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Dear Parents

I, Geeta Mudhar on behalf of the entire team, would like to extend a warm welcome to you to the new academic session, 2020-21. I shall be the Grade Rep for Grade VII, for this session. I have been teaching Mathematics since 2004 and have been a part of the Sanskriti family since 2014.

As you are aware the outbreak of corona virus disease (COVID-19) has been declared as a Public Health Emergency and the virus has now spread to many countries and territories. While COVID-19 continues to spread, it is important we all must take action to prevent further transmission, reduce the impacts of the outbreak and support control measures. The protection of children is particularly important.

According to UNICEF, " ...children and young people are global citizens, powerful agents of change and the next generation of caregivers, scientists, and doctors. Any crisis presents the opportunity to help them learn, cultivate compassion and increase resilience while building a safer and more caring community." Now it becomes our duty to keep our students occupied productively. We know that the school and parents are together in this endeavour.

So, at our end we are trying our best to do whatever can be done under current situation. We would like to share strategies that have been planned to keep them busy and ensure that learning is happening, even if it means through the virtual world. A very significant aspect of this is to make our students understand what is expected of them during these days and maintain a routine.

To start with, punctuality and regularity are the key to any learning-real or virtual. Hence, we have the following expectations from all students:

- The **students log in at the time given** to them by their teachers.
- They should understand that they are accountable for every action. Therefore, unlike a real classroom; the teacher will not be able to check if someone leaves the class in between. The child has to understand that it will be his loss, if he chooses to do that.
- There will be **zero tolerance** for students who try to disrupt the class or create nuisance.
- As far as assignments are concerned, at our end we are trying that students are not overburdened, but submission is totally their responsibility. They will have to comprehend that there will be deadlines and they have to adhere to it.

Again, as mentioned we must make use of this situation to make our children responsible citizens. To ensure that classes are effective and meaningful we will require the support of parents. Please do ensure that children take responsibility of their own learning, follow a routine and ensure that they clarify all doubts on their own.

The students will be kept engaged through online and offline activities conducted by respective faculty members from the **8th of April, 2020**. These activities include teaching-learning using different modes - assignments, tutorials, quizzes, sharing of Learning material, project-based tasks etc. Please,

remember, these lessons are designed to reinforce and enrich student skills while schools are closed. They are NOT meant to add stress to an already very difficult time in our lives.

Please make note of the following:

- **Grade VII will be using their PREVIOUS year's Google classroom** to communicate with their respective class teachers. Their new subject teachers will also join their old classrooms for their subjects.
- **Classes will not be live but students will get access to the learning material via the Google Classroom. They will read it and complete any task assigned. In case they have doubts they should write to the teacher concerned on the google classroom and also bring it up during the class teacher interaction on Fridays in case the issue has not been addressed.**
- **Classes can be accessed at any time suitable to the child but the work for the day must be completed that day itself.**
- Class teachers are using the Hang out online platform for online sessions only for Class teacher interactions on the first day, ie; 8th of April, 2020 and every Friday. .
- Students will be having **two subjects through google classroom per day** (10:10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - Subject I, 11:10 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Subject II).
- A Class teacher's period will be there every Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.
- **The invitation /link to join these online sessions** will be posted in your **PREVIOUS year's class teacher's Google classroom** by your class teacher.
- **Please note that it is absolutely mandatory to check the school website every day for updates. Schedule for Remote learning for classes 6-10 and 12 will be posted on the website under circulars and updates.**
- Again, it is reiterated that students should communicate with their teachers if they have any questions or concerns regarding a particular subject via school email id or Google classrooms.
- **Please note that on first day i.e. 8th April 2020, there will only be an online session with the class teacher from 10:10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and no subject teaching.**

In these trying times children may respond to stress in different ways. Common responses include having difficulties sleeping, being anxious, withdrawn, angry, clingy or afraid to be left alone. Respond to children's reactions in a supportive way and explain to them that they are normal reactions to an abnormal situation like this. Listen to their concerns and take time to comfort them and give them affection, reassure them they are safe as long as they are indoors. If possible, create opportunities for children to exercise and relax. A set of exercises and Yoga techniques have also been posted on the website for you and your child. Keep regular routines and schedules as much as possible. Provide age-appropriate facts about what has happened, explain what is going on and give them clear examples on what they can do to help protect themselves and others from infection. You may also involve them little in daily household jobs to keep them busy and involved with family. This is the time to train them in life skills which will be of great use in their future life.

We understand these are difficult times and we are all trying to adjust in our own ways. But at the same time, we cannot let go off so much time. We need your cooperation to make use of this time in the best possible manner for the betterment of our children. We would like to end by saying how much the students are being missed. We are concerned for our students' health and well-being, as well as their families. This is not a time for us to panic. This is a time for us to come together. We are all in this fight together.

Along with my team of extremely experienced teachers and I assure you that your ward is in very good hands. The Grade VII Class Teachers are as follows:

VII A: Ms. Mona Singh
VII B: Ms. Shivani Gulati
VII C: Ms. Japneet Kaur
VII D: Ms. Sonali Sharma
VII E: Ms. Kanika Malhotra
VII F: Ms. Rashmi Singh
VII G: Ms. Puja Sharma

In case of any queries please feel free to contact me on my school email id geetamudhar@sanskritischool.edu.in

As your ward is in the middle school, I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce to you our new middle school counsellor Ms. Nayandeep Kaur. Please feel free to contact her if and when required via her email id nayandeepkaur@sanskritischool.edu.in

Please find below details for the learning mode for your child.

- **Grade VII** will have introduction online session on 8th April, 2020 through '**Google Hangout meet**' with the class teacher from 10:10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and then on every Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.
- **You will need-**
 - Laptop/smartphone
 - Download meet app if using smartphone
 - Check Audio and video are functional on these devices
 - Login with your school Id
- **Getting started-**

To join Google meet, follow the given steps-

On Laptop

- In a web browser, enter <https://meet.google.com>
- Click Join or start a meeting
- Enter the meeting code sent by your teacher.

Note: The hyphens in the meeting code are optional.

- Click Continue and then Join.

On Smartphone

- Open the Hangouts Meet app and then tap Meeting code.
- Enter the meeting code sent by your teacher.

Note: The hyphens in the meeting code are optional.

- Tap Join meeting.

- Thereafter all subject classes will be conducted through **google classroom** as per the schedule posted on the school website. There will be classes with two subjects per day. Each subject will be planned in a way so that students are able to see/read the stimulus provided by the teacher, process the new information/learning and complete any task within one hour. Class will include video/presentation/story/comprehension which may or may not be followed by a small task. The child can learn at his/her own pace keeping the deadlines in mind.

- The schedule for the classes will be uploaded on the school website under the title '**Schedule for Remote Learning**' marked date wise.
- Do check this schedule **every alternate day** to be aware of the future classes on time.
- **Old Google Classroom will only be used by the students.** The link required by the students to access the online classes on Google meet will be posted by their teacher on Google Classroom.
- There will be **two classes per day** and **one interaction with the class teacher** will be scheduled for **every Friday**.

These are some of the e-learning platforms recommended by MHRD.

1. <https://diksha.gov.in/cbse/>
2. <http://epathshala.nic.in/>
3. <https://nroer.gov.in/welcome>
4. <https://swayam.gov.in/>
5. <https://www.swayamprabha.gov.in/>

With best wishes for a wonderful new year ahead

Geeta Mudhar
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