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To  
Whole School Parents

**Ref:** Academic Year 2020-21

Dear Parents:

As a community of educators, we had not anticipated these extra ordinary circumstances that we find ourselves in but for our own safety and that of our fellow countrymen, we must abide by the directives of the state and Centre and ensure as a country we combat this virus with adopted social distancing and quarantine measures.

After much deliberation and discussion with other senior educators, trustees of schools and principals as well as Board officials, we have decided to pre-pone the summer holidays and schedule them during this lockdown period in April, and pre-pone the start of the school to May 21st, 2020.

Basis of our working days available, with this adjustment, the time 'lost' in April, will be made up by starting earlier in May and continuing through June.

Some important dates and information for you to keep in mind:

1. Summer Holidays commence from April 2nd to May 20th, 2020
3. Start of the new academic year May 21st, 2020 for whole school - Nursery to Grade 8
4. Academic Year duration will be May 21st 2020 to March 31st 2021
5. Academic Orientations grade wise will be scheduled on May 22nd and May 23rd, your specific schedule will be emailed by May 15th, 2020

We understand that as families you need to plan your schedules basis of the dates we commit to, and we hope to have your support as we embrace this revised calendar format for 2020-21.

While you enjoy time with your children at home, and engage with them through various activities shared by us, we will also be sending the summer enrichment packs per grade by April 10th, planned by the teachers for your children to work on at home through the holidays, and submit the same to us when school re-opens. We had planned to print this for you, but in wake of the lock-down, we request your support as we send you an e-version as school is closed. Your children can use unused notebooks to answer the questions.

We would also like to share with you that our work behind the scenes continues as our teachers will undergo a virtual professional development program through April-May as we plan ahead for the new academic year.



With regard to the report cards for the academic year 2019-20, we shall hand over the same once school re-opens as this is linked to our ERP and cannot be done from a remote location at this stage. Teachers have calculated the overall grades, and made detailed comments in the report card already but the same will be transferred to the internal reporting system in May. Our customary discussion in person with you as a PTM, will be scheduled in May when we re-open after the academic orientations. We recognise that this is a break away from what you are used to, but given our lockdown, we hope you can understand our challenges in getting the details across to you. Please be reminded that these documents are important as part of a child's school journey, and therefore we would like to handover this officially in May in the format that we follow.

On a parting note, everything we have proposed has tried to factor in the current scenario of lockdown in the country and anticipating a few delays as we mobilise our regular routines by April end. However, please be patient with us should the government's advisory to us is altered in any way.

Looking forward to working closely with all of you and meeting you in person,

Yours truly,

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