

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

**Vaisakhi Day - 'The Birth of the Khalsa'**  
**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

We are delighted to share with you our forthcoming plans to celebrate the 'Birth of the Khalsa' – Vaisakhi, on Thursday 14th April 2016. As in previous years, it is really exciting for the school to celebrate this special occasion, which is of both religious and cultural significance to Sikhs.

On this day, **Langar** will be served to all pupils across the Multi-Academy Trust, which will be prepared by Nanaksar Thath Trust. This will be at no cost and should your child choose to bring in a packed lunch, they are welcome to do so.

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April, we are celebrating by doing a **7 hour Simran Jaap** across the Multi Academy Trust, starting from 7am to 2pm. This will be a special occasion where pupils/students, staff and parents will come together to recite Waheguru Simran. This will be a spiritually uplifting and blissful experience for all. Each class across Guru Nanak Sikh Academy and Nanaksar Primary School will have time slots throughout the day in the Gurdwara to join in, and parents and family members are invited to join us from **7am to 8am** to make this an auspicious occasion for all. Please arrive through the secondary school entrance on this day, where a member of staff will sign you in.

On this day all phases will also take part in turban tying activities. If you have any turbans that can be used, please send them to school with your child by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April. The Primary phases will also take part in an afternoon of interactive art and craft activities related to Vaisakhi.

All pupils/students are also welcome to wear a **plain orange head covering** on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April, in celebration of Vaisakhi. Please note that school will finish early on this day, **2.15pm** for GNSA Primary and **2.30pm** for GNSA Secondary and Nanaksar Primary. **There will be no after school clubs on this day.**

If you would like to provide a voluntary donation towards the Vaisakhi celebrations, please send this to your child's respective school office in a sealed envelope.

Thank you for your continued support and Happy Vaisakhi to you and your families!

Yours sincerely,



**Mr A D'Onofrio**  
Vice Principal



**Mrs P Dhaliwal**  
Deputy Headteacher



**Miss A Chatur**  
Deputy Headteacher