



GNST – Guru Nanak Khalsa College

‘Home Learning Strategy’ 2009/2010

Information for Parents and Relatives

On behalf of the Guru Nanak Khalsa College, we would like to thank you for your continued support and co-operation in supporting your child’s development of their Panjabi language skills.

We understand how important it is for our children to receive the best possible supplementary education to help them give an extra edge to their skills, abilities and talents to complement their mainstream education and school and help nurture their future ambitions in life.

As the college is working very hard to improve the learning experience of every child who attends Panjabi language classes, from August 2009 we are implementing a ‘Home Learning’ strategy based on overwhelming feedback from parents and relatives from the last reports day in July.

The Panjabi language teachers have received extensive staff development as a result to explore the best possible strategies in providing extended and accelerated learning opportunities in close collaboration with the college’s Training and Development Officer, Sunil Naphray (MA).

As a result, SMART targets have been produced at each level with regular opportunities to assess your child’s progress in class. You will be receiving a copy of your child’s SMART targets in due course.

Part of the SMART targets initiative is to incorporate opportunities for parents, relatives and family members to become fully involved in the child’s development of the Panjabi language skills through the setting of ‘Home Learning tasks’ by the teachers at the school.

Your child’s teacher will allocate home learning tasks on a regular basis which must be done by the child within their home environment. Each child will be asked to keep a ‘Home Learning’ diary to enable them to keep a track of their progress as well as parents and relatives providing feedback for the close attention of the teachers.

It is envisaged that through this ‘trriage’ approach involving the teachers, parents and the children, we can all gain a better understanding of the issues and possible barriers to effective learning of the Panjabi language for your child.

We would request your further co-operation in helping the college to deliver a more focussed and pupil-centred approach to the development of your child’s Panjabi language education through the introduction of SMART targets and ‘Home Learning’ tasks.

We therefore would require your feedback at the next report's day so we can monitor the effectiveness of these new initiatives designed to support your child while attending the Guru Nanak Khalsa College.

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Principal