



# Guru Nanak Multi Academy Trust Ltd

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

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 (amended from letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> August)

Dear Parent

## RE: First Day of Term Arrangements

We hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

As we approach our return for September 2021, we continue to work in vigilance of protecting against the spread of coronavirus. We have continued to work hard to prepare for the restart of school and we wanted to take this opportunity to update you with regards to our reopening for September.

As you are aware, the [government announcement](#) that schools should fully reopen from the start of the upcoming autumn term means that many measures will change from the start of term. However, we wish to reassure all our students, parents and wider school community that we will continue to monitor the situation and will follow any changes to guidance should any outbreak occur across the year in line with current guidelines.

For now this means we intend to open, slightly adapted than planned, to accommodate for the testing prior to the full reopening of school. We will be inviting every student into school for onsite testing, prior to their new adapted start date, to accommodate the requirement to test prior to return. The new [in-school rapid testing on-site](#) stipulates the guidance and guidelines we will follow for our initial on site testing, before we return to the home test kits from the second week back.

To accommodate this schedule for pre-arrival testing, ALL students in **Years 9, 10 & 11** will be sent Google classroom work for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to complete prior to their full time return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

**Years 7, 8 and VI Form** will be in regular FULL attendance on site and in school during their normal hours of 8:00am - 2:50pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

### PE Notice

Please note that the PE changing rooms are now open for use and students must wear their school uniform at all times and bring their PE kit in a separate bag to change into for their PE lesson according to their timetable.

**The following schedule is the set times for when each GNSA Secondary year group will be required to test, on site, as per government guidance prior to their return. The second test will, as advised by guidance, be taken during the school day within the first full week back and between 2 to 5 days after the first initial pre entry test.**

Year and Form Group	Date	Time	Important Information
<b>Year 7 Forms</b>			
A & B	Thursday 2nd Sept	8:30am-10:00am	Year 7 students will attend school on Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept for testing ONLY and to meet their new Form Tutor. Year 7 students will attend school on Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September as normal (8.00am-2.50pm).
F & H	Thursday 2nd Sept	9:00am-10:30am	
P & S	Thursday 2nd Sept	9:30am-11:00am	
M & T	Thursday 2nd Sept	10:00am-11:30am	
<b>Year 8 Forms</b>			
A & B	Thursday 2nd Sept	12:00pm	Year 8 students will attend school on Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept for testing ONLY. Year 8 students will attend school on Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September as normal (8:00am-2:50pm).
F & H	Thursday 2nd Sept	12:30pm	
P & S	Thursday 2nd Sept	1:00pm	
<b>Year 9 Forms</b>			
A & B	Friday 3rd Sept	8:00am	Year 9 students will attend school on Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept for testing ONLY and will complete work at home on Google Classroom set by teachers.
F & H	Friday 3rd Sept	8:30am	
P & S	Friday 3rd Sept	9:00am	
<b>Year 10 Forms</b>			
A & B	Friday 3rd Sept	10:00am	Year 10 students will attend school on Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept for testing ONLY and will complete work at home on Google Classroom set by teachers
F & H	Friday 3rd Sept	10:30am	
P & S	Friday 3rd Sept	11:00am	

<b>Year 11 Forms</b>			
A & B	Friday 3rd Sept	12:00pm	Year 11 students will attend school on Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept for testing ONLY and will complete work at home on Google Classroom set by teachers.
F & H	Friday 3rd Sept	12:30pm	
P & S	Friday 3rd Sept	1:00pm	
<b>VI Forms</b>			
A & B	Thursday 2nd Sept	1:30pm	VI students will attend school on Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept for testing ONLY and have an assembly with Mr Dhokia (Assistant Principal Post 16).  VI students will attend school on Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September as normal (8:00am – 2:50pm).
F & H	Thursday 2nd Sept	2:00pm	
P & S	Thursday 2nd Sept	2:30pm	
M	Thursday 2nd Sept	3:00pm	

In following this, our aim is to open safely for all our students and staff to minimize the risk of the spread of COVID-19, whilst also working against any further school closures and the negative impact a lack of education has on our children and the future of our society.

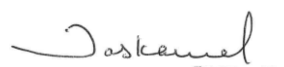
This means we are planning to open to all of our students as detailed above to ensure a safe return to the Academy.

In addition to this, government guidance has approved the use of a common lunch area and public places for worship, assemblies and activities. We will continue to utilise identified bathrooms and recreation spaces for each year group. As government guidance now does not include the use of face masks in public areas we will no longer be enforcing this at this time, however, the wearing and use of a face covering will be optional for staff and students.

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

**From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, ALL students will be required to be in school for the official start time of 8:00am and finish their day at 2:50pm.**

Yours faithfully



Mr J S Sidhu  
Executive Principal