

Dear Parents,

Due to the uncertainty of the **CORONAVIRUS** Pandemic, which is on the rise, and taking into consideration the current situation of the **NATIONAL LOCKDOWN**, announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the school has had to make certain amendments in its **ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020-21**.

In lieu of the above mentioned, and in order to help your ward not to lose touch academically, a link to download worksheets and assignments will be made available on the website by **April 5th, 2020**. Kindly do consider these assignments as **compulsory**. These will be assessed once the school reopens and will be graded as part of the **PORTFOLIO** that they are required to make for the Internal Assessment.

The school is mindful of the fact that the students will be missing out classes and the 'TEACHING' of the lessons by teachers. We are exploring various possibilities of being able to effectively continue the teaching-learning process, should the lockdown extend and the school remain closed. Till such time, I suggest that the soft copy of the **TEXTBOOKS** and the **NCERT EXEMPLAR** be accessed from the official **NCERT** website as well as the **CBSE ACADEMIC** website- **DIKSHA PORTAL**, to avail textbooks, videos and activities for the children.

May I, at this time also make a fervent appeal to all the parents to not expect too much of learning of the syllabus, including online activities by your children, while they are at home. Therefore, we will be giving reasonable assignments to be done by them.

This is a challenging and difficult time for all of us and our children are as scared as we are right now. They have not seen or heard of such a pandemic like Corona Virus in their life time. Please do not have very high expectations from your children by getting them involved in online learning activities, experiments, book reports, projects etc. Our endeavour should be to help children realise and recognise the fact that, not going to School and being at home is not a burden, but FUN. It is more of spending quality FAMILY TIME with everyone at Home and being involved with the daily chores. At this time what they need is to feel comforted and loved. Please don't forget that the mental health of our children is more important than anything else. This phase of their life will always be etched in their memory. So, it is imperative that parents help them to go through this time with positivity and not have any traces of fear or apprehension left in their minds. We also need to educate our children to take utmost precaution. I assure you that we will together enable them to do well academically, once the school reopens.

We are confident that with God's help and everybody's support and cooperation, we will definitely come through. Be fully assured of our prayers for your children and your family and know that GOD IS IN CONTROL.

IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS IN THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020-2021

1. The following events are **POSTPONED until further notice**:

- a. **Nursery class Orientation** scheduled for 1st April 2020.
- b. First day of school for Nursery class.
- c. **Class 3 and 9 Parents' Orientation** scheduled in first week of April 2020.
- d. **Report Card Day** scheduled for **7th April 2020**. [*The date to collect Report Cards will be announced once the school reopens. The results of the respective wards have been informed to parents through SMS. If however, for any reason you have not received information, kindly let the respective Coordinators/ Primary School Superintendent/ Vice-Principal/ Principal know through **email**. Your request will be reverted to at the earliest.*]
- e. The **Improvement of Performance (IOP) Exam** for all classes.

- f. **Placement Tests** for Admission in the session 2020-21 for all classes.
2. **The Fee structure for the Academic year 2020-21 will be put up on the website on the 31st of March 2020.**

In case, if you have any query, please feel free to write to me at principal@graceacademyindia.com and I will revert to you at the earliest.

With love and prayers,
Benjamin Newton
Principal