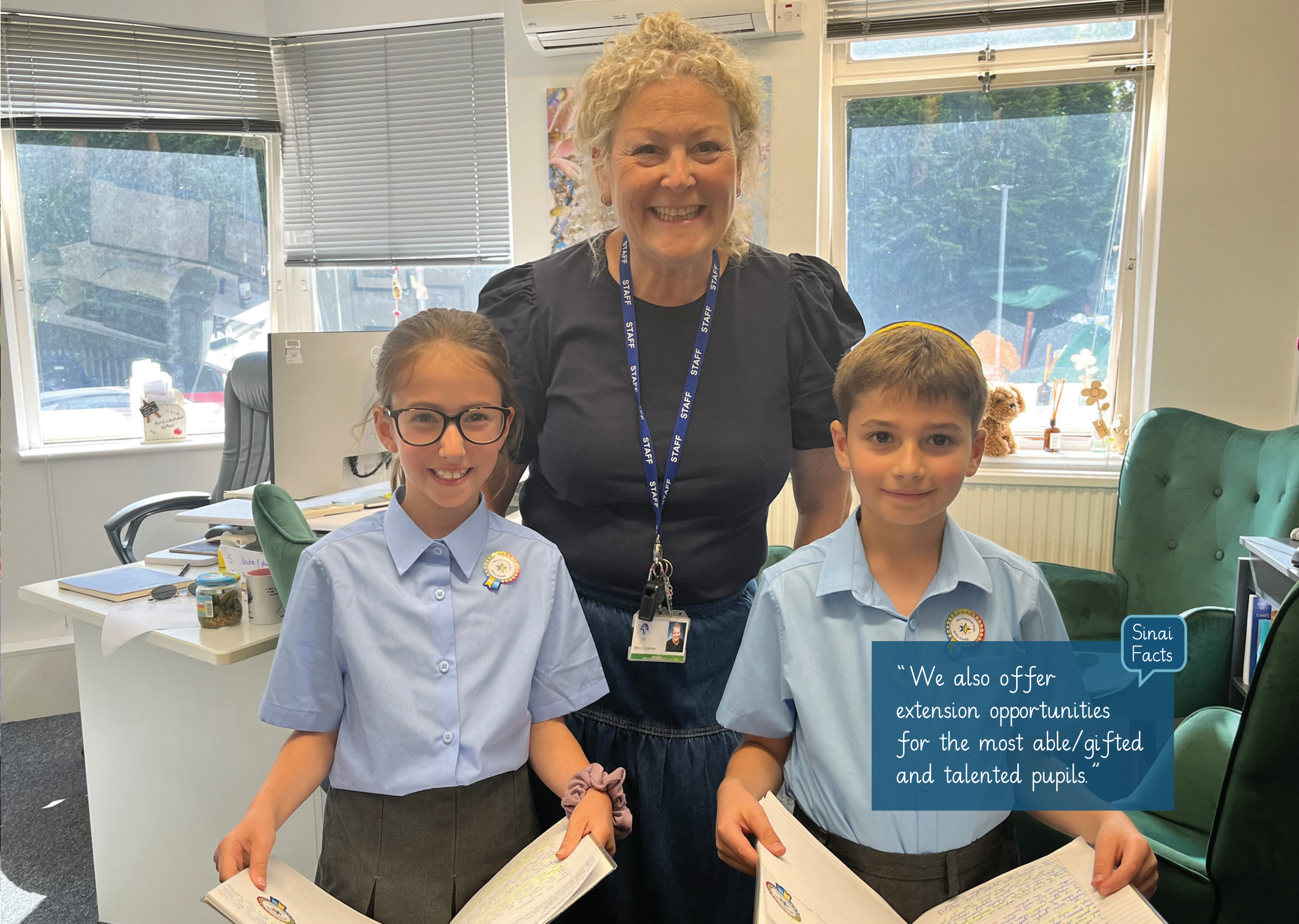
We know that children learn best when their parents are fully involved in their education and we ask for your help and cooperation in supporting their learning journey.

We also have plenty of volunteer opportunities for our parents. We have a lively and active PSA (Parent School Association) that put on fundraising events throughout the year and who help out in school and we have two class reps for each class.

'Come and join the Sinai family'





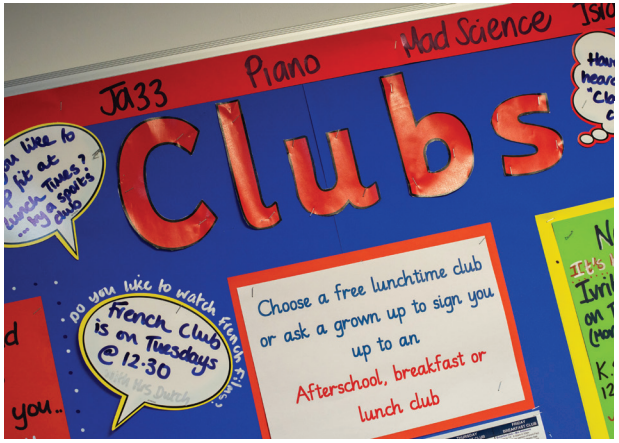

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"We also offer extension opportunities for the most able/gifted and talented pupils."

Extra-Curricular Activities

We are proud to offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities at Sinai. We know that activities outside the classroom are wonderful for building confidence.

Extra-curricular activities which take place outside the school timetable (lunchtime and after school) include:

Chess, Drama, Football, Hip Hop, Karate, Netball, Keyboard, Violin, Dance, Musical Theatre and more.



