



BAL BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL, PITAMPURA

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Dear Parent,

Man's struggle to survive against the Covid-19 is an unprecedented event that has shaken the collective consciousness of the humanity world-wide. The multi-faceted ravaging impact of the abhorrent and so far invincible virus has not spared anyone. As we empathize and endeavour to lighten the misfortune of one another, you must be aware of the remarkable efforts made by the school to ensure that children are suitably engaged in pursuing a well-structured learning and activity routine, within the safe confines of your homes.

The school has been facilitating academics through CRISP platform for classes I –V; and using Google Classrooms and Google Hangout Meet for classes III-XII and this is now in the process of being rolled out to classes PS- II also. It must be noted that to provide a safe and secure social platform for online teaching - learning, the school created and shared official G suite ids for all students and staff members. A comprehensive learning plan is also being followed for the Pre-Primary, through Video calls, VCs & WhatsApp communications. We are having regular feedback sessions of students to ensure that all concerns are taken care regarding their online sessions. Sessions on career counselling and mental health are conducted for students.

I am quite confident that you would appreciate that in addition to scholastic teaching, the school has also chalked out a comprehensive Co-scholastic schedule to ensure mental, emotional and physical well-being of the students. An effort is being made to engage children positively by sharing motivational talks, web editions of newspapers, videos on Physical Fitness, Yoga, Art, Dance and inspiring music. Dedicated Counselling services by the school counsellor and Special educator have also been made available. Students are being consistently encouraged to participate in varied online competitions and club activities. BBPS faculty is curating and sharing innovative worksheets on Creative & Critical Thinking to hone 21st Century skills of the learners. With the zeal to benefit all our stakeholders, our latest initiative has been to share an invigorating post with you on a weekly basis, focusing on the theme 'Care & Connect'.

Surely, you would appreciate the alacrity and readiness with which the staff responded to the sudden overwhelming situation. Adapting to the sudden change in the scenario, they went beyond themselves to ensure that the school goes on and children are cared for and engaged in purposeful routines. Indeed, this vibrant, interactive IT based system of education, which has been equally well received by our learners, might not have been possible without the guidance and support of the Management, diligence of the staff, as well as the numerous outsourced personnel who have been consistently working behind the scene, to ensure that learning outcomes are achieved.

Believing that parents are the first educators, we have always encouraged you to share your opinions regarding the various endeavours of the school in order to continue providing individualized quality

education to all the children. While we have got a very positive response and appreciation from many parents for our well organized and systematically executed scholastic and co-scholastic initiatives, I'd like you to note that we have also been incorporating the varied suggestions for further overall improvement and functioning of the school.

As we continue to look forward to your constructive criticism, a careful thought has also been given to the Fee Structure and Billing for academic year 2020-21.

As per the approved budget for Session 2020-21, the school's expenses were projected to be higher than the previous year and thus the School Managing Committee decided an increase of 5% in the Tuition fee along with Rs 1000/- increase in the Annual Charges. The Fee Structure for 2020-21, as approved by the Managing Committee is available on the school website.

However, owing to the present adverse situation, we are trying to identify the areas wherein the expenses can be curtailed or deferred in the current year without affecting the above-mentioned system of education delivery in any way. We assure you that this process of evaluation to curtail/defer expenses would continue keeping in view the manner in which the situation owing to Covid-19 unfolds in the coming months. However, to sustain the system, care has to be taken that the salary should be paid to the entire staff without any gap.

The Directorate of Education, NCT of Delhi has also issued certain guidelines for collection of fee(s). Therefore, in view of the above, it has been decided that:

- The school will presently be charging only the tuition fee, at the same rate as the previous academic year (2019-20).
- Against the present quarterly fee bill which is being issued, the parent/guardian will have the choice to pay the fee for a month at a time, by the respective due date(s). ECS(NACH) will also be run for monthly fee (for April 2020)and fee for May and June will be required to be paid in Online Mode since mandate authorise only one quarterly recovery.
- Fee bills are being sent through the parent portal. Procedure to access the parent portal has been already communicated through a separate circular. Detailed instructions on modes of payment are also mentioned on the fee bill.
- While making the payment online, one may change the amount payable, if fee is to be paid on monthly basis. However, those who wish to pay the bill in full are not required to edit the payable amount.
- The other components of fee along with Annual Charges are being deferred for the time being and will be charged after the lockdown is over on a pro-rata basis.
- No transport fee will be charged till the students actually start using the school transport.

We are sure that the initiatives taken by the school as well as the measures outlined above will help in continuing the functioning of the school in a consistent manner. I assure you that at our end, we shall

continue to persevere to minimize the impact of present adverse situation, and innovate, to go on facilitating structured and meaningful learning to our children.

Keeping in mind the words of Martin Luther King Jr. '*We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope,*' we earnestly look forward to the continuing support of the parent body, for you have always been our pillar of strength.

Warm Regards

Mrs. Meenu Goswami

Principal