

What matters most in Sikh life in Britain today?

Thank you very much for filling in the questionnaire below. It will make it possible for us to produce some interesting new learning ideas for RE lessons where non-Sikh people learn about the religion in ways that are up to date and real. Please answer in as much detail as possible, and share your own experiences if you are willing.

Your name: Kavneet

Age: 10

1 Please tell us the three most important things about being Sikh.

Doing *sewa* (selfless service).

Remembering God.

Being humble.

2 What is your earliest memory about being a Sikh child?

My earliest memory of being a Sikh child is doing selfless service.

3 Please say which two of the Sikh festivals and celebrations mean most to you, and why.

Vaisakhi because it was when the Khalsa was born.

Guru Gobind Singh Gurburab because it is Guru Gobind Singh Ji's birthday.

4 Is Vaisakhi important to you? Why or why not?

Vaisakhi is important to me because the Khalsa was born.

5 Choose one festival or celebration. Please tell us its name and what you do at that festival or celebration.

Holla Mohalla is when people gather together and do *gatka* (Sikh martial arts).

6 Choose one festival or celebration (it can be the same as the one you chose for question 5 if you like!). Please tell us its name and how the festival makes you feel. Why does it make you feel like this?

The day when our 5th Guru sat on hot iron plate made me feel sad.

7 Some people say you can be a Sikh without going to the gurdwara very much. Please tell us if you think that going to the gurdwara is important or not and what your gurdwara is like.

Going to the gurdwara is important because then you can learn more about Sikhi.

8 What has Sikhism taught you about God? Describe what you believe.

Sikhi has taught me to always remember God and that God is always there for you.

9 The story of Nanak disappearing in the river can teach lots of important lessons. What do you learn from this story?

I learnt to remember God even in tough times.

10 Is there anything that is difficult about being Sikh in Britain today? How do you try to overcome any of these difficulties?

I don't find anything difficult about being a Sikh. I enjoy it.