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Dear Parent/Carer,

26th May 2023

Year 7 Trip to Smethwick Gurdwara for 7AF, 7V5a & Group 1 from 7CW Friday 14th July 2023

In order to raise pupil engagement in Religious Education we have re-arranged the previously cancelled trip to Guru Nanak Gurdwara (GNG), Smethwick for 7AF, 7V5a and group 1 from 7CW for Friday 14th July.

As the Head of Religious Education at Parkside, I feel that it is very important for pupils to not only learn about the beliefs and traditions of world faiths but to experience these for themselves. Year 7 pupils look at the Sikh religion as part of their RE curriculum and this would be an extremely beneficial visit for them.

The trip details are as follows:

- **Venue** - Guru Nanak Gurdwara (GNG), Smethwick
- **Travel Arrangements** - Departure will be at 9am and we will be back in school for approximately 1pm
- **Cost** – you have paid
- **Food** - All pupils will require a packed lunch on this day. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals and requires a packed lunch, please indicate this when completing the form via the link below
- **Medical Needs** - If your child suffers from travel sickness, please administer medication before the journey and supply any other medical requirements on the day.
- **Clothing** - Please ensure that full school uniform is worn on this day. Could all pupils please bring a head covering (scarf) to school for the trip. Everyone who enters the Gurdwara must wear a head covering and remove footwear as a sign of respect. Also, girls wearing skirts, need to wear black tights or leggings underneath.

During our visit, we will be having a tour of the Gurdwara, observing worship, having a question-and-answer session and tasting some authentic food. If your child has any food allergies, then please use the link below to update us.

Please confirm your child's place on this trip and any dietary requirements by completing the form via the following link by Friday 16th June, <https://forms.office.com/e/nMzX8nXH6m>

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Dewey
Head of Religious Education



As a school we establish and maintain an environment where children feel secure, are listened to and encouraged to talk.

Parkside Middle School is committed to safeguarding and the PREVENT strategy and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Pupils learn to accept and uphold our fundamental British values.