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NAISA

Non-Association Independent Schools Alliance

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NAISA is a not-for-profit membership organisation for non-association independent schools. Our vision, mission and aims reflect our commitment to understanding context, strengthening practice and supporting schools at every stage of their journey.

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VISION

A connected and confident community of non-association independent schools where leaders are supported, represented and never isolated, and where schools are empowered to deliver the best possible outcomes for their pupils.

MISSION

NAISA exists to support and represent non-association independent schools. We reduce isolation, strengthen practice and provide a collective voice for schools operating outside association structures - offering practical support, trusted networks and representation, without the need to explain context.



UNDERSTANDING

We start from the lived reality of non-association independent schools. No assumptions. No need to explain.



FELLOWSHIP

We believe schools are stronger together, sharing expertise, resources and solutions to common challenges.



INTEGRITY

Clear, credible and proportionate guidance, grounded in real experience and focused on high-quality practice.



CARE

We value the wellbeing of school communities and those who lead them, recognising the human impact of this work.

OUR VALUES

COMMITMENT TO ETHICAL PRACTICE



NAISA exists to support schools that are committed to high standards of care, professionalism and integrity. Membership is intended for organisations whose work is guided by these principles and whose practices seek to benefit pupils and the wider educational community.

Member schools are expected to operate with the primary purpose of promoting the education, safety and well-being of the children and young people they serve.



Members should ensure that decisions relating to the operation of their provision place the interests, welfare and educational outcomes of pupils at the centre. This includes maintaining appropriate safeguarding practices, supporting the well-being and professional integrity of staff and leaders, and acting responsibly in the use of resources.



FULL MEMBERSHIP

Membership Benefits

Who is it for?

Established non-association independent schools that have been operating for at least one year and have undergone at least one standard Ofsted inspection.

Eligibility:

- They are registered as independent schools with the Department for Education
- They are not members of any of the associations that make up the Independent Schools Council (ISC)
- They are committed to meeting the Independent School Standards and to engaging constructively with support and improvement
- They share the aims and values of NAISA

Schools at different stages of development, including those facing regulatory challenge, are encouraged to engage with NAISA. Membership is intended to support schools, not to exclude them.

What are the benefits?

In addition to what we offer the sector, full members will also access...

Compliance & Inspection Information and Insight

- Dedicated member email support with rapid response and direct access to regulatory expertise
- Discounted training workshops about inspection and compliance
- Signposting to a network of trusted providers including:
 - providers of school registration & ISS compliance support
 - providers of mock inspections & ISS compliance support
 - professionals who serve as independent members for complaints appeals panels
- Termly Compliance Briefing
- Monthly Members Newsletter

Visibility & Credibility

- Public directory listing
- NAISA Member logo for school use
- Opportunities to showcase practice and innovation

Professional Networks & Peer Support

- Half-termly Heads' Circle (online)
- Termly DSL & Safeguarding / SENCo forums
- Providers of professional supervision for Headteachers and SLT including SENCOs
- Signposting to a network of trusted providers including:
- SENCOs, SALTs, EPs, Ots and other professionals
- School Improvement Consultants & SIPs
- An exclusive NAISA collaboration platform - intelligently connecting schools to share expertise, solve challenges and build strategic partnerships

Events & Learning Opportunities

- Discounted tickets to the Annual NAISA Conference
- Discounted tickets to webinars and training events
- Access to guidance and resources

Fees

The annual fee for Full Membership is based on the number of pupils enrolled at the school.

Fees are reviewed annually. Payment schedules and renewal dates are confirmed on application.

Groups of schools and trusts are eligible for discounted rates. Please contact members@naisa.org.uk to discuss your requirements.

Number of Pupils	Annual Fees
Up to 25 pupils	£650
26 - 50 pupils	£850
51 - 100 pupils	£1,400
101 - 150 pupils	£1,950
150+ pupils	£2,400

AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

Membership Benefits

Who is it for?

New non-association independent schools that are within their first year of operation OR prospective schools that have applied or are yet to apply to the DfE for registration.

Eligibility:

- They are committed to meeting the Independent School Standards and to engaging constructively with support and improvement
- They share the aims and values of NAISA

and, for new schools, they:

- are registered as independent schools with the Department for Education
- are not members of any of the associations that make up the Independent Schools Council (ISC)

What are the benefits?

In addition to what we offer the sector, affiliate members will also access...

Compliance & Inspection Information and Insight

- Webinars about school registration and pre-registration inspections
- Termly Compliance Briefings
- Signposting to a network of trusted providers including:
- providers of school registration & ISS compliance support
- providers of mock inspections & ISS compliance support

Professional Networks & Peer Support

- Signposting to a network of trusted providers including:
- Providers of professional supervision for Headteachers and SLT including SENCOs
- SENCOs, SALTs, EPs, Ots and other professionals
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Annual Fees
£495

PARTNERS

Membership Benefits

Who is it for?

Organisations, consultants and educational professionals who offer products and services to the sector.

Eligibility:

- They share the aims and values of NAISA
- Demonstrable experience of supporting or supplying relevant products or services to non-association independent schools, evidenced by at least two referees.

What are the benefits?

In addition to what we offer the sector, partners will also access...

- Recognition as a NAISA Partner and association with an organisation supporting the non-association independent school sector
- Inclusion in the NAISA Partner Directory, helping schools identify relevant products, services and resources
- Opportunities to exhibit or sponsor NAISA conferences, training events and sector briefings
- Discounted exhibition and sponsorship packages at NAISA events
- Opportunities to connect with school leaders, proprietors and governors across the NAISA network
- Opportunities to inform NAISA members about relevant products, services or resources
- Insights into sector developments, priorities and emerging needs within non-association independent schools
- Opportunities to support initiatives, events or guidance that benefit the sector
- Use of the NAISA Partner logo in marketing materials (in line with partnership guidelines)

Fees

The annual fee to be a Partner of NAISA will be agreed on a case-by-case basis, depending on the nature and scope of engagement. Fees are reviewed annually. Payment schedules and renewal dates are confirmed on application.

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