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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Year 5 Trip to Sikh place of worship - Smethwick Gurdwara

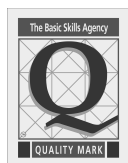
On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017, Year 5 will be taking a trip to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Smethwick as part of their Religious Education studies on Sikhism. We will be taking photographs, having a tour of the Gurdwara and sampling the Langar traditional food. This trip will strengthen the knowledge, understanding and awareness of other cultures and faith groups. We will have already acquired some understanding of the faith in lessons prior to the visit.

We will be leaving school at approximately 9.30am by coach and arriving back at school around 1.30pm for usual afternoon lessons. Whilst the children are there, if they wish, they will be taking part in the sampling of foods. Enclosed is a copy of the ingredients for the food. Please make sure we are updated of any food allergies your child has. The children will be provided with a lunch at the Gurdwara. This will be chips and beans. Unfortunately, due to religious requirements, children cannot take packed lunches in to the Gurdwara.

Inside the prayer room, children will be required to take off their shoes. Please make sure your child wears socks on the day. Also, it is a requirement that everyone entering the Gurdwara covers their head. Please send your child in with either a shawl, scarf, handkerchief, banadana but not a hat or cap. Children and adults should have full leg covering so tights with skirts or trousers please. This trip has been a huge success over the past few years and hopefully, the children will gain a richer insight in to Sikh customs and traditions and enjoy their visit very much. Attached, is the reply slip to send back to school by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G.Brown and the Year 5 team



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