



Khalsa VA Primary School

NEWSLETTER

9th September 2024

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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://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 it 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 contact the office to make an appointment. Members of the 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 Parents will also receive a fine from the Local Authority and your child's place at the school may be withdrawn.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. All primary school pupils in London can receive a free school lunch.

Break Time Snacks

Pupils in Reception and KS1 will be given a piece of fruit or salad 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.

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 20th September – Jeans for Genes Day. Children are invited to wear jeans to school (with the rest of their normal uniform) and bring a minimum £1.00 to donate to this very worthwhile cause. <https://www.jeansforgenes.org/>

Friday 27th September – Macmillan Cancer Support.

Children are invited to wear an item of green clothing (with the rest of their normal school uniform) and bring a minimum £1.00 to donate to this amazing charity.

<https://www.macmillan.org.uk/>



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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.

Morning Club has already started and pupils in years R-6 can attend. There is no need to pay in advance – you can pay £1.00 daily or £5.00 at the start of the week if you prefer. This is the only club where you can pay in cash.

Wraparound Care

This term, we are aiming to start an after-school childcare club, to enable working families to collect their child at a convenient time in the evening. Further details will be provided soon.

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. If you collect your child from school after 3.30pm, you may be charged for this. We do not provide free childcare for parents who refuse to collect their child 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.

Parents Driving and Parking

It is not permitted for parents to drive into school. Please do not approach the gate or ask permission of the member of staff on the gate or press the buzzer. We request that parents use public transport or walk/cycle to school if at all possible. If you have to drive, please park safely a few streets away and walk to school from there. We have requested support from the police and parking enforcement officers to help us with the dangerous and illegal parking outside school. Dangerous parking and driving puts our children's lives at risk.

Parent Governor Elections

If you wish to stand as a parent governor, please complete the nomination form, which has been sent out, including a short statement about yourself. It is important that you read the relevant information to check that you are eligible to stand. If you have any questions about the role, please see Ms. Sehmi.

Key dates for your diary

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| WC 16th September | After School Clubs start |
| Friday 20th September | Jeans for Genes Day |
| WC 3rd September | Year Group Parents' Information Meetings |
| Friday 27th September | Macmillan fundraising day |
| Friday 27th September | Ms. Halai Class Assembly |
| Friday 4th October | Ms. Jassal Class Assembly |
| Friday 11th October | Mrs. Samra Class Assembly |
| WC 14th October | Diversity Week |

Social Media

As parents will already be aware, we are very active on X and Instagram. Many of our videos are also available on our Youtube channel. Please follow us and interact with our posts.

Get our latest news on X: [@khalsaschool1](#)

See our videos on YouTube!

Follow us on Instagram: [@khalsaprimaryschool](#)

