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Sikh Council UK Welcomes Approval of New Free Schools

The Sikh Council UK welcomed the announcement by Secretary of State for Education, Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP that two new Sikh faith ethos led Free schools have been approved to open in Redbridge, London and Wolverhampton.

The Atam Academy will open in September 2015 in Redbridge, London and will be an all-through school for pupils between ages 4 and 19. The school will accommodate 1260 pupils when full. The British Sikh School will open in September 2015 in Wolverhampton. This is a secondary school and will accommodate 840 pupils between ages 11 and 19 when full. Both schools will be based on Sikh principles but will welcome all children regardless of their faith.

Sikh Council UK Secretary General, Gurmel Singh said, "I would like to congratulate the teams behind each of the Free school bids who will have worked extremely hard to put together successful bids. I'm aware the process is a very challenging one with only a limited number of high quality bids being approved."

Gurmel Singh added, "The approval of a further tranche of Free schools led by the Sikh community is a recognition of the success of existing Sikh ethos schools around the country. Education provided by schools defined by their Sikh ethos or faith is second to none and is helping to raise the standard of education available in areas across the UK"

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Notes for Editors

The Sikh Council UK (SCUK) is the largest representative body of Sikhs in the UK. We are recognised as the national advocate for British Sikhs in the United Kingdom and at the European Union.

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