Wraparound Childcare

We know that working parents often find it difficult to juggle work and the school day. To help our working parents we offer Breakfast Club daily from 7.50am – 8.35am for the children to enjoy a healthy start to the day, overseen by Sinai staff members.

Our Sibling Club helps parents bridge that gaps between different year group finishes and we also offer an After School Club (Monday – Thursday) until 5.30pm where children can engage in games, outdoor play or read a book. A light, hot supper is given.

Breakfast, Sibling and After School Club are all run by Sinai members of staff which we feel is important for continuity of care.

Our playground is open every morning from 8.10am to allow parents to drop and go (Y1-Y6). The school has good transport links and is equidistant from Kingsbury and Preston Road underground stations, with both being only a short walk away.



School Buses

We offer a number of transport options through our fleet of school buses to help parents coming in from Mill Hill, Edgware, Radlett, Borehamwood, Elstree, Bushey and Stanmore. Please contact our Bus Coordinator to learn what options are available to you: admin@sinai.brent.sch.uk.
(Other areas will be considered based on demand)



Healthy School

All the food served at Sinai, from our 5 star hygiene rated kosher kitchen, meets Government nutritional standards. As part of the policy we encourage healthy eating. We serve high-quality hot meat, chicken or fish meals with fruit and vegetables. There is also a vegetarian option, salad bar, jacket potatoes, sandwiches and pasta options.



Example menu:

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WEEK 1 MENU

WEEKS: 02/11, 23/11, 14/12, 18/01, 8/02, 8/03

Homemade Soup Available Daily

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Homemade Chicken Nuggets served with Parsley Potatoes & Mixed Vegetables	Shepherd's Pie served with Roasted Vegetables	Spanish Chicken with Spaghetti & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Chicken served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy	Breaded Fish Goujons served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans
MEAT FREE	Vegetable Nuggets served with Buttered Parsley Potato & Mixed Vegetables	Shepherdess Pie Served with Roasted Vegetable	Mac & Cheese with Cheesy Vegetable Sauce, and Seasonal Vegetables	Cauliflower Vegan Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy	Roasted Vegetable Frittata served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans
PASTA & JACKETS	Pasta with Homemade Tomato and Vegetable Sauce served with Fresh Salad	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo & Baked Beans served with Fresh Salad	Pasta with Homemade Tomato and Vegetable Sauce served with Fresh Salad	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo & Baked Beans served with Fresh Salad	Pasta with Homemade Tomato and Vegetable Sauce served with Fresh Salad
LUNCHTIME LUNCHBOX	Cream Cheese, Egg Mayo or Tuna Mayo Sandwich with Salad Bar	Cream Cheese, Egg Mayo or Tuna Mayo Sandwich with Salad Bar	Cream Cheese, Egg Mayo or Tuna Mayo Sandwich with Salad Bar	Cream Cheese, Egg Mayo or Tuna Mayo Sandwich with Salad Bar	Cream Cheese, Egg Mayo or Tuna Mayo Sandwich with Salad Bar
DESSERTS	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Chocolate Brownie, Fresh Fruit	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Apple Crumble with Custard, Fruity Jelly, Fresh Fruit	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Oat Flapjack, Fresh Fruit	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Iced Vanilla Sponge, Fruity Jelly, Fresh Fruit	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Cinnamon Shortbread with Fruit Slice, Fresh Fruit



Governing Board

The Governing Board provides strategic leadership and accountability for the school – catering to the needs of the whole school community. They ensure the school provides the best environment for learning notably across scrutiny of curriculum, pupil wellbeing and finance, within the school's modern Orthodox Jewish ethos.

"I am passionate in ensuring that every child at Sinai has the opportunity to thrive in a caring, ambitious and supportive environment. It is a privilege to visit the school and see the pupils' enthusiasm for learning, their positive behaviour and the benefits of a rich, varied and engaging curriculum, delivered by dedicated and inspiring staff."

Mr Adam Goldman, Chair of Governers

Attendance and Punctuality

Your child is expected to attend school every day. School starts at 8.45am and we want all children here on time and ready to learn. We are proud that our average attendance rate is 97%.

The gates to our school open at 8.10am for pupils to arrive early and enjoy the space our playgrounds offer.

Safeguarding

We have an excellent reputation for safeguarding our pupils and staff. We have a robust Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy in place. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead and team along with a nominated Governor are responsible for Safeguarding. We run annual training for all staff and all our volunteers are DBS checked.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families and carers has a role to play in safeguarding children. Everyone who works with our pupils ensures that their approach is child centered and they consider at all times what is in the best interest of the child.

Security

Our campus is a secure site, which has controlled entry, mag-lock doors, 24 hour CCTV and a security patrol team. We ask all people visiting the site to abide by our security procedures. Visitors, volunteers and parents must only enter through the main entrance and after signing in at our Reception desk.




















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Sinai School Rules:

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Ready

Be the best you can be

Be SMART online

S Keep all of your personal information SAFE.

M Do not MEET up with strangers you have met online.

A Think before you ACCEPT anything online.

R Not everything or everyone is RELIABLE.

T TELL an adult if you feel worried or uncomfortable.

Always be kind online

Notes

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Parent Tours

The Headteacher or Head of Operations conduct tours of our wonderful school. Parents wishing to view the school should contact **admissions@sinai.brent.sch.uk** to request a tour.

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