

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back and a very warm welcome to all the new families joining us this academic year. We are very proud of our results across primary and secondary and look forward to sharing these with you soon. School reopens to all students, in school uniform, for a prompt start at 08:30am on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023. We are looking forward to another exceptional year at Seva School, building on the achievements of the last academic year and towards even greater success this year.

As most of you will remember, in November 2022, we were visited by Ofsted. The report rated us GOOD in all areas - a triumph for the whole school and community. The Inspection report in full is available on our website. Amongst many of the positives reported, Ofsted said the following:

“Pupils benefit from attending a welcoming and inclusive school. The Seva virtues of kindness, courage, honesty, tolerance, respect and responsibility are woven into the curriculum and understood by everyone. Leaders have high expectations of all pupils and expect them to work hard and achieve their best.”

“Pupils are proud of their school. They say that they are happy and feel safe. Pupils know that they can go to any adult in school for help or guidance. Staff know the pupils well across the school, and relationships between staff and pupils are very positive.”

“Staff are positive about leadership ... They say that leaders consider their well-being and work-life balance. Trustees know the school well and provide effective challenge and support.”

In April 2023, building work commenced on Eden House to expand our school to encompass two buildings by September 2025. This academic year, we look forward to the completion of Phase 1 of this programme with the opening of the 3G pitch and Multi Use Games Area in October 2023 and Phase 2 with the move from Link House to Eden House during the summer term. We continue to work closely with the DfE and contractors Bowmer and Kirkland on this development.

As part of the growth in student numbers and further expansion of the school and curriculum, we have a number of new teachers joining us this academic year. The new staff members bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm with them and have already participated in our teaching training days. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to our school and look forward to the contributions they will make.

PE Lead Teacher: T. Mahli

PE Teacher: I. Athkar

Secondary English and Drama Teacher: H. Kaur Dhillon

Science Teacher with a specialism in Physics and Chemistry: N. Gill

Modern Foreign Languages teachers in primary and secondary:

S. Piron and L. Angulo Romero

Science Technician: K. Windley

Year 2 teacher: Z. Hussain

Through recent news publications, you may be aware of the alerts raised by the DfE about the use of RAAC as a building material in schools. We do not have any confirmed RAAC in our buildings and have not been asked to close any areas. We will continue to work with the DfE and will update you with any changes should they occur. Any contingency plans will prioritise the continuation of education and ensure that, if RAAC is identified, any impact on students is kept to an absolute minimum. Rest assured that the safety of students and staff is of paramount importance to all concerned.

Information regarding the times of the school day, temporary parking arrangements to support the capital building works, lunch menu, secondary stationery list, school uniform, PE kit and school uniform are available on our school website and will follow as various text links.

The best interests of all our students and their futures are at the heart of every decision we make, and this will continue to fuel the momentum we aim to maintain year on year. It is with thanks to you, the staff, the trustees and the whole community that we look back on a phenomenal year and await the exciting new chapters that lay ahead in 2023/24.

**Vaheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Vaheguru Ji Ke Fateh**

Yours sincerely,

*S Sanghera*

Mrs. S. Sanghera  
Principal