

PAJES Governor Training

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Welcome

What Makes Your School Special?

- Write it in one sentence
- Tell your neighbour and see if there are common ideas between your schools
- Are there things we all have in common?

Some Examples

<https://www.stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk/what-makes-our-school-unique/>

<https://www.r-alibon.bardaglea.org.uk/prospectus/what-makes-us-special-as-a-school/>

<https://maryland.newham.sch.uk/nursery-2/what-makes-our-nursery-unique/>

Are they all the same?

What makes your school a Jewish School?

HOW DO YOU KNOW?

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT ?



Portraiture

What does your school look like when you first come in?

What do the walls tell you?

How are you greeted when you arrive?

Idea

Do an exercise with a group of other governors

The Things We Say

Behaviour - pupils, staff, governors, parents

The language we use in our communications and policies

Kindness + care v professional standards



Jewish Studies and Ivrit

How central are they in the school day?

How much time and resources do you give them?

Who is running tefilah?

Why are these decisions so key?

Is the Ethos Everywhere?

How about in English or Maths or Science?

Is it in the playground?

In the staffroom

In the school office



Setting the Tone as Governors

Terms of Reference with the Jewish ethos in mind

Finance meeting discussions

Dvar Torah to start meetings

Showing the value of relationships in our actions

Building a Community with Values

How do we achieve this?

What if senior staff are not Jewish, what are the challenges?

What if parents aren't aligned?

What is worth fighting for and what is worth letting go?