



Circular No.124/2020-21

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Dear Parent,

*"Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it."
– Helen Keller*

As the world collectively struggles against the global pandemic of Covid-19, the profound truth in the oft repeated statement, Change is the only constant in life, becomes lucidly apparent to us. Our attempts to adjust to an altogether new way of living make us aware of the exponential pace at which life has changed unpredictably, from what it was barely three weeks ago. Longing for the life of pre-pandemic times, one wonders what would be music to our ears - the din of the traffic hurtling down the busy streets or the melodious chirruping of birds in stark blue skies, clearly audible to all amidst the pervasive sounds of silence.

You all are aware that in the present state of uncertainty and lockdown, even as the school building is closed down, the school continues to function with yet greater energy and enthusiasm. The school has taken the initiative to engage children effectively by shifting from class room instruction to online teaching for all classes from Pre School to Class 12. To facilitate learning for our dear children within the security of their respective homes, varied initiatives have been taken. These include time tables for different classes using Google classrooms/ hangouts; sharing list of grade-specific links to promote self-learning through creating Learner Centric Spaces; extensive Suggested Reading List for different classes; as well as day- wise schedule of comprehensive Lessons laboriously prepared by the teachers; etc. Relevant Circulars to this effect must have been received by you all.

I request the parents to note that different formats / modes of online learning are being used by the school to engage children productively. These have been carefully selected to ensure effective and efficient transaction of academic content, promote individualized learning as well as lead to development of skills.

I must applaud the teachers for their exemplary dedication and commitment in carrying out IT based teaching. They have worked tirelessly beyond the normal working hours to make this possible. Collaborating amongst themselves, they have been preparing intellectually stimulating lessons, connecting with students through social media, and taking online classes efficiently. The transition from classroom teaching to online mode posed several challenges, yet overcoming all these, the teaching faculty continues to ensure that the classes go on smoothly, as per schedule and learning outcomes are achieved.

Even as I have received several congratulatory messages, dear parents, I realize that all this could not have been possible without your valuable support. Under the present dire and stressful circumstances, I am aware that it has been an extra responsibility for you also, as you must be already burdened with additional tasks, along with managing your work schedules from home. It is also heartening to note that the children too have adapted to this form of instruction with great alacrity and zest. We hope that this initiative of the school would have helped them to be meaningfully engaged, have a routine, and work in a structured and constructive manner on daily basis, besides connecting with their friends and teachers, even if virtually. I'd like us all to thank the Management of Bal Bharati Public School, as well. It is owing to their foresight that school was well-equipped and prepared to make the transition to technology based learning, so smoothly.

As you all know, with a rich legacy of 30 years, the school is renowned across the nation, as a premier progressive institution. Consistently guided by the vision to **'look for solutions, rather than excuses'** and striving to be **'better and better'**, the school has continued to evolve in accordance with the changing paradigms and provide relevant education.

I, therefore, request the parents to:

- be actively involved in the ongoing online learning of their wards.
- help children to establish a regular learning schedule.
- designate a specific work space.
- motivate them to work regularly.
- inspire them to communicate in a disciplined manner with teachers for clarification of doubts etc.
- review the privacy settings of their devices to ensure cyber security.
- encourage them to collaborate with peers.
- guide them to own their learning.
- be mindful of the child's stress or worry and provide reassurance.

Parents can also email constructive suggestions at asha.prabhakar@balbhharati.org to enhance the overall efficacy of our Online Teaching Programme.

Though we do not know exactly when, but at some point of time the pandemic has to end, for I too have faith in the optimism conveyed by the poet, PB Shelley through these beautiful lines, **'If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?'** Meanwhile, let us use the present adverse situation as a tremendous opportunity to instill among our children, by being role models, the essential life skills, appropriate attitudes, ethical behaviour and positive outlook.

Thank you for your understanding, your commitment and your belief in us.....

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(Principal)

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