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ADVISORY ON USE OF SMART PHONES

Dear Parents,

The school has made the decision to implement a ban on smartphones within the school premises and in the school bus in pursuance of the recommendations by UNESCO and a circular issued by Directorate of Education, Delhi. We believe that this decision is in the best interest of your child's education and overall well-being.

Here are some important details and considerations regarding this policy:

- 1. Reducing Distractions: Smartphones can be a significant source of distraction in the classroom. By prohibiting their use during school hours, we aim to create a more focused learning environment.
- 2. Promoting Social Interaction: Excessive smartphone use can lead to reduced face-to-face social interactions among students. This ban encourages students to engage with their peers and teachers in person.
- 3. Enhancing Safety: Preventing smartphone use during school hours can also help in maintaining a safer school environment by minimizing potential issues related to cyberbullying, depression, anxiety, inappropriate content, and unauthorized communication.

We understand that there may be situations where it is necessary for your child to have a phone with them for safety reasons. In such cases, it is suggested to give them only normal keypad phone, which they can deposit with their class teacher in the morning and take back at the time of dispersal.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a productive and focused learning environment. You can assist by encouraging your child to leave their smartphone at home and discuss the importance of this policy with your child and emphasizing the reasons behind it.

USE OF ANY SMART GADGET IN SCHOOL IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. IF A STUDENT IS FOUND FLOUTING THIS POLICY, THE GADGET WILL BE CONFISCATED.

Looking forward to your cooperation in this regard so that together we can ensure a meaningful learning environment in the school.

Asha Prabhakar (Principal) स्वच्छ भारत

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