



**Welcome**

**Our Vision is to inspire the children of today to become leading citizens of tomorrow through encouraging high expectations and personal reflection.**

We are determined to create an inclusive culture of learning where all children will be challenged in their thinking, to achieve to the best of their abilities and strive to become lifelong learners. We will empower our children to become respected citizens to enable them to make valuable contributions locally and to contribute to our world’s sustainable future.

**Our Mission is to See the Light in All.**

This core standard is set for how everyone associated with Khalsa Science Academy is expected to behave. This demand is made of pupils, parents, staff and trustees so that we may effectively work together to understand our responsibility.

I sincerely welcome you all back to a new academic year at Khalsa Science Academy and I am delighted to report that the school is enjoying an extremely successful start.

**Teaching Staff**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our teaching staff of the Khalsa Team. Reception Class & Year 1: Mrs Kaur & Mr Ramzan; Year 2: Mrs Rai & Mrs Deore; Year 3: Miss Myers & Mrs Kaur; Year 4: Miss Walsh; Year 5: Mr License & Miss Sasin; and Mrs Nau-Berry who will be covering classes during PPA time (Planning, Preparation and Assessment).

There will be numerous opportunities for you to meet the staff at school events, assemblies and parent consultation evenings. Khalsa Science Academy has an open door policy, but please may we ask that you ring to make an appointment or to speak with a member of staff at the end of a school day as teachers are very busy each morning greeting the children and welcoming them into the classroom. In the event of the class teacher being unavailable or unable to help you, please contact the Main Office to make an appointment with the relevant Assistant Principal. Mrs Rai is the Early Years and Key Stage 1 Manager (Reception class, Year 1 & Year 2). Mr License is the Key Stage 2 Manager (Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5). Of course, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me, should a matter not be resolved.

**Stay and Play Sessions**

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September, parents of our Reception class attended a morning /afternoon Play and Stay session. We look forward to more of these this year and wish our new Reception class well in their first full week at Khalsa Science Academy!





Parental responsibility on reporting absence

Good attendance is important because:

- Statistics show a direct link between under-achievement and absence below 95%;
- Regular attenders make better progress, both socially and academically;
- Regular attenders find school routines, school work and friendships easier to cope with

A child not attending school is considered a safeguarding matter. This is why information about the cause of any absence is always required. If your child is absent you must:

- Contact us as by 9:15am on the first day of absence
- Medical evidence may be required if your child has above average illness, this could be a copy of a prescription, labelled medication or an appointment card.

If your child is absent we will:

- Telephone you on the first day of absence if we have not heard from you, this is because we have a duty to ensure your child’s safety as well as their regular school attendance
- We may refer the matter to the Leeds City Council School Attendance Service if absence falls below 90%
- If we believe that your child is absent due to a holiday you may be issued with a penalty notice, £60 per parent per child.

Pupils arriving after the register has closed will receive a ‘U’ code ‘Late’ an unauthorised absence mark. Khalsa Science Academy actively discourages late arrival and are alert to patterns of late arrival, which could provide grounds for prosecution or a penalty notice being issued.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are offering a range of enrichment activities this term, including Zumba on Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes and after school club on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please contact Mrs Laydon in the School Office if you would like your child to take part in any of the clubs.

Zumba	Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes – all welcome
Mini Games	Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm
Recorders	Wednesday lunchtime (commencing Wednesday 26.9.18)
Judo	Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm (commencing Wednesday 26.9.18)
Choir	Thursday lunchtime
Football	Thursday 3.30-4.15pm



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### Swimming

Year 4 children will be taking part in swimming at Scott Hall Leisure Centre this year. The sessions will provide coaching our children to swim competently over a distance of at least 25 metres; use a range of strokes effectively; and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available from 8:00am- 8:50am, where children will be offered breakfast, fun activities and learning opportunities. Please speak to Judith Laydon, the school administrator for further details.



### Class Assemblies

Each class will hold an assembly illustrating children’s achievements. These will take place at 2:45pm. Please take this opportunity to find out what your child has been learning in class.

Friday 21st September	Year 5 class assembly
Friday 5th October	Year 4 class assembly
Friday 19th October	Year 3 class assembly
Friday 23rd November	Year 2 class assembly
Friday 7th December	Reception/Year 1 class assembly

### West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Team

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September, the children received a talk from our local Firefighters. Children were told how to keep safe in an emergency, the role of the Fire Officers and the importance of smoke detectors in the house. Please ring **08005874536** to receive a home fire safety check and free installation of a smoke detector from the local Fire Services.

### Tempest – Photographer

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018, the School Photographer from Tempest will be in school to take your child’s photograph. There will also be an opportunity for you to have a family photograph with siblings not at Khalsa Science Academy, in the morning from 8am. (Details will be sent out separately)



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### Parent Consultation Evenings

The school recognises the extremely valuable contribution parents make to pupils' learning both in school and outside of school. To keep you informed of your child's progress both academically and socially, the school will be holding two Parent Consultation Evenings. These will commence from 3:30pm to 6:30pm on Tuesday 16th October and Wednesday 17th October. (Further details will be sent out later this term)



### Training Days for Staff

School will be closed on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 for our Staff Training days.

The school will close for its Autumn Half Term holidays on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October and re-open on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### Reflection

sachai maarag chaldi-aa ustat karay jahaan which means:

*Those who walk on the path of truth shall be praised throughout the world.*

Davender Kaur Bahi

Principal