

BAL BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL

GRH Marg, Delhi-110060

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*“Que sera, sera
Whatever will be, will be
The future's not ours to see...”*

- Jay Livingston and Ray Evans

Dear Parents

On behalf of the Management and staff of the school, I extend my sincere congratulations to your ward/s on the successful completion of the academic session 2020-21. Even as we looked forward to ushering the new academic session with innovative methods of transacting curriculum, such as hybrid teaching etc. to cater to individual needs of the learners, the grim situation created by the rising trajectory of corona inflicted cases, forced schools to shift to the online mode of teaching, yet again. Thus, the academic session, 2021-22 was initiated as per schedule, on 5 April 2021, but through the virtual platform - using GSuite, Microsoft Teams, and Whatsapp etc. - in the safe precincts of learners' respective homes.

During the previous session, despite a variety of challenges posed by the unprecedented situation, we were able to shift to the online mode of transacting curriculum in an overall seamless manner owing to the school's progressive policies, which also included prior exposure to techno-pedagogy. We were largely successful in providing holistic learning experiences to our learners, focussing on their scholastic and co-scholastic aspirations. The honours and awards chronicled in our records of 2020-21, bear testimony to the school's excellence even during the adverse circumstances prevalent last year. To name a few, we were designated as the Microsoft Showcase School again, and were conferred the Adobe Showcase School Award for efficient use of technology in teaching/learning. Additionally, the school was yet again accorded the first position in Central Delhi for the second consecutive year in the Times School Survey 2020. The Education World Grand Jury Awards 2020-21, ranked the school at the 6th position at all India level in Multi-culture Sports category, and

educationtoay.in accorded us the 14th position among CBSE schools, pan India. Also, in the Mathematics skill based global competition, *Clash of PI*, the excellent performance of students from class III to XII, led the school to win the first position in Asia. The school was commended for being “...at the forefront of innovation in education technology and for embracing the latest methodologies to deliver lasting and impactful learning outcomes”.

I attribute the stellar success of the school to the remarkable collaboration amongst all the stakeholders – the ever-supportive Management, the brilliant and assiduous staff members, the diligent students, and most importantly, the relentless and forthcoming support of the parent body.

Endeavouring to build on the experiences of the previous session, we are presently engaged in devising newer and more meaningful activities, and capacity building programmes, to enrich the virtual learning experiences – both, scholastic as well as co-scholastic, of each individual learner. Already, the Morning Assembly programmes are being posted in the class Whatsapp groups. Highlighting the myriad talents of our students, each edition of the assembly programme is now accompanied with a motivating *Teacher Talk*, to infuse positivity among the learners. Additionally, notifications regarding enrolling students as members of different clubs, varied interschool competitions etc. are being regularly posted in the class groups. Participation in these programmes, in addition to attending the classes regularly, would help students to have purposeful and structured routines, which we hope, would help to keep them positive and motivated, amongst all the negativity that presently prevails in the macrocosm. Also, while the children are confined within the houses, we urge you to include physical activities, such as aerobics, yoga etc. in their daily routine to promote physical fitness. We too, shall be organizing a plethora of activities during the summer vacations.

Dear parents, while the online interaction with the Pre-school class, our junior-most batch of 2021 -22, has already started, we are also taking Practice tests etc. for the outgoing batch of class XII (2020 -21), besides teaching the present class XII. Soon, the students of class X, will be allocated varied academic streams,

and start with their class XI curriculum. Thus, in this way, we have been trying to ensure that no class of the school is neglected in any way.

As we make all these efforts, we would welcome any feedback/suggestion you might want to share with us, based on your monitoring of the online classes during the previous academic session. Your letters of appreciation last year boosted our morale, while the numerous suggestions, pertaining to screen time, online annual assessments in addition to the planned offline assessments etc. were mostly heeded by us. Yes, your opinion matters to us, as does your whole-hearted trust and support, which is essential to continue the functioning of the school in an efficient manner. In this regard, I would like to share with you the Fee Structure and Billing for academic year 2021-22.

As you know that for the session 2020-21, though an increase in fee over 2019-20 was proposed, but it was not charged considering the impact of the pandemic and the long lockdown. Therefore, in the session 2020-21, varied components of the fee were charged as per the fee structure of 2019-20 only. Please note that Activity fee, Transport fee, Computer-aided learning fee, Science fee, and Computer fee were not charged at all. Due to these measures, we were barely able to manage, and continued the functioning of the school, with great difficulty.

For the session 2021-22, the School Managing Committee has approved of a Fee Structure, which is available on the school's website: <https://bbpsgr.balbharati.org/> However, to mitigate the immediate financial burden on the parents we have decided to take the following measures:


- a) In the First Quarter, only Tuition Fee will be charged
- b) Annual Charges will be charged in 2 instalments in Q-II, and Q-IV
- c) Development Fund for the year will be charged in 3 equal instalments in Q-II, Q-III, and Q-IV
- d) No Activity fee, Computer-aided learning fee, Science fee, Computer fee will be charged until the school functions physically.

- e) No Transport fee will be charged until the students actually start using the transport.
- f) 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 will also be run as per monthly tuition fee.
- g) Fee bills are being made available through the parent portal. Procedure to access the parent portal remains the same as earlier. Detailed instructions regarding different modes of payment will also be mentioned on the fee bill.
- h) While making the payment online, if fee is to be paid on monthly basis, one may change the amount payable. However, those who wish to pay the bill in full are not required to edit the payable amount.

We are hopeful that the measures outlined above will be appreciated and followed, as they are essential to ensure smooth and consistent functioning of the school. Here, let me add that when we refer to learning, it is not merely restricted to a school's edifice. A school represents much more - it is the manifestation of the vision of its founding fathers; the consistent efforts of the management to help it evolve timelessly; the zealous diligence of the staff members consistently innovating to empower learners indiscriminately; and most importantly, the rich mosaic of learning experiences of generations of students... All these aspects render learning to be an ongoing process and the previous academic session 2020-21, verily testifies the same. Thus, even as virtual school goes on, the staff members and I, eagerly wish for the learners to return, and bring alive the silent and still school premises with their energetic playfulness, endless chatter, and resounding mirthful laughter...

Until then, let us all continue to follow Covid appropriate behaviour, stay safe, and pray together for the wellbeing of humanity.

Best wishes


Laksh Vir Sehgal
Principal