

Welcome from the Rimon Local Governors and Voluntary Contributions

We are looking forward to welcoming your [son/daughter/children] to Rimon!

We are excited that you will be joining our wonderful school community and look forward to seeing you at various events as well as school pick-up and drop-off throughout the year!

We wanted to send a brief email to you regarding Voluntary Contributions, to explain why we raise voluntary contributions and to encourage you to make your annual contribution. We have included the link below where you can easily set up and make your contributions to the school.

At Rimon we rely on donations from parents called 'Voluntary Contributions' ("VCs") for a whole range of services and equipment which benefit our children. Rimon receives government funding, but unfortunately this funding only covers our very basic running costs and does not allow us to deliver the nourishing educational experience that we all want for our children. If we had to rely on government funding alone, we would have to reduce the extra support, enrichment and activities we provide, and lower our collective aspirations for the School.

Without regular Voluntary Contributions, we would simply NOT be able to pay for:

- **Teaching Assistants** - there is no government funding for Teaching Assistants beyond Year 2 unless a child has an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and even those are very rarely fully funded by the government
- **Technology equipment** – e.g. chrome books which are not funded by the government and have to be replaced
- **Kodesh Staff** – we are a Jewish school. Our Kodesh provision is funded solely through VCs
- **Curriculum resources** –White Rose for Maths, the Power of Reading for English, Spelling Frame, Times Table Rockstars and others are all paid for with VCs
- **Staff Training** – we want our teachers to grow, develop & improve so they know how to get the best out of our children
- **Enrichment Activities** – visiting performers, inspiring speakers, subsidised school trips, specialist PE teaching and Maccabi and Barnet sports participation are all funded through VCs

All of these extras make our children's experience at Rimon as rich and fulfilling as possible. Below is a link to a brief video that we produced for our last Fundraising dinner in 2019 (before we were joined by Mrs Sarah Simmons) to give you a sense of what we offer at Rimon and why voluntary contributions are so important.

<https://youtu.be/4REvjTNH8iY>

Reducing the quality and depth of our provision for the children is just not an option, which is why we ask those who are able to contribute (or can ask family members to assist with contributions) to do so. As a result of these contributions - on which we rely so heavily - Rimon is able to maintain consistently high standards of education and enrichment for all pupils.

Suggested Contribution Levels Per Child

| Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Per Month:£246 | Per Month: £284 | Per Month: £330 |
| Per Term: £984 | Per Term: £1,134 | Per Term: £1,317 |
| Annual: £2,950 | Annual: £3,400 | Annual: £3,950 |

For those that wish, contributions can be above the recommended amounts.

HOW TO PAY

If you wish to set up a Direct Debit please include your bank account details on the enclosed Invitation to Donate and the JCAT finance team will set up your direct debit for you.

If you would like to pay a **Level 1 voluntary contribution** via monthly direct debit and want to set it up yourself, please click on the following link <https://pay.gocardless.com/AL0002V03WZ2AW>

You can also pay on **Parentmail** (for new parents this only applies once it's been set up for you).

Payments can also be made by **cheque, charity cheque or bank transfer to the Rimon Trust bank account:**

Rimon Jewish Primary School Charitable Trust
Account Sort Code: 30-90-89
Account Number: 44300260
Charity Number: 1186765

Cheques can be handed in to the School Reception or posted to the School and marked for the attention of the School Office. Please remember to include a note saying that the cheque is a VC payment and which child/ren it is for.

Please can you complete the attached invitation to donate and return it to parentmail@jcat.co.uk as soon as possible so that we know how much you have pledged and can set up a direct debit if you want to do so.

We contact families who have not completed the invitation to donate and/or have not made payment to discuss individual situations, but please feel free to contact Suzanne Tager (Chair of Governors) or Sarah Simmons (Headteacher) in advance if you would like to discuss your circumstances further. Please be assured that all children in the school will be treated equally regardless of their family's ability to contribute. Additionally, only select Governors who are responsible for the school's finances are aware of each family's situation.

Best wishes,

Rimon Local Governing Body

Suzanne Tager - Chair of Governors (current Rimon parent)

Ali Gurfinkle (former Rimon Parent)

Rabbi Sam Fromson (current Rimon parent)

Dan Levere (current Rimon parent)

Emily Levere (current Rimon parent)

Jenny Sandler (current Rimon parent)

Matthew Sommers

Jo Rosenblatt (current Rimon parent)