



# Guru Nanak Multi Academy Trust Ltd

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

Monday 1st March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Primary Phase Opening - Monday 8th March 2021 Important Information

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school next week. We recognise that the transition back to school will raise mixed feelings for pupils after being in the routine of home learning for the past 7 weeks, however we would like to reassure you that we will be working hard to ensure a smooth and safe transition back to school.

### Attendance

Please note that attendance from Monday 8th March is compulsory for all pupils and that DFE guidance to parents/carers states 'mandatory attendance means that it is your legal duty as a parent to send your child to school.' Normal attendance processes will be followed where attendance and punctuality will be recorded and the school will be following up on all absences. Please do not send your child to school if they:

- are feeling generally unwell
- have COVID19 symptoms or live in a household with someone who has symptoms
- have tested positive themselves, even if they do not have symptoms
- live in a household with someone who has tested positive, even if that person does not have symptoms
- are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19)

In line with the latest Government guidance, pupils who are clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend school. If this applies to your child, please provide us with the latest copy of your child's shielding letter and note that they must continue to learn from home until further notice.

For the recent government guidance for parents and carers please - [click here](#). Where pupils are isolating at home, remote provision will continue to be provided through daily online tasks. In the event that we inform you of a bubble closure due to your child being in close contact with a positive case in school, remote learning will continue through whole class live lessons.

### Transition

As pupils return to school, we will be adapting the curriculum to ensure a smooth transition with a focus on PSHE and well-being. Your child will continue to have access to a broad and balanced curriculum in all subjects and we will be taking additional steps to cover the most important missed content. We have planned steps to identify any gaps in learning and an adapted recovery curriculum will be implemented to support groups and individuals.

### Safety Measures

We will continue to implement the safety measures that were in place prior to school closure, ensuring that all risk assessments are in place. This will include frequent hand washing and sanitising, following one way systems around the school, staggered breaks and lunches and additional day time cleaning. Pupils will remain in class bubbles to minimise contacts and maintain social distancing wherever possible. We will be sharing all safety information with your child ahead of them returning to school.

### Pupil Preparation & Reminders

As your child prepares to return to school, please see the reminders below:

- Full school uniform must be worn at all times.
- On the days that your child has PE, we request that they come to school in their PE kit and remain in it all day. This will avoid pupils bringing PE bags into school and avoid the necessity for pupils to change clothing during the school day.



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- Public Health England does not recommend the use of face covering in primary, however we are allowing KS2 pupils to wear face masks if they wish to do so.
- Limited belongings must be brought into school such as a coat, school bag, water bottle, packed lunch, pencil case, etc. No other items will be necessary and we request that school bags are emptied and cleaned frequently.
- School meals will continue as normal where pupils have the option of having a school meal or packed lunch.
- All loaned school laptops and chargers must be returned on the first day back.

## Important changes to drop off and collection arrangements

Upon the return to school, there will be key changes to drop off and collection arrangements, due to the construction of the Nanaksar building and the priority to keep everyone safe due to COVID19. With the primary playground and turn around area no longer in use, we request your full support and cooperation in working with us to ensure a smooth and safe process at the beginning and end of each day.

Please note the following information:

- There will no longer be any waiting areas within the school site.
- All classes will have new allocated drop off and collection points with staggered timings.
- Please do not arrive on site or enter any gates to the school earlier than your child's allocated time.
- We request that you are prompt for all morning drop offs and afternoon collections, as times have been staggered across all 3 phases of the school.
- Please follow the direction of staff to ensure that pupils are collected in an orderly line, maintaining social distancing wherever possible.
- We request that face masks are worn by parents/carers at all times to ensure the safety of staff, pupils and yourselves (unless exempt).
- Where we have siblings across the three phases, arrangements have been made (where possible) for you to drop off and collect at one time to accommodate waiting times.
- Face to face parent meetings will be minimal until further notice, however will be treated on a case by case basis. Parents will not be permitted to enter the school building.

**You will receive a separate letter informing you of your child's allocated drop off and collection times and locations, explaining the arrangements for your child's class in more detail. This letter will also include the arrangements in place for siblings across the phases. Please read through this so that you are familiar with the arrangements ahead of the first day back.**

Finally, we would like to thank you for your continued support over the past 7 weeks where together we have ensured that all pupils have a positive home learning experience. It is only through a strong home school partnership that we have been able to achieve such a successful period of home learning and we hope that this partnership continues.

As we look ahead with optimism and hope, we look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school next Monday and having a successful end to the spring term.

Yours sincerely,

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