

Community Use Policy

Last Review: January 2026
Next Review: January 2028
Committee Meeting: Finance Committee

1. Use of the Buildings and Facilities

The school encourages use of its facilities by the local and wider community, both Jewish and non-Jewish. The school and its facilities have been designed in order to maximise its use, whilst working closely with the local community and planning officers to agree conditions for use which minimise the impact on local residents. JCoSS facilities are available in accordance with planning regulations, e.g. regarding hours of permitted use.

2. Community Groups

JCoSS facilities are available for use outside curriculum time on the basis that costs are covered (notably security, cleaning, caretaking and utilities.) Community groups may use spaces free of charge as long as a paid hiring is taking place at the same time and it is outside normal school hours. Free lettings for the use of community groups at other times will only be granted if the school finances allow it.

3. Commercial Letting

JCoSS facilities are available to let on a commercial basis, as set out in the Lettings Policy. Our Lettings Agent is Schools Plus <https://www.schoolsplus.co.uk/jcoss/>

4. Management Responsibilities and Mechanism for Review

Those wishing to use school facilities should contact the school who will process the request in accordance with the agreed procedures.

5. Implications for security and access

A key component of the school's security brief from the outset has been to design in community access, without of course doing anything to compromise the safety of students, teachers, parents or local residents. JCoSS is advised by the Community Security Trust (CST), and security costs are included in the standard hire charge.