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Dear Parent/Carer,

The staff and children are very much looking forward to the trip to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Smethwick on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017**, finding out a little more about the Sikh faith and to experience Langar.

Langar is the term used in the Sikh religion for common kitchen/canteen where food is served in a Gurdwara to all the visitors (without distinction of background) for free. Only vegetarian food is served, to ensure that all people, regardless of their dietary restrictions, can eat as equals, and food is served to all visitors regardless of faith, religion or background.

As you know, staff at the Gurdwara are also providing lunch for the children during our visit and as they are a non-profitable and charitable organisation, there will be no cost implications for us. However, as part of Hollywood's continuing Community Cohesion work it would be a really kind gesture if we could each bring in a small food donation (with no animal content including meat, fish and egg), eg, a small bag of sugar, pack of butter, carton of milk or fresh fruit or vegetable item would be appreciated, however small. **If donations could be sent in during the week of the trip.**

At Hollywood, mutual respect and tolerance are at the heart of our values. Being situated on the edge of Birmingham with all its cultural diversity we also place great emphasis on promoting diversity with the children. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school, and visits to places of worship are important to understanding and respecting different faiths. These values are embedded in the curriculum and each of the other "values" themes that we follow (for more details visit the Hollywood website link "Our School" "British Values".)

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely, Mrs G Brown



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