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Dear Parents / Carers

Year 4 are visiting the local Gurdwara in Hounslow as part of their RE topic on Sikhism.

The visit will take place in two groups on two different days.

On **Tuesday 28th January** – **Cheetah** and **Caracal** Classes

On **Tuesday 11th February** – **Panther** and **Lynx** Classes

The classes will be accompanied by the PPA teachers and some support staff from the school. However, if you are able to help please let your child's class teacher know.

The children will leave school after registration, walk down Powder Mill Lane and catch a bus to the Gurdwara.

The children will be back in school in time for their usual lunch.

Normal school uniform with socks and shoes is needed for the day. If your child has a scarf that they can bring to cover their head, please bring it. Hoodies are not accepted as a way to cover the head. If your child does not have a scarf, they will be provided with one.

Some information about the visit:

When entering a Gurdwara, everyone is asked to take off their shoes and to cover their heads with a scarf. This is to show respect to the Guru Granth Sahib (The Sikh Holy Book). The children and adults will be shown around the Gurdwara by a member of the Gurdwara's office. They will see the prayer hall where there may be prayers being read aloud and hymns being sung, but no-one is expected to take part. The children may sit for a few minutes and listen. They will also visit the kitchen and the Langar Hall (where the food is eaten). Children will have an opportunity to taste some of the delicious vegetarian food on offer if they would like to and to ask any questions. In previous years this exciting and enriching trip has been enjoyed by all.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class or PPA teacher.

We are really looking forward to this trip.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Peirson, Mr Watson, Mrs Ince and Mrs Chichon