



Khalsa VA Primary School

NEWSLETTER

7th September 2020

Reopening of the school after lockdown

Welcome back.

We are so pleased that our school has reopened successfully after lockdown. The last few months have been challenging, however we can now look forward to the new school year. We have missed seeing the children and their families and are so glad that we are all back together again.

Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we introduce new procedures to keep your children safe at school.

To support the **health and safety** of everyone, we are the following government guidance:

1. Minimise contact with people who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.
2. Remember to wash hands thoroughly more often.
3. Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
4. Improve cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach
5. Minimise contact between people and maintain social distancing.
6. Where necessary, wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) e.g. for first aid.
7. Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
8. Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus amongst the school community
9. Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.

School times

We will be returning to our normal school hours from **Monday 14th September: 8.40am to 3.20pm**. Please remember to be on time at drop your children off and pick them up. Parents can drop off their children between 8:25am to 8:35am, when the school gates are opened. Please keep to one side of the pavement to allow others to pass and wear a face mask.

Masks

It is not recommended that children wear a face mask. If you want your child to wear one, please ensure they know how to put one on safely and take it off. They will need a plastic bag to put the mask into at lunch time.

Absences

If your child is ill and has to be absent from school, remember to phone or email the school office. We must have written information to say why a child is absent. If your child can not go out to the playground for a medical reason, please email or provide a written note for the school office. **If your child displays any of the Covid-19 symptoms (high temperature which is 37.8 or above, persistent cough, and changes in taste) please keep them at home and make arrangements for your child and family to be tested.**

Medications

If your child has a medical condition (e.g. Asthma, Eczema, Allergies, etc.), which requires medication during school time, please ensure that you bring the medication in as soon as possible. With asthma pumps, it's important for children to have one in the classroom and one in the first aid room. Please note that we can only give medications to children if they have been prescribed by their doctor.

Change of Contact Details

It is essential the school has up to date information about children in the case of an emergency. If there are any changes to your home address or contact details, please notify the school office immediately via info@khalsa.ealing.sch.uk. It is a mandatory requirement that you provide the school with the correct details for our records. For any change of details thereafter, it is parents' responsibility to contact the school office to update information.



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Fruit

Children in Nursery, Reception, years 1 and 2 are provided with fruit by the school. Parents of children in years 3 to 6 can send their child with a fruit snack. Remember to send whole pieces of fruit (apple, banana, orange, etc.) instead of cut up fruit in a plastic food container.

School meals

Parents are reminded to pay for their child's school meal, by contacting Harrisons' on 0208 280 0312. Payment details are also available on the following website - www.ealingmeals.com. Parents must have a balance of £10.00 in their account to ensure that their child receives a school meal. If parents have incurred a debt, their child will not receive a school meal and parents will be called to provide a packed lunch. It's essential that parents note this, as we will be applying this rule strictly.

Communication:

During these unusual times, we are regularly keeping in touch with parents and carers through emails, texts and the school website. Please remember to check your messages and emails very regularly.

Packed lunch boxes

For hygiene purposes, do make sure that your child's packed lunch box is thoroughly cleaned every single day – both inside and outside.

School Equipment

Children do not need to bring in to school too many bags and resources. They only need a water bottle and school book bag. They only need to bring in their PE clothes in a PE bag, on the day that they have PE. They do not need to bring in rucksacks.

Pencil Cases

We would appreciate it if you could send your child with a plain, see-through plastic pencil case with a pencil, an eraser, a small ruler, a few colour pencils, pencil sharpener. The pencil case will be kept in school.

Assemblies:

School assemblies are currently taking place from the Darbar Sahib via Google Classroom. They are led by Mrs Brar and other members of staff. Everyone reads panj pauria of Japji Sahib, takes part in Ardas and hears the Hukumnama. Please remember to send your child in with a patkaa and help them to learn the paath so that they know it by heart.



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Thought of the week

Try your best to meditate and contemplate on the source of peace and bliss will come to you.

Do good for others. It will come back in unexpected ways.