



Guru Nanak Multi Academy Trust Ltd

Incorporating:
Nanaksar Primary School &
Guru Nanak Sikh Academy
Founder – Sant Baba Amar Singh Ji

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Dear Parent

Key Worker student Provision during Lockdown Attending School from Monday 11th January 2021

Following previous announcements by the Prime Minister, we have been operating an internal support service for our identified vulnerable, SEND/EHCP students and the children of our essential critical key workers.

Additional announcements from the government made it clear that the closure of schools has been unavoidable due to the rising R number (Rate of Infection) and positive Covid cases alongside control of the new variant strain. We therefore reiterate that where this provision is being made available to your child, it is essential that they only use it if you have no other alternative. The Education Minister, RH Gavin Williams MP, reiterated that *“the safest place for any child to be at this time was at home”*.

For those who have no alternative but to send their child to school, we will continue to remain open with additional safety measures in place. The structure of the day will follow the current adapted school timetable and enable your child to access all of their classes remotely. It should be made clear that your child’s teachers will not be the staff able to supervise, as they are delivering live lessons. The staff in attendance to supervise will be other appropriately designated Academy staff. All students should therefore be aware of the following;

- School will be open and available for your child to attend from 8:00am to 2:45pm. **Students must ensure they arrive promptly by 8:00am.** You MUST have registered their attendance in advance, for safeguarding reasons, to ensure we can accommodate the children safely and with social distancing on site.
- Please ensure your child is wearing their face mask and their full school uniform. Each child should also have a spare face mask.
- Students should bring their own packed lunch except for those on Free School Meals where a lunch will be provided.
- Whilst in school, students will be expected to adhere to all of our COVID safety measures.
- Each student will be assigned a laptop and a set seat in a set room at social distance from other students.
- Lunch break, rest/comfort breaks will be provided.
- No additional items or equipment should be brought into school without consent.

Some of you have requested for additional break and social time for your children, sadly this will not be possible. In order to maintain our safety measures, students will be directed to stay 2 meters from each other and all staff whilst on site. The structure of the day too cannot be adapted as this would risk students missing out on their live streamed classes.

Additional surveys to parents identified overwhelming numbers requesting to come into school. It is clear that if all eligible parents and students came into school we would be overwhelmed. At present, those attending are a safer and manageable number. If you have received this letter it means you have either been identified as a key worker or your child has been identified within one of these categories.

In addition to providing this in-school supervision, we have implemented some additional safety measures we ask you to consider if your child is attending or intending to attend the Academy during lockdown;

- Social distancing in place at all times (keep 2 meters apart)
- Face Masks continue to be worn at all times (students should ensure that they have spare face masks for the day)
- Rooms identified with social distancing (identified break out rooms available if student numbers increase)
- Daily Rapid Testing being undertaken of staff and students (it is essential that parents have completed the consent form if their child is attending school)
- Safe prepared school meals (only for those who are eligible).

Our school timings for ALL Key Worker, EHCP/SEND and Vulnerable students attending school will be between **8:00am and 2:45pm** daily to coincide with the full school day and the structure of the live lessons being transmitted.

At this time, we are very grateful for your support in ensuring the safety of all of our students by collecting and dropping off your child as follows;

- **It is essential that you drop off your child in person. No child should be left unattended.** As an additional safety measure during the current lockdown, we are also asking that no child makes their own way to and from school.
- As part of our safety measures, you will be allowed entry to drive (if by car or walk if in person) into the school grounds car park between 7:45am to 8:00am. Please wait in your car.
- In the mornings, drop off your child to the senior member of staff waiting. Your child will be escorted safely and with social distance to Rapid Testing Centre on site prior to entering the allocated room.
- At the end of the day, the supervising staff will bring your child to the secondary staff car park and your child will be released directly to you. You will not need to get out of the car.
- Please contact the school if there are any delays to your journey or if you encounter any problems with the routine.
- If you have siblings in Primary or Nanaksar, please do not drop them off to the Secondary staff member on duty. You will be advised individually with how we can support and accommodate both siblings to arrive in school safely.

Please ensure that your child does not attend school based on the following:

- If they are unwell
- If they are presenting with any COVID symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss or change to sense of smell or taste)
- If they are living in a household with anyone presenting with COVID related symptoms
- If they have been identified as a close contact to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19

- Please continue to follow NHS guidance and call 111 for any further medical advice.

If your child develops or presents with any symptoms whilst at school or comes into close contact with anyone that tests positive at school, your child will be sent home and isolation guidelines will need to be adhered to.

Please note that we are requesting that no parent /carer exit their cars or enter the school building at this time. We apologise for any inconvenience and hope that you support us in our measures to ensure we promote the public health social distancing advice. **We also ask that you ensure all students are dropped off in time prior to 8:00am so that they can start online, with their peers, on time.** We also kindly ask that as an additional safety measure, you do not drop off your child unaccompanied and if late you will need to wait for an available staff member to collect your child, at social distance, to escort them to their assigned space.

Please remember that students should NOT be attending school if families are self-isolating or they have any symptoms themselves which include a new/continuous cough or a high temperature.

If any of your child's medical or emergency contact details have changed and you have not yet informed the school, please notify us as soon as possible.

I am sure you will join me in thanking our teaching and non-teaching staff, who will be working to keep the school open as we support the community during this difficult time.

However challenging the current situation we find ourselves in, the values of community and unity that are central to our ethos have never had a greater relevance. Together with your support, we will prepare our children to build a better tomorrow.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mr R S Sandhu
Executive Principal