

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

RE: Guru Nanak Dev Ji Gurburab (Birthday) Faith Day

Guru Nanak Dev Ji is the founder of the Sikh faith and the first Sikh Guru. His birth is celebrated around the world in Gurdwaras (Sikh places of worship). It is a time in the Sikh faith that followers reflect on the Guru's key teachings of Kirat Karni (work hard and honestly) Vand Ke Chhakna (share your good fortune) and Naam Japna (meditate and remember Vaheguru). On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, we will be graced with the presence of the Guru Granth Sahib Ji (Sikh Holy Scriptures) on site to mark this auspicious occasion. Students will listen to key events that happened during the life of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and will partake in workshops during lesson time.

On this day students can come to school wearing traditional clothing from a country that best reflects their faith or cultural heritage. For those not wishing to wear traditional clothing, we ask that they wear full uniform. Irrespective of students wearing traditional clothing, school or PE uniform they must all keep their heads covered throughout the day with a head covering that is not a baseball cap or hood. This is in respect of the Sikh holy scriptures being on site and part of the Sikh faith etiquette. Headscarves are available from the school if your child(ren) need to borrow one.

Students who do decide to wear traditional dress can make a voluntary contribution of £1.00. The money raised will be donated to Khalsa Aid who carry out humanitarian work across the globe.

We look forward to the special event and thank you for your support and consideration in making it a wonderful day for all to engage in and enjoy.

Yours sincerely,

*T. Singh*

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Vice Principal, Progress and Achievement