



NAISA

Your people. Your Partnership.

Membership Brochure



NAISA is a 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.

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.

OUR AIMS



Support leaders with practical, timely guidance tailored to the realities of non-association independent schools

Reduce isolation by creating trusted spaces for connection, peer support and shared learning



Strengthen confidence, compliance and inspection readiness through shared expertise and resources

Represent and amplify the voice of non-association independent schools in national policy and regulatory discussions



Encourage collaboration that improves sustainability, leadership wellbeing and outcomes for pupils



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.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Category	Who it's for	What it includes
Full Membership	Registered non- association independent schools	Full access to NAISA support and services, including compliance, schools inspection and registration guidance; professional networks and forums; national representation; resources and briefings; events and learning opportunities; and use of the NAISA member logo
Affiliate Membership	Newly registered schools, prospective schools, or schools not yet eligible for Full Membership	Introductory access to guidance, updates, selected events and early-stage support
Associate Membership	Individuals or organisations connected to non-association independent schools (e.g. proprietors, governors, trustees, advisors)	Access to selected networks, briefings, guidance and events; opportunities to engage with the NAISA community
Supporter / Partner (optional)	Organisations aligned with NAISA's aims	Opportunities to engage with the NAISA community, share expertise and collaborate in ways that support member schools



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA





FULL MEMBERSHIP

(for schools - annual fees, banded by pupil numbers)

Full Membership is open to schools that:

- 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)
- Are committed to meeting the Independent School Standards and to engaging constructively with support and improvement
- Share the aims and values of NAISA

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

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.



ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

(for individuals/organisations)

Associate Membership is open to:

- Proprietors, governors and trustees connected to non-association independent schools
- Advisors or consultants who can demonstrate a clear understanding of the non-association independent school context and experience of successfully supporting schools within the sector

Category	Annual Fee
Associate Membership	£245



AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

(Introductory / developmental access)

Affiliate Membership is open to:

- Newly registered schools
- Prospective schools preparing for registration
- Schools not yet eligible for Full Membership but seeking early-stage guidance and connection

Category	Annual Fee
Affiliate School Membership	£495



SUPPORTER / PARTNER

Supporter or Partner status is open to:

- Organisations aligned with NAISA's aims that wish to engage constructively
- with the NAISA community

Supporter / Partner Fees

Supporter or Partner arrangements are agreed on a case-by-case basis, depending on the nature and scope of engagement.

FEE NOTES



01. 

Membership runs on an annual basis

02. 

Fees are reviewed annually

03. 

Discounts may be available for groups of schools

04. 

Payment schedules and renewal dates are confirmed on application



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS
WILL OPEN AT**

NAISA'S INAUGURAL CONFERENCE

ON 13 APRIL 2026.