

Sanskriti School

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Dear Parents,

I, Chhavi Narang on behalf of the entire team, would like to welcome your ward to Grade VIII. I will continue to be the Grade Rep of this batch of students in the academic session 2020-21. I have been teaching Mathematics since 2007 and have been a part of the Sanskriti family since 2015.

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 too 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 the 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 is 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 to ensure that students are not over-burdened, but submission is totally their responsibility. They will have to comprehend that there will be deadlines and they have to adhere to it.



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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 ensure that children take responsibility for their own learning, follow a routine and 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 online 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 VIII will be using their PREVIOUS year's Google classroom to communicate with their respective class teachers and subject teachers. New teachers are now a member of their previous classrooms.
- Please ensure that children are all members of Google classrooms of the previous year for all subjects.
- All the teachers are also using the Hangout online platform for online classes.
- Students will have **two online classes per day** (8:00a.m. to 8:50 a.m. Subject I, 9:00a.m. to 9:50 a.m. Subject II).
- A Class teacher's period will be there every Friday from 10:00AM to 10:20 AM.
- The invitation/link to join these online classes will be posted in your (PREVIOUS year's subject wise) Google classroom by your subject teachers.
- 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 every alternate day.
- 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.

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 to 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

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others from infection. You may also involve them little in daily household jobs to keep them busy and involved with the family. This is the time to train them in life skills which will be of great use in the future.

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 of 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 VIII Class Teachers are as follows:

VIII A- Ms. Mansi Arora

VIII B- Ms. Shilpi Singh

VIII C- Ms. Vrinda Rajendran

VIII D- Ms. Renuka Talwar

VIII E- Ms. Meenakshi Kachroo

VIII F- Ms. Ruchi Sinha

VIII G- Ms. Yogita Gautam

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

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 VIII will have online classes through 'Google Hangout meet'.
- You will need-
 - Laptop/smartphone
 - Download meet app if using smartphone
 - Check Audio and video are functional on these devices
 - Login with your(student's) school Id

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• 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.

The MHRD has set up e-learning platforms and recommended them for students. These are listed below:-

- 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 academic session ahead.

Chhavi Narang GRADE VIII REP 2020-21