



Guru Nanak Sikh Academy

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Friday, 9th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our pupils, parents/carers for the new school year. We are very excited and ready to work together with all our pupils, parents/carers and the whole school community, whose valuable contributions help to create a happy and harmonious place to both learn and work in.

At Guru Nanak Sikh Academy, we welcome parents as partners so that together we can promote high standards of learning, behaviour and attitudes to enable every child to achieve the best they can. We would like to further strengthen this partnership by inviting all parents/carers for a 'Welcome Meeting'. This meeting will give you an opportunity to become familiar with your child's new class routines and the exciting changes within our curriculum. Individual Year Teams will also be sending out letters, so please ensure that you read these for more information.

Results

We are pleased to announce that despite the challenges with Covid the pupils have produced fantastic end of KS2 SAT's results and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for working with the school to achieve these results.

Key Stage 2 Results – GNSA Primary

KS2 Cohort				
	2022 Expected +		Higher standard	
	School	National	School	National 2019
Reading	94%	74%	42%	28%
GPS	98%	72%	61%	34%
Writing	79%	69%	19%	20%
Mathematics	94%	71%	50%	24%
Science	97%	79%		

School Lunches

Pupils can bring in a packed lunch or order a school hot/cold lunch. If your child is having a school lunch please pay via the School Gateway app in advance. The new menus are available on the school website.

All payments must be made at least one week in advance, via school gateway. Please note that no cash will be accepted. We request that all packed lunches provided from home are healthy, vegetarian and completely nut free. For any questions or queries regarding payment for school lunches, please speak directly with the school office.

Cool Milk

Your child will only receive milk if you have registered and made payment. Please use the following contact details: www.coolmilk.com, telephone: 0800 321 3248. If you are a parent who is in receipt of Pupil Premium subject to receiving benefits, your child will be offered milk at no cost.

Uniform and Names on Belongings

Pupils must wear their full uniform to school each day. This includes wearing a blazer, the correct blue shirt, a tie and correct school shoes (not trainers) (girls also have the salwar kameez option). We request that **each and every** item of your child's school uniform is clearly labelled with their name and class, including shoes, bags, coats and ramals. If items do not have names on them, it is very unlikely that they will be found and returned. Lost property is located under the stairs at the entrance to the school from the playground.

Exceptional Leave

It is extremely important that your child attends school every day, achieving 100% attendance this year, where possible. We will be closely monitoring attendance and look forward to rewarding pupils who have attended school every day each term. Leave will only be granted under very exceptional circumstances. All requests must be made in writing using the exceptional leave form. Requests must be made as far in advance as possible and evidence must be provided. Please contact the school office via telephone for further information.

Absences and Appointments

If your child is absent from school, please contact the Primary school office before 8.00am and leave a message on the Welfare answerphone (option 1) or alternatively, you can send an email to welfare@gnsa.co.uk (for the attention of Mrs Punj), or a message through School Gateway. This must be for everyday that your child is not at school (including continuous periods). We request for all medical appointments to be made outside of school hours. For appointments during the school day, please obtain the permission slip form from the school office (proof to be provided of appointment) at least 24 hours prior to the appointment. so that this leave can be authorised. Please note that leave will not be permitted on the day, unless it is an emergency appointment.

Homework

Your child will be provided with homework and independent learning opportunities each week. It is extremely important that your child completes their homework by themselves where possible, with verbal support when appropriate. We appreciate all the effort that is taken with homework and your support is fully appreciated. Please can all homework be completed on time and handed into the class teacher.

Water Bottles

Pupils should all bring a water bottle to school every single day, clearly labelled with their name and class. We encourage all pupils to look after their own belongings and always aim to further develop their sense of independence and responsibility.

Birthdays

Whilst we understand that birthdays are a special time of the year and we look forward to celebrating in school, we kindly request that no gifts or treats of any kind are brought into school.

Morning and Afternoon Arrangements

We request that your child is punctual in the mornings, ensuring that they are settled and in their classrooms ready to learn by 8.30am. As they return to school, it is essential that they quickly get into a good routine and develop their independence and organisation. Please note that the drop off points will close promptly at 8.30am in the mornings and that late pupils must be dropped off to the GNSA Primary office and be signed in as late.

To ensure the safety of all our pupils, your child will only be allowed to be collected by yourselves as parents/carers and anyone who you may have listed and given consent for through completing the appropriate form, available to collect via the school Primary Office.

This academic year our key focus is on making learning engaging with a level of challenges, which encourage our pupils to develop resilience, independence and persistence. We will be working on strengthening parent partnership, ensuring we enhance our curriculum provision through creative after school clubs whilst placing the wellbeing of our pupils at the forefront of everything that we do.

As in previous years, pupils will be set individual targets in all core areas of the curriculum, which will be shared with you during Parent Consultation which will be held on Tuesday, 18th October and Wednesday, 19th October 2022, so that we can work together to ensure that your child is achieving their highest potential.

We look forward to a continued happy and successful relationship with you over the coming months.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Dhaliwal
Vice Principal