



Khalsa VA Primary School

NEWSLETTER

5th September 2022

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Welcome Back!

We hope that all of our children and families have had a happy, safe and relaxing break. It is lovely to see the children back at school – we have missed you! We also extend a warm welcome to our new pupils.

Uniform

We would like to remind parents that our uniform expectations are on our website. Most of the items can be purchased from any high street store. Uniform items which are embroidered with our school logo, such as bags and jumpers, can be purchased from our uniform supplier.

<https://myclothing.com/>

<https://www.khalsaschool.co.uk/school-uniform/>

If you have any unwanted uniform that your child has grown out of, please bring it into the office, so that we can distribute to other families.

If you are finding it difficult to provide your child with uniform, please come to the school office and we can offer your support.

Communication

As a school, we pride ourselves on clear communication between school and home. Parents will receive information from us in different ways, including: parents' newsletter, emails, text messages and Google Classroom. Please ensure that we have your up-to-date contact details so that you don't miss any communications from us.

If you have any questions about your child, your first contact should be the class teacher. You can approach them at the end of the school day or phone the office to make an appointment. Members of the Senior Leadership Team are also available before and after school each day on the school gate.

Pupils' attendance

We would like to remind parents that children must attend school every day, unless there is a valid reason for the absence. Term-time holidays are not permitted. Such requests will always be denied and pupils' absences will be marked as unauthorised. Parents will also receive a fine from the Local Authority and your child's place at the school may be withdrawn.

Medication

If your child has a medical need which requires them to have medication with them, such as epilepsy or asthma, please ensure that we have **two** of these items at school. Please also check that these medications are in date. If asthma pumps, for example, have expired, please contact your GP immediately as the child cannot attend school without them.

Please note that we cannot accept any medicines which have not been prescribed by a doctor. If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the school office.

School lunches

Information about school lunches, including our menus and food policy, can be found on our school website. Pupils in Reception and Years 1 and 2 receive a free school lunch. For other year groups, payments must be paid online, in advance. We cannot allow debts to accrue. If you think that your child should be entitled to a free school meal, please contact the local authority to apply for this.

https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201111/education_grants_and_financial_assistance/701/free_school_meals

Break Time Snacks

Pupils in Reception and KS1 will be given a piece of fruit or vegetable for break times. Older pupils can bring a piece of fruit to eat at break times. Please do not send your child to school with any other type of snack for break time.



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Charity events – September

As you may be aware, we support a number of charities by holding fundraising events at different times of the year. We believe that children should learn about the importance of supporting those who are in need in different ways. Please see below the details of our fundraising events in September:

Friday 16th September – Jeans for Genes Day. Children are invited to wear jeans to school (with the rest of their normal uniform) and bring £1 to donate to this very worthwhile cause. <https://www.jeansforgenes.org/>

Friday 23rd September – Macmillan Cancer Support. Children are invited to wear an item of green clothing (with the rest of their normal school uniform) and bring £1 to donate to this amazing charity. <https://www.macmillan.org.uk/>

Clubs

After-school clubs start next week. You will receive information about this during the week. Places must be paid for online using the School Money app. and are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

We are re-opening our Morning Club, starting at 8.00am every day. Please ensure that you pay in advance if you would like your child to attend. **(This is not a breakfast club. No food will be provided).**

Social Media

As parents will already be aware, we have a Twitter feed and YouTube channel. This year, we are also launching our Instagram account too. Please follow us and like our posts.

Get our latest news on Twitter: [@khalsaschool1](https://twitter.com/khalsaschool1) or read the feed on our school website.



We now also have our own YouTube channel!



Instagram: [@khalsaprimarieschool](https://www.instagram.com/khalsaprimarieschool)



Drop-off and collection

Drop-off:

KS2: Gates open 8.25 – 8.35am

Reception and KS1: Gates open 8.35am

Collection: 3.20pm

Please ensure that your child arrives at school and is collected from school on time.

Google Classroom

Classes have now been rolled over, so please check that your child has been allocated to the correct class/teacher. If you have any issues, please email the office and we will sort these out by the end of the week.

Key dates for your diary

Monday 5th September 2022	Years 1 to 6 Children start back at school Staggered start for Nursery and Reception children.
Week Commencing 12th September 2022	After School Clubs start
Friday 16th September 2022	Genes for Jeans Day
Friday 23rd September 2022	Macmillan fundraising day, including cake sale
Week Commencing 19th September 2022	Year Group Parents' Information Meetings
10th October 2022	Diversity Week
Friday 21st October 2022	Last day of Term
24th to 28th October 2022	Half term holidays