

31<sup>st</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Excel Public School!

I hope this communication finds you all in the best of health and well-being.

We are all going through difficult times, with the pandemic and the ensuing lockdown and its impact. Some of the families of the EPS community, including our staff, have lost some of their near and dear ones to Covid-19. Let us join in the grief of these families and pray for courage and fortitude to the bereaved.

I extend the sincerest appreciation and gratitude of the EPS family to all those who are selflessly working to save the society from the current calamity in various capacities; people's representatives, doctors and other health professionals, police personnel, govt. servants, members of NGOs and volunteers. I know that a good number of our parents are serving in the above roles. Eternal vigilance, strict adherence to the protocols and cooperation with the authorities are the only ways by which we can save ourselves and our community from the ongoing pandemic. Let's not compromise on it.

In the current scenario, it is most likely that our children will be attending online classes, at least for the first part of the new Academic Year. We are planning to increase the frequency and duration of online classes, along with adding more interesting and engaging activities and learning experiences for our students. The preparation for the same is in progress and we will be sharing the details of the same soon.

The Hon. Supreme Court on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, while deciding the issue of fee deduction, with reference to a petition against the State of Gujarat, (CIVIL APPEAL NO. 1724 OF 2021) has suggested '**providing deduction of 15 per cent**' on the annual fee '**in lieu of unutilized facilities by the students during the relevant period of academic year 2020-21**' for those students who had no access to physical classes. Taking the above order into consideration, and keeping in mind the economic hardships most of us are going through, the School Management has decided to extend this benefit to our parents, even though most of you have already paid the Annual Fees in full for the academic year 2020-21. As you are aware, the Management had already revoked the hike in the fee (12-15%) announced in the beginning of academic year 2020-21. Further, the Management had paid full salaries to all the staff during the last academic year, though there was no income from some of the sources like transport fee and lunch fee, and we would like to continue to take care of our colleagues, in the coming months too.

Therefore,

- **LKG to Class 5** will get 15% waiver on the Annual Fee paid during 2020-21 (as they did not have any physical classes)
- **Class 6 to 8** will get 10% waiver on the Annual Fee paid during 2020-21 (as they had a blend of physical and online classes - for a short duration.
- **Class 9 to 12** will NOT have any waiver (as they were offered physical classes for 4-5 months)

**Those who are yet to pay the Annual Fees for 2020-21 in full**, may pay the outstanding, along with the Annual Fee of 2021-22, after deducting the amount waived off.

**Those who have paid the Annual Fees in full**, the excess amount paid will be deducted from the Annual Fee for 2021-22.

**Those who have already paid the Annual Fee in full for 2021-22**, the excess amount will be adjusted to the Transport/Lunch Fee, or carried forward towards future transactions.

You may contact the School Office after 7<sup>th</sup> June to know the exact amount payable by you towards the Annual Fee of your ward for Academic Year 2021-22.

I hope this decision of the School Management helps, at least in some way, to mitigate the financial hardships faced by our parent community.

The proposed Fee structure for the Academic Year 2021-22 remains unchanged, as of now. **I request all the parents to pay at least a part of the Annual Fee, if not in full, before the commencement of the new academic session.** Those with serious financial difficulties, and those who need additional time to make the payment may feel free to meet/contact the undersigned.

We look forward to the support and patronage from our parent community in the days to come.

Let's all stay safe and healthy.

Regards,



Mathew K G  
Principal

