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Dear all at CEDF,

Hope you are all well and that you continue to make progress in all aspects of your work.

As you know we are based in Walsall and are privileged that we have a reasonable sized Sikh/Punjabi community. In fact our Gurdwara Sahib recently celebrated 50 years in Walsall.

Our Punjabi Classes have been established for over 30 years, however recently they become very flat with student numbers falling at an alarming rate with very little in the way of strong academic achievements. Our school clearly wasn't keeping in touch with the pace of change and evolving teaching methods and needs of the next generation of Punjabi children.

This naturally caused us great concern as we were unable to provide a sound education base for the Sikh/Punjabi children of Walsall and the future reputation of the Gurdwara Sahib.

We initially tried various ways to improve the quality of the classes which didn't achieve the improvement we were looking for. At this stage we realised that we would need professional assistance from someone who had an excellent proven track record.

We approached Mr Gurjit Gill at CEDF as he came highly recommended knowing that he had implemented a similar new structure in Coventry Gurdwara's and also across Europe.

Mr Gurjit Gill and Dr Nagra offered their time on a totally voluntarily basis and had various specific meetings with senior committee and education members of the Gurdwara and explained exactly where we were going wrong and what improvements were required.

They presented a framework model under Safety, Quality and Delivery, which includes a code of conduct for everyone. Items included health and safety, child protection policies, management framework, national curriculum, teacher assessment and recruitment plus learning and development together with a continuous development programme.

This was successfully presented and launched by Gurjit Gill and Dr Nagra in August 2013 to the congregation.

The enrolments for the new Punjabi Classes with a brand new look, took place in September 2013. We were overwhelmed with the response as we went from 35 children to 140 children with many more children still on the waiting list. We are also expecting some good academic results and can already see children progressing through the various ability and grade levels.

Gurjit Gill, Dr Nagra and CEDF have remained thoroughly committed to the Gurdwara since the launch and remain involved with up skilling of the management committee and teachers, ensuring that we all remain focused and continually develop our Punjabi school.

To summarise we could not have asked for a better partner who can only be described as being 'totally committed in every aspect to Punjabi Education'.

We look forward to continually working with your team in the future.

Kindest Regards

Education Team
Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara