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Dear Mr Stavrinou

Edward Harvist Trust Fund

It was a pleasure to speak with you recently regarding our application to support the new school to be located in Bushey.

I have spoken to the Project Manager and she confirms that we will endeavour to ensure that some pupils at the school will be from Harrow. It is difficult to be exact at the present time as to how many there will be, but we are aware of children from the Harrow area who would be suitable for the school.

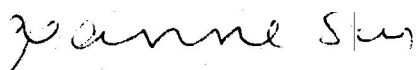
The commencement of building work has been delayed at present but we anticipate that construction will now begin towards the end of the summer.

We have been fortunate to have raised £11 million towards our total budget of £16 million, and are very hopeful that the remainder will be raised in the next year.

Should you require anything further please contact me on 020 8420 6862 or email joanne.sugarman@norwood.org.uk.

With our many thanks for your consideration of this project, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Joanne Sugarman
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Dear Sirs

Norwood, Anglo – Jewry's largest children and family services organisation, is creating a new school for children with learning disabilities.

Since 1953, Norwood's Annie Lawson School in Berkshire, has been providing specialist education and residential care to children aged 11 to 19, with severe and complex disabilities.

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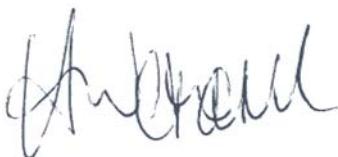
A site has been purchased in Bushey, Hertfordshire on which we intend to build the new school and four residential homes.

This school will be a centre of excellence, a landmark facility, and will set new standards in its field. Most of all it will enable Norwood to provide the highest quality of education to our pupils: children with profound and multiple learning disabilities, including Down Syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy and related challenging behaviour and physical and sensory disabilities – children who most need the best that we can provide.

As such we need your help.

I have enclosed a full detailed proposal for Norwood's new school. If you would like to sponsor a specific project, we would be delighted to oblige. If you would like to discuss Norwood's new school or any of the many services we provide I would be most pleased to meet with you. My direct line is 020 8420 6849.

very much hope that you will be able to look favorably upon our request.



Hilary Newmark
Head of Major Donations

15/3/05 I phoned for an update was told that Hilary Newmark is on maternity leave. I left a message for her replace ment to ring me on Friday. 29.

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A Proposal to support a new school for learning and physically disabled children in Bushey, Hertfordshire

Background

Norwood, the largest Jewish European child and family services charity, is the leading provider of specialist educational services to children with severe and profound disabilities.

We plan to establish a new school in the Greater London area to replace our existing facility in Berkshire that is no longer adequate for the needs of our pupils.

This is the most important project that Norwood has ever undertaken and will become one of the community's most pre-eminent new facilities.

Although Norwood is a Jewish charity our facilities and services are open to anyone, irrespective of faith or beliefs. The school will be open to both Jewish and non-Jewish children alike.

The need to build a School for disabled children in the London area

Since 1953, Norwood's Annie Lawson School in Berkshire, has been providing specialist education and residential care to children aged 11 to 19, with severe and complex disabilities.

The physical environment of the school is no longer suitable for the children that we care for and can no longer be reasonably adapted to meet registration requirements by the Department for Education and skills (DfES). Through consultation with the DfES, local education authorities and relevant others, the need to rebuild the school has become urgent.

As the decision to rebuild the school has been taken, the Trustees feel that it is also appropriate to relocate the service to the Greater London area. Most of the children originate from London Jewish communities and being closer to their families is a vital component in strengthening home-school relationships and ensuring that children benefit from consistent educational and handling practices. The preference of Local Authorities is to place children as locally as possible and the site for the new school would be ideal for the majority of the children and local authorities concerned. Not only would the children benefit greatly, but the school would be working in line with Government's best practice guidelines.

The opportunity has arisen to create a new school and residential homes to meet the special needs of severely disabled children within an appropriate communal and cultural setting. The School covers Key Stages 3 and 4 (11 – 16 years) and a Further Education Department (17 – 19 years).

Aims and ethos of the new school

Ethos: Norwood is committed to providing each child with the highest quality services and care to enable them to develop their full potential. We see each child as a highly valued individual deserving of a real chance in life.

Aims: Norwood educational services to children aim to develop:

- a thorough educational experience within the child's capability. We provide a specially adapted educational curriculum – each child receives an individual programme which adapts the National Curriculum to their needs
- communication skills – through a range of therapies and specialists
- management of their own behaviour – through our care workers and psychologists working individually with each child
- independence and self advocacy – through offering new challenges and opportunities to each child as they become ready to progress
- a sense of self worth and confidence
- social and relationship skills – through offering continuity of environment and educational/social programmes in both the school and residential settings
- moral, spiritual and cultural awareness – through specialist input into the school curriculum and daily living to ensure that the Jewish way of life is understood in some way by each child.

We plan to establish a modern, state of the art facility incorporating all of the regulatory requirements for children with very severe, complex and profound disabilities.

Based on the existing numbers of students presently in residence at our school in Ravenswood Village and projections of future demand, we estimate that residential places are needed for 32 children. In addition we estimate that a further 34 day pupils will attend the school. Each classroom will accommodate up to 6 pupils plus their support and teaching staff.

Buildings Required

The project comprises of a school, 4 residential homes and staff accommodation

We propose that four residential homes will be built for three distinct age groups. These are 11 to 13 year olds, 14 to 16 year olds and 17 to 19 year olds. We try to make the homes as sympathetic and similar to a child's home environment as possible, bearing in mind the necessary adaptations, which need to be made for disabled children. The environment of the homes is extremely important, as this is where the children who are resident at the school will spend the bulk of their non-school time.

Planning Permission

Norwood is delighted that Hertfordshire County Council recently granted planning permission for a site in Bushey, Hertfordshire. This site will fulfil all the requirements ensuring that the pupils attending the new school will benefit from the schools proximity to many local communal facilities. In addition, this centre of special educational excellence and its facilities will be open to the wider community.

Time Scale

Building is due to commence in January 2005. The new school is scheduled to open in September 2006. We expect the school to reach full occupancy by September 2009.

Cost

There is no Government funding for special needs schools that are not provided directly by local authorities in this county.

In order to complete the project, including 4 residential homes and staff accommodation, we aim to raise £16.78 million. Applications will be submitted to numerous foundations and Trusts. In line with this, approaches will be made to high net worth individuals. £2.5 million has already been committed.

Included in the figure for total cost are the professional fees at £1,628,398 and VAT at £1,426,087.
