

9th January 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

A very happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a lovely break with your children. They all look very pleased to be back and I have no doubt that 2020 will be an exciting year for our school.

As you know, we are considering a new name for KSA as there still seems to be confusion regarding our identity. We have recently been judged to be a Good School with many strengths by OFSTED and it seems to be the perfect time to launch a new name.

Clearly, that does not mean that the school will no longer be underpinned by sound Sikh values and that our very positive ethos will change. We would just like our identity as a fully inclusive, good school to be clearer for potential new parents. It is also very difficult to determine the location of our school as the name isn't linked to the local area in any way at all. However, please do not worry as all that we hold dear about KSA will be guarded closely, including the warm and trusting relationships that are quickly formed, the clear vision that leaders have and the children's view that 'teachers are right by our side.'

I've had the privilege of working with the staff and children here at KSA since the start of November and would really like to be able to share my experience of this lovely school with a greater number of children and their families. Feedback suggests that reviewing the name would encourage more new families to visit school and to take up the opportunities on offer here.

I am very aware that some families have reservations and feel very sad about a name change for KSA. However, we have recently undergone the same process at Manor Wood Primary School where I am the Headteacher. We were Carr Manor PS for 50 years and changed our name in September 2019. Parents were consulted and it was widely agreed that a new name would be beneficial to avoid the constant confusion with Carr Manor Community School next door. As you can imagine, it was a difficult decision to make, particularly after so many years, and as Carr Manor was such a very precious name to so many people. However, it has been a very smooth transition and we are still the same fab, outstanding school we always were and there is now no confusion regarding the identity of either school.

The Trustees are very much committed to a name change but would also like to be able to include the essence of "Khalsa" in the logo or strapline to reflect the underlying ethos of the school and where it all started. This seems a very positive thing to do and any ideas you might have would also be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Deborah Kenny, Executive Principal

Please return to the School Office by Friday 17th January 2020.

My idea for the new school name is:

Your name:

My child is in Class: