

DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL

BRS NAGAR, LUDHIANA

Dear Parents

Date – 28/06/2020

Greetings!

Hope you and all the members of your family are safe and doing well. The unprecedented times due to Corona Virus pandemic are unrelenting too. We were hoping to open the schools in July, but with the cancellation of pending Board exams of classes X and XII by the CBSE last week that does not seem likely. The situation has compelled us to continue with the online mode of teaching in order to facilitate the academic learning process of the students. No doubt, initially there were certain issues but slowly the teachers and the students have got accustomed to the new normal and there is effective transaction of curriculum in all the classes, through Zoom Cloud Meeting App according to the time table provided by the school.

I have received few concerns of the parents and the students about the number of online classes per day, about the effect on the eyes of the students due to increased screen time and not being able to finish the Home Work etc. We cannot reduce the number of classes drastically as the teachers cannot do justice to the prescribed syllabi without a certain regularity and continuity of teaching and learning. But keeping in mind the requests of the parents, we are reducing one class per day for classes VIII to XII. In order to help the students of classes III to VII, we have kept just two to three periods a day so that the subject teachers get time and opportunity to talk to their students and establish an emotional connect with them while catering to their academic needs. The reduced time table for classes VIII to XII will be followed by the teachers from Monday, 29th June.

In addition to this, I would like to make a few suggestions to both the students and the parents. Kindly note -

➤ **For eye-care**

1. The students must be reminded to blink their eyes more often. It helps to cleanse the surface of the eyes of any debris and also helps to keep the eyes from getting dry.
2. They can do certain eye exercises to get rid of the eye strain. Please check the links for learning the eye exercises:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0-CUXKJ2CBU>;
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2AOIFxGEvk&t=323s>;
3. The **students need not look at the screens continuously**, especially when the teacher is explaining something orally. They can look away from the screens every few seconds to relax their eyes.
4. Parents need to guide their wards to reduce their screen time on social media, TV/Netflix etc. so as to save time and energy for their online classes.
5. The students can once in a while skip a class in case they are not feeling well or feel fatigued due to eye-strain. We are not going to be very strict on the attendance issue in classes III to VII.

➤ **For better quality of online study**

1. Students should join the class in time, with their full name and surname, keep the audio and video OFF, so as to have better connectivity.
2. They must focus on the teacher's work and voice both, and take notes side by side.
3. They must use the Chat box for putting up their queries or for answering the questions asked by the teacher.
4. Parents must supervise their wards for their activities during online classes. Guide your ward about cyber security. Our students should

not share the meeting ID and password with any non-DAV student/person, for any reason whatsoever.

I am personally attending online classes of my teachers now-a-days so as to have better attendance, attentiveness and discipline of the students. Only yesterday, I observed an unauthorized non-DAV student in one of the online classes, who was disturbing the class. He was removed from the class immediately. Such a situation would not have happened if the students are sensitized by us and by you not to share the meeting ID and password with anyone.

5. You can attach the laptop/smart phone of your ward with the TV by using a small device called **Chromecast**. This way you can keep a better check about his/her activities during the online classes.

➤ **For self-oriented learning**

The involvement of parents in the education of their wards has always been indispensable. It has become more important in the present situation of teaching through online system. You can help your ward **enjoy learning to learn** and **not simply to prepare for exams or tests**. The onus of learning has to be taken by the learner so as to develop a **life long love for learning**, shifting the **focus from rote – learning to competency based learning**.

Students of classes X and XII will get 20% and 10% questions respectively based on case studies in all the subjects in their Board exam in 2021, for which deeper understanding of the topics is more important not the rote-learning. Practical/project work in different subjects is also an integral part of their curriculum.

1. Our teachers will assign different projects to the students in different subjects for developing deeper understanding of the topics. Children will get guidance from the teachers, but they will require lot of motivation, help and support from you at home.
2. Please do not take any outside help for completion of homework/assignments/projects. Let children struggle at their own level to complete the work. Science tells us that it is through this struggle that actual learning takes place. Initially, they may find

things difficult, but slowly they will start understanding and enjoying their own learning patterns, **they will become self-oriented learners.**

Remember – ***things may be difficult at first, but never impossible.***

3. Children can learn lot of Science and Math concepts in the kitchen. **Please help your ward to learn these subjects through ‘Do It Yourself’ activities** at home. They must be motivated to try new things without any fear of failure.
4. Tuitions for completion of home work are a very poor alternative of self-oriented learning. Please do not spend time and money on taking private tuition for every subject right from primary level. Your child will simply complete his home work and will cram the answers. Understanding of the concepts will rarely happen.
5. I have observed that many children tried to cheat in the recently held online assessments. I and my staff members do not approve of this mentality of the students. Please understand that the marks scored in the tests/exams are not at all important. The learning out of the whole exercise of teaching and testing includes having a clear understanding of the concepts, the application of that learning in life situations, the value system and skills learnt. These are the things that are going to help your child in future, not the marks scored in any exam. Please make your expectations from your ward clear to her/him and make them desist from any such malpractices.

Our students are our asset and we are committed to extend every possible help to them to make them strong in academic knowledge, skills and values, enough to lead a successful and meaningful life. I seek your support in all the endeavors of the school in the interest of the students.

I consider the parents as the primary stakeholders in the education of thousands of our students. Therefore, I feel it is important to share with you that since April, 2020, till date only about 30% of students’ fees has been paid to the school. The circular dated 19.05.2020. was sent after the state government allowed the schools to charge only tuition fee at the

rates of the previous year. We have a strong family of more than 260 teaching, non-teaching and administrative staff, whose home and hearth runs on the salaries they get from the school. You have always been very supportive of all the school's endeavors and its philosophy. With due respect to the relationship we have nurtured between us, I request you all to kindly pay the dues for the first quarter. Some parents might have some financial issues due to the lock down, they can individually approach the school regarding the same.

Hope to meet our dear students in person on the campus at the earliest!

Till then, STAY HOME, STAY SAFE.

With best regards

Educationally yours

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Principal