



# Guru Nanak Multi Academy Trust Ltd

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

15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Student/Pupil safety and well-being is always our number one priority and with that in mind, we acknowledge the stresses placed on young people and adults should not be underestimated over the last 18 months. At Guru Nanak Sikh Academy, we strive to support students/pupils with their well-being wherever possible.

Some of the current provisions at GNSA Multi-Academy Trust include:

- Professional Counsellor (BACP Accredited)
- Drama and Play Therapist
- Children's Welfare Practitioner from CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service)
- Mental Health First Aider
- 'Toot Toot': An online, safe and secure reporting platform to allow students/pupils a discrete and confidential way to speak up about their concerns, no matter how big or small.
- Anti-Bullying Ambassadors
- All staff Level 1 Safeguarding trained
- 18 Staff Level 3 Safeguarding trained
- Dedicated weekly visit by our Safer Schools Police Officer
- Dedicated weekly visit by our NHS School Nurse
- Kooth Online counselling service
- Progress Leader Mentoring
- Seasons For Growth Programme
- Inclusivity Club
- Wellbeing Ambassadors (Primary Phase)
- Comprehensive PSHE curriculum

## **Stronger Families Hub: Hillingdon**

In addition, we would like to highlight the **Stronger Families Hub** that operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide families in Hillingdon with information, advice and support. We, as a school, work closely with this service to provide additional support for students and their families. If you do not feel comfortable contacting the service, we can contact them on your behalf following a meeting within school.

If you are a parent/carer in Hillingdon, Stronger Families Hub can provide you and your family with lots of different help about a range of things, including:

- concerns about your child's general behaviour
- support and advice with parenting
- difficulties at home, such as daily routines
- domestic abuse
- worries about your child's school attendance or achievement in education
- teenage concerns, such as going missing, taking drugs or associations with gangs
- support if your child has (or you feel they may have) additional needs

**Get in touch by emailing [strongerfamilieshub@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:strongerfamilieshub@hillingdon.gov.uk) or call 01895 556006.**

### **Operation Encompass**

GNSA and Nanaksar Primary have been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and the Metropolitan Police Service. This project is known as Operation Encompass. Operation Encompass is the notification to schools that a child (under 18) has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident. This will ordinarily be done by the start of the next school day.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a specially trained member of the school staff, known as a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), is informed. The DSL can then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to ensure the wellbeing of the child.

The school may be able to make provisions or adjustments to assist the child and their family. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our students/pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

### **School Website**

Please ensure you visit our school website **Safeguarding and Wellbeing** pages that highlight a number of strategies and useful links for both students/pupils and parents/carers.

Yours faithfully  
GNSA Safeguarding Team