



Bushey Ganim Prospectus



Bushey Ganim is a 76 place Nursery comprised of a Lower and Upper Gan.

Entry into the Lower Gan is from 2 years of age with automatic follow on into Upper Gan. Entry into the Upper Gan is from rising 3 till rising 5's.

The Ganim are often oversubscribed and offer an excellent educational base to children in the community. They will learn the basics of Judaism, which will provide them with essential knowledge for life in the context of Jewish beliefs and values.

By the time the children are ready to leave Bushey Ganim, they will have acquired different skills, tools and knowledge, which will prepare them for the next stage of their development. This is achieved within the framework of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and through the six areas of learning.

The school is registered with Hertfordshire County Council and OFSTED. They are jointly managed by two headteachers Ms D Boder-Cohn and Mrs D Spector and a management body answerable to Bushey United Synagogue Committee of Management.



Premises



The Lower Gan is situated in the Bradley Krett Memorial Building (formerly BYS) behind the synagogue. The Upper Gan is housed in purpose built classrooms within the synagogue building. Both share an outdoor playground with newly laid safety flooring and also have dedicated indoor play areas and toilets, including nappy changing facilities. The buildings have just been refurbished.



School Hours



The Ganim are open Monday to Friday mornings between 9:30am and 12:30pm except on chagim, bank holidays and staff training days.

*** A minimum of three sessions is required in the Lower Gan. ***

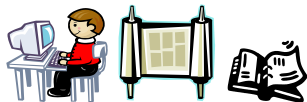
Lunch club and Afternoon sessions

Lunch Club is available in Lower Gan until 1:30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Afternoon sessions including lunch are available in the Upper Gan on Mondays and Wednesdays until 3:00pm.

Both are subject to availability and upon payment of an additional charge.

Parents will be notified of term dates in advance, upon offer of a place.



Curriculum



At Bushey Ganim we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) set out by the Department of Education. Through our effective observations and planning, we are able to make sure that all our learners are developing and aiming to reach their full potential, within the 6 areas of learning, which are:

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| • Personal, Social and Emotional Development | PSED |
| • Communication, Language and Literacy | CLL |
| • Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy | PSRN |
| • Knowledge and Understanding of the World | KUW |
| • Physical Development | PD |
| • Creative Development | CD |

Observations are gathered in the following ways

- **As our little learners play**
- **Through daily conversation**
- **Staff meetings**
- **Planning and next step sheets**

We focus on the chagim/ festivals, and integrate them into our secular and yearly planning.

One of the highlight of our learner's week is our Oneg Shabbat Party. We have lots of singing and dancing, as well as a chance to sit on the Shabbat table.

We always keep in mind that our learners are individuals, learning at their own pace. We take on board what they know and build from there.

The children have a fun introduction to music and movement through nursery rhymes, classical music, instruments, puppets and their own imagination.

Music encourages communication, language, listening and co-operation as well as vocal ability. Movement helps to develop co-ordination, interaction and body awareness.

We are fortunate to have a computer in each classroom and they are used regularly.



Clothing



The Ganim have a uniform consisting of sweatshirts and T-shirts with the Ganim logo. Order forms are available from the Parent's Association and can be downloaded from our website.



Food and Snacks



Children in both Lower & Upper Ganim are provided with fruit and milk (Chalav Yisroel). Water or squash is an alternative where allergies are present.

At the Shabbat Oneg all children are given challah. Parents must inform the headteachers of any allergies.

We are happy to celebrate birthdays at Bushey Ganim. Any cakes or food brought onto nursery premises must be milk and nut free and sealed with a valid kashrut label.



Parent Partnership



Parents are regularly informed about their child's progress and are often invited to join us in celebrating festivals and Oneg Shabbat.

We welcome the contributions of parents, whatever form these may take, and are happy to give advice and support to parents in any way we can.

We keep parents informed with our weekly newsletter which is posted on our website.

We have a welcoming and active Parents Association.



Equal Opportunities



Our aim is to offer each child the opportunity to attain his or her greatest potential by acknowledging their different physical, emotional and educational needs.

We also aim to teach children to have respect for, and an understanding of, their beliefs as well as those of other communities around them, without discrimination.



Inclusion



The Ganim recognise the wide range of specific requirements of children and will give consideration to these requirements.



Policies



Our policies are available to read on our website.



Security



Every Jewish school must be vigilant and security at Bushey Ganim is no exception.

Kindly remember that it is essential for the staff to be informed if someone other than a parent will be collecting your child.

In the event of an emergency, please telephone directly:

Lower Gan: 020 8386 1515

Upper Gan: 020 8386 1616

Ganim Mobile: 07733 068358

Visiting the Gan

All visits are by appointment only.

Please ring to book an appointment: 020 8386 1515

Photo ID will be requested on arrival

