

Muslim Parents At London Jewish School Complain Of Oct. 7th Memorial: 'Disrespectful To Muslims'

I saw this on X this afternoon on the [5 Pillarz account](#) but I don't like giving them any publicity. This is from [VIN News](#) of Israel.

JERUSALEM (VINnews) – King Solomon High School, a Jewish state secondary in Redbridge, London, has been criticised by Muslim parents of children at the school for planning a memorial on October 7 for what the school calls the “victims of this massacre.”

A school letter to parents describes October 7 as a massacre of 1,200 Israelis by Hamas gunmen.



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RE: Monday 7th October

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Dear Parent/Carer,

On the morning of 7th October, waves of Hamas gunmen stormed across Gaza's border into Israel, killing about 1,200 people. Those killed included children, the elderly and 364 young people at the Nova music festival. Hamas took more than 250 others to Gaza as hostages, many of whom remain captive there today. An Israeli military campaign has followed, which has led to many more deaths across the region.

On Monday October 7th 2024, we will be holding a memorial service for the victims of this massacre. The event will be from 6.00pm-7.15pm and will be an opportunity to remember the loss and the bravery of people on that day and reflect on the hostages that are still being held in Gaza.

There will be a variety of different readings by students in memory of those that were killed, and it is an opportunity to mark as a community the biggest loss of Jewish life since the Holocaust. October 7th has changed the way that many Jews feel about Israel and their Jewish lives in the diaspora, and we are united in our sorrow at the events of that day, and all that has followed.

If you would like to attend, please register [here](#). The closing date for registration is Wednesday 2nd October at 11am. The Starch House Lane gates will open at 5.45pm and the ceremony will begin at 6pm.

I hope to see you there.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Juggler

Deputy Headteacher

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The 5pillars Muslim-based news site claimed that these are “Israeli regime statistics which are heavily disputed given

the high numbers thought to have been killed by the IDF itself.”

The site quote a letter from Muslim parents which complains of double standards in policy, where children were allegedly reprimanded for showing solidarity with victims of the Gaza genocide.

The parents argued that schools must discuss world issues in line with facts, and maintained that schools in particular have a duty to remain impartial, instead of having an “extremely disrespectful” attitude towards the “Muslim loss of life.”

The parents demand that all victims must be commemorated in the memorial or the event should be cancelled altogether.

5 Pillars says “What do you think the school should do given that it has a substantial Muslim intake? And do you think Muslim parents should even be sending their children to this school?”

The school is Orthodox Jewish by denomination but obviously has a multi-faith intake and staffroom. The last dealings I had with the school was at the opening of an Essex aeronautical event. A group of older pupils (Y11 or12) were there, I think, as part of something under the STEM syllabus under the supervision of a very knowledgeable young Sikh teacher. Impeccable behaviour.