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### By email

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Dear Mr Singh,

Thank you for your letter and kind invitation to speak to the Sikh community.

I am grateful for the invitation and I would love to be able to help but sadly, I have immovable London 2012 commitments on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

However, on the issue of kirpans we have been very clear. At Games-time, small symbolic ceremonial daggers (an Article of Faith with a maximum blade length of 3 inches) carried for religious reasons will be allowed. We have worked closely with the Sikh community and the Metropolitan Police on our plans in this area, and published this statement on our website and I would appreciate your help in communicating this to your Federation.

The Sikh community has played a major role from the outset of the bid to host the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games here in London. For three years now, LOCOG has worked closely with Sikh community representatives on our Faith Reference Group, our forum to discuss and agree our approach to faith-related issues. I look forward to that group continuing its work over the next 18 months.

Thank you for writing and I hope this provides some clarity for you.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sebastian Coe".

**Sebastian Coe KBE**  
Chairman

