BAL BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL

GRH MARG, DELHI-110060

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Dear Parent

"And suddenly you just know...it's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings."

-Meister Eckhart

It seems difficult to believe, but we surely and steadily are on the threshold of the second quarter of the academic session 2020-21. Owing to the lockdown due to Covid-19, the first quarter of the session was marked by unprecedented changes, with online education becoming the new normal. The potential of electronic gadgets as educational tools was fully realized as the educators with the support of school management set out to transact the traditional curriculum using the digital platform/ modern technology of varied kinds. The students too responded positively, and we thank the parent body whose consistent support helped us in the smooth conduct of the classes as well as in the Online Assessments, both Objective and Subjective, during the first quarter.

In fact, it gives me immense satisfaction that, Bal Bharati, which is committed to providing holistic education, continued the practice even during the challenging times. Besides sharing videos of Yoga, performing arts, easy-to-cook recipes etc. by teachers, during the first quarter, we facilitated opportunities for students to participate in varied co-curricular activities at intra and inter school levels. This provided the learners with a platform to hone and showcase their individual talents from within the safety of their respective homes – the latest ones being the celebration of International Yoga Day, Online MUN and the summer camp. The positive impact of these efforts can be garnered from the enthusiastic participation of students, their remarkable achievements, and the numerous letters of appreciation as well as positive suggestions that I continue to get from the parent community regularly.

We are all aware that even as the process of unlock is underway, the threat of corona looms large, because of which the government has decided to keep the

school shut. However, even as the classrooms in the school building shall remain shut, the teaching learning process shall continue online, rendering each home as a hub of holistic learning, nurtured by the careful guidance of the teachers, backed with the support of the school management and administration.

Here, I would like to remind you that your consistent support is essential for the smooth functioning of the school system. In the second quarter, as per Government guidelines, there are a few changes in the structure and process of Fee Payment, which you are requested to follow. These are:

- With reference to the previous letter regarding the payment of fees, the school shall continue to follow the fee structure of the academic session 2019-20. The approved hike of 10% for the session 2020-21 shall be deferred, until further notice.
- From second quarter (July September 2020) onwards, the following components of the fee, along with the tuition fee will be charged :
 - a. Annual charges

Annual charges Rs 7000/- (as per fee structure 2019-2020), will be charged in two instalments of Rs 3500/- each with second & third quarter.

b. Development fee

The Development fee for the entire year will be divided in 3 equal instalments and charged in each of the three remaining quarters on pro-rata basis.

- No Activity fee will be charged for quarter 1 & 2.
- No Science fee/Computer fee/Computer aided learning fee/specific activity fee will be charged for quarter I & II.
- As communicated earlier, the transport fee will not be charged until students actually start using the school transport.
- Henceforth, the fee will be collected on quarterly basis. For students who have opted for payment of fee(s) through ECS, the ECS will run for the quarterly fee and the date will be intimated well in advance. Other parents should pay the quarterly fee online. However, in case a parent is unable to pay the dues on the quarterly basis, they may email a request to pay the fee on monthly basis stating the reason. The mail may be sent to

- <u>parentportal@gr.balbharati.org</u> The request will be considered and the parent will be duly intimated.
- Fee bills will be sent through the parent portal. Procedure to access the
 parent portal has been already communicated through a separate circular
 dated 14 April 2020. Detailed instructions on modes of payment are also
 mentioned on the fee bill.

Everything, as we know, is temporal, but the learning experiences today will have a bearing on the overall development and attitudes of the learners, thereby influencing their future. Accordingly, the faculty members are diligently planning/preparing the lessons and resource material, to ensure quality learning experiences, both scholastic and co-scholastic, during the next term. With your continued support, we look forward to journeying ahead to help the children realise their aspirations and carve their own niche. Do reach out to me at bbpsgrh@balbharati.org to share any concern that you might have.

These days, I am often reminded of the words of J.R.R. Tolkein, "... all the while I sit and think of times there were before; I listen for returning feet and voices at the door." Indeed, the presence of students gives life to the entire school!

As we pray for the world to heal, let us continue to collaborate to effectively engage, educate, and empower our children...

Warm regards Laksh Vir Sehgal Principal