



Guru Nanak Multi Academy Trust Ltd

Incorporating:
Nanaksar Primary School &
Guru Nanak Sikh Academy
Founder – Sant Baba Amar Singh Ji

26th February 2021

Dear Parent

RE: Welcome Back - March 2021 Re-opening after Lockdown

We hope you are all keeping safe and well and we pass our condolences to those who have lost loved ones at this most difficult time.

The best place for our students to be is back in school and we are delighted with the government's news on the reopening of schools. We want to ensure that we do this safely by continuing to adhere to all the safety measures we have put in place. With the roll-out of the vaccine programme the functions of the wider society will soon be returning to a previous regularity. However we understand that much of this return, that we are all very much looking forward to, is based on our continued support and adherence to continued social distancing and Covid safety measures. These measures continue to be in place across this academic year until further advice informs us scientifically otherwise that these no longer remain in the interest of public safety.

As you are aware, the Prime Minister Boris Johnson, announced that schools should fully reopen from the 8th March 2021. They have decided this based on:

- The reduced spread of infection and the lowering of the 'R' rate.
- Continued time out of school is detrimental to children's long term social as well as academic development.
- The roll-out of the vaccine programme has proven successful in both reducing the spread and risk to those most vulnerable.
- The low risk to children of becoming severely ill from coronavirus.
- Government statistics that illustrate students and teachers are no more at risk than other groups within the general population.

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/conditionsanddiseases/articles/coronaviruscovid19infectionsinthecommunityinengland/characteristicsofpeopletestingpositiveforcovid19inengland22february2021>

In following this, our aim is to open safely for all our students and staff and work to continue to minimise the risk of the spread of Covid-19.

As there is currently no vaccine roll-out planned for children, it is essential we all continue to adhere to the Covid-19 safety measures in place. For this reason we cannot guarantee against any individual or close contact group/bubble closures. No vaccine is 100% effective and therefore vaccines alongside sensible interactions will prevent the spread of any virus. We all understand how our actions and activities outside of school increase the risk of transmission and I am sure we all wish to return to normality in a sensible frequency to continue to protect those most vulnerable and therefore at a higher risk of serious illness or hospitalisation if they contract the virus.

Where we are therefore against any further school closures, and the negative impact a lack of education has on our children and the future of our society, we will monitor and manage such closures in line with Public Health England advice for the safety of all our staff and students.

To accommodate this safe return and in line with the government requirements, advice and guidelines, **we will be testing each cohort of children in Secondary prior to their full return into school.**

We are planning to undertake the Covid-19 'Rapid-Test' for ALL students prior to the prescribed date of their return. **To accommodate this testing we will begin this work on Friday 5th March as indicated below;**

Friday 5th March: Years 11, 12 & 13

YEAR 11		YEARS 12 and 13	
Form	Time of Testing	Form	Time of Testing
11A	8.00am	VIA	11.00am
11B	8.30am	VIB	11.30am
11H	9.00am	VIH	12.00pm
11F	9.30am	VIF	12.30pm
11S	10.00am	VIS	1.00pm
11P	10.30am	VIP	1.30pm

Monday 8th March: Years 9 & 10

YEAR 9		YEAR 10	
Form	Time of Testing	Form	Time of Testing
9A	8.00am	10A	11.00am
9B	8.30am	10B	11.30am
9H	9.00am	10H	12.00pm
9F	9.30am	10F	12.30pm
9S	10.00am	10S	1.00pm
9P	10.30am	10P	1.30pm

Tuesday 9th March: Years 7 & 8

YEAR 7		YEAR 8	
Form	Time of Testing	Form	Time of Testing
7A	8.00am	8A	11.00am
7B	8.30am	8B	11.30am
7H	9.00am	8H	12.00pm
7F	9.30am	8F	12.30pm
7S	10.00am	8S	1.00pm
7P	10.30am	8P	1.30pm

On these scheduled dates, students will be required to arrive at the school gates at their requested time where they will be directed for their test. They will NOT be in school on that day except to undertake the 'Covid-19 Rapid Test' and they will not be expected to wear their school uniform. Parents will NOT be allowed in school with their child but can park in the Minet Car Park and wait in their cars whilst students are being tested. The whole process should not take longer than 45 minutes.

This will be the first of 3 tests conducted within school (3 to 5 days apart). Further tests will then be carried out at home. Test kits will be supplied. Alongside any reported positive test results, we also expect that **any child presenting with any of the key symptoms of Covid does not attend school at this time**. The core symptoms continue to be, high temperature, continuous cough and loss or change to taste or smell.

Please complete the electronic Covid-19 Testing Consent Form on the link below providing your consent for the tests to be carried out.

<https://forms.gle/bdokneUMRxLJTR3r9>

Once the first set of results have been obtained, school will reopen to our students for lessons as follows:

Monday 8th March 2021:

Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time
Years 12 and 13	8.00am	2.45pm
Year 11	8.25am	3.10pm

Tuesday 9th March 2021

Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time
Year 10	8.00am	2.45pm
Year 9	8.25am	3.10pm

Wednesday 10th March 2021:

Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time
Years 7 and 8	8.00am	2.45pm

All of our staff will also have been tested either from home, with the home test kit, or in school prior to their return.

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back and are working hard to make the school a safe, enjoyable environment.

If you have any questions or concerns about the points that have been set out above, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy.

I would like to thank you for your continuing support throughout this Academic year. We look forward to seeing all the students return and continuing to work together to ensure that they keep moving forward in achieving their aspirations and changing the world around them for the better.

Stay safe and stay well.

Yours faithfully



Mr R S Sandhu
Executive Principal