

## nishkamprimaryschool

wolverhampton



## Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to announce that we have started the journey to becoming an international, Green Flag Award Eco-School. The programme is designed to raise environmental awareness amongst young people. In England, it is run by the environmental charity, 'Keep Britain Tidy'. Internationally, the programme is the largest educational programme in the world, present in nearly 70 countries, with millions of children participating.

Our school is now part of this global community, working to create environmental change, for the benefit of our children and future generations. For us, this project feels increasingly important because the key principles resonate with the values of many students, staff and parents of our Nishkam family. We recognise the shared responsibilities to care for a world divinely entrusted to us and strive to create a generation of children who can discover their potential to make a difference. Faith will be threaded through the heart of this project and will be a driving force in achieving our Green Flag award. According to Sikh teachings, after creating the divine word or spirit (naam), God created nature, (kudrat). In daily prayers, Sikhs give praise to the life giving elements, which nourish and sustain us.

## 'Pavan Guru, pani pita, mata dharat mahat' (Air as Guru, Water as Father, and the great Earth as Mother)

Today, we have launched a competition searching for a group of children who can help to lead this project. Being an active member of the programme will be a huge privilege and will be something your child will remember for the rest of their life. We are looking for someone who can attend Eco Meetings, bringing new ideas to the table, and relay this information to their classmates, inspiring change on a large scale.

Please see the following video for details on how to apply: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6Qn6603Xog">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6Qn6603Xog</a>

One of the most exciting things about the programme is that the process is designed to engage the whole school and its wider community. If you would like to get involved in the Eco-School programme by sharing your time, ideas or skills please contact us directly. If you are struggling for spare time, don't worry, we will keep you updated on our progress regularly and invite you to participate in Eco-Schools projects or events that the pupils organise.

We hope you are as excited about our eco-journey as we are.

Yours sincerely,

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