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Dear Parent/Carers,

Parent Survey June 2014 - Feedback

We are coming to the end of the academic year 2013 - 2014 and we again wish to thank you for your support and input. Thank you for your feedback in completing the above telephone survey and prior to this, the suggestions from the 'Parent Well Being Morning' held in Minet Country Park - which was a real success.

At Guru Nanak Sikh Academy, we consider that strong school-parent links are an essential part of developing our school and so parent surgeries will begin on Wednesday 17th September 2014. They will take place in the ICT suite (in Primary Phase) with myself, or a member of the senior team, and the chair of Governors - Ken Chana.

As an Academy, we aim to identify and respond to any concerns efficiently and effectively and share any feedback.

The Academy is always keen to involve parents in its curriculum, enrichment and choices and so we have outlined below overall positive comments and areas that we as a school have been working on.

Your Positive Comments:

- 'Staff in the Academy are extremely supportive'
- 'You are really making my daughter more confident'
- 'Fantastic support from teachers great communication'
- 'Very pleased by my child's results and academic levels'
- 'Impressed by the commitment of the teaching staff'
- 'Would promote the Academy to future generations with no hesitation'

What you would like us to improve:

| Measures put into place - |
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| A travel plan has been put into place and staff have been working on a number of initiatives such as the 'Big Pedal' and 'Walk to School' initiative to promote other methods of travelling to school, other than by car. Mr John McDonnell (MP) and Mr Onkar Sahota (MEP) have been supporting the school to find the solutions to the traffic problems. The transport and Projects Manager from the Local Authority was invited to the Academy's Governing Body meeting to discuss parking issues. This has led to London Borough of Hillingdon looking at ways to reduce the traffic problems. Attached is the traffic 'calming' plan which should be in place for the start of the next academic year. We are grateful to parents for their patience and hope that the |
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| | measures being put in place will resolve the problems, but we will |
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| | continue to monitor the situation. |
| Lunch is not varied and pupils have to wait too long for lunch | Senior Leaders and the Governing Body have looked at a number of options to reduce the waiting time for students. The most favourable option is to have a cashless system in the school which enables parents to make payments on line – for school meals as well as school trips etc. We will keep you informed as we move forward. From next term the school will also open a second serving area at the back of the dining hall – this will again help to reduce waiting time for students. Two of our Governors have also spent a whole afternoon in the dining hall to taste school meals for themselves and look at the organisational set up. They have submitted a full report to the full governing body and we are acting on their recommendations. Parents can view primary and secondary school menus on the school website. We would welcome parents' ideas on how we can improve the selection for pupils/students. |
| PE- Primary phase pupils should do PE in their own hall. | There is a timetable in place to ensure that Primary Phase pupils can access the Secondary indoor gym at least once per week for indoor PE. We are extremely fortunate that we have been able to use funding for your children to have a professional coach to teach them PE every half term (See Primary Phase website on PSFE funding.) Nanaksar Primary school will be vacating the Primary Hall by the summer holidays, so that the hall can be used from September 2014. |
| Extra-curricular activities for students in the Secondary Phase. | The school provides a variety of different extra-curricular clubs throughout the week. The timetable for these clubs can be found on the school website. The clubs include specialist instructors to work with students. These clubs are regularly rotated to appeal to as wide an audience as possible and to give students the opportunity to experience many different areas. |
| Lack of, or too much, homework in the Secondary/Primary Phase. | Efforts are being made to ensure all class teachers maintain consistency within the recommended guidelines for homework so every student receives an adequate amount of homework to further enhance their learning. We are reinforcing the school homework timetable for each year group. |

The staff have developed a draft Behaviour for Learning Policy (Secondary Phase) which is on the School website www.gurunanaksikhacademy.co.uk Secondary > Schools > School Policies. We would really appreciate if you would be kind enough to give us your feedback on the draft policy. The Governing Body will meet on 18 June 2014 to scrutinize the policy and your feedback would be appreciated by the Governors as well.

Cyber bullying:

Staff have been trained on both dealing with issues related to cyber bullying and educating pupils/students on E-safety.

Students have been taught in form periods and PSHCE lessons about the dangers of the internet and how to protect themselves.

As parents please be vigilant of such websites as ASKfm, Kick and Snapchat. These websites have led to a number of cyber bullying issues with knock on effects including self harming, and physical violence.

Closure of the Primary turn around:

From the 16th June 2014 the Primary School turn around/drop off zone will be locked and no longer available to all parents and staff as there will be building works commencing for Nanaksar Primary School. Kindly make alternative arrangements for parking such as Minet Park, Goals etc.

Finally, we would like to thank you again for the information you have provided. It has been invaluable to us, as we aim to provide the children with the best education we can. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

R Sandhu Principal

Enc. Traffic 'Calming' Plan

