



St. Stephen's School, Dum Dum

(A Christian Minority Co-Educational English Medium School under Article 30 of the Indian Constitution)

Affiliated to C.I.S.C.E., New Delhi (Code WB-138)

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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS & GURDIANS

This is to inform all concerned that in the session 2020-21 School have followed the Court Verdict faithfully.

Following the Court verdict in October-2020, 20% was waived off on all heads in pursuance with the Verdict. Essential charges were kept as per High Court Order for payment of Staff Salaries.

The revised fees you are paying now, **please treat it as an advance for the New Academic Session - 2021-2022 subject to adjustment in the following months as per Supreme Court / High Court Verdict regarding school fees.** Please be rest assured the school will comply with all legal directions in due course and provide you with the required exemptions (if any) as per the Court Verdict.

Please clear the session fees latest by 30th April, 2021.

Your co-operation is highly solicited.


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AN APPEAL TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

" Education is not preparation for life, Education is life itself. " ~ John Dewey

It is the dream of every parent to see their child reach the zenith in their Academic and Professional Career, we at St. Stephen's School, Dum Dum share this dream committed to imparting quality education with a Missionary zeal - to learn, love and serve has remained our motto for years down the line.

Thank you for being a part of ST. STEPHEN'S family! We assure you that your child's learning continues to be supported by our community of innovative educators, support staff and motivated administrators who are working together and round the clock to ensure positive outcomes for all students. We are here to deliver the best possible education to our students and hence serve the society.

Please understand that as a Private Minority Institution receiving no aid from the Government or elsewhere, financial support from the parents enables the school to support its staff, improve its facilities and allow for enhanced learning opportunities besides giving help to the poor and needy in and around the State of West Bengal in the sphere of school education.

The COVID- 19 Pandemic has been harsh to all of us and we have remained concerned about the genuine difficulties faced by our parents.

- **At the commencement of the New Academic Session last year in 2020- 21, even before the High Court verdict, the School Management took instant decision to not hike the fees and rolled back to 2019- 2020 Fees Structure**
- **Please be reminded that the School fees hasn't been enhanced for the last 3 years and the Fees Structure is one of the lowest among schools of similar standards in the neighbourhood and the city as well guided by Missionary values**
- **In July, 2020 the School waived off 50% of Computer, Electricity Fees and completely waived off Laboratory and Co Curricular Charges to relieve our parents in such times of distress**
- **Following the Court verdict in October 2020, 20% was waived off on all heads in pursuance with the Verdict. Essential Charges were kept as per High Court Order for payment of Staff Salaries**
- **During the Academic Year 2020 - 21, the School conducted Virtual Classes on WhatsApp/ Google Meet / Zoom to enhance the standards of Learning and ensure that Education of your children didn't come to a standstill in spite of whatever challenges we have faced at our end**
- **From conducting Proctored Online Examinations to Co - Curricular Activities and Events, Parent Teachers Interaction and even Laboratory/ Revision Classes were held on Campus or the Senior Classes**
- **We continued to help the parents in need of further relief by giving upto 50% concession with proper documentation**
- **We continued our Missionary Work in rural and urban areas in and around West Bengal providing education to the needy and the underprivileged at minimal or no cost**
- **However, given the extreme crunch of resources, the Staff had to compromise on their financial benefits : from increments to salary to even their Provident Fund Entitlements**

Our Governing Body is comprised of devoted missionaries and committed professionals who want to ensure the students receive the best during their years of schooling enabling them to become good and responsible citizens of our nation. Today, the school needs you in this hour of crisis and hopes for your cooperation and support to maintain the standards of reputation it is known for!!

We, at ST. STEPHEN'S School, use your contributions to support our staff, infrastructure, academic programmes, technology equipment, extracurricular opportunities, learning materials, teaching/classroom supplies, sanitation and COVID Safety Protocols and the various Applications you use on a Virtual Platform for Online Education.

The revised fees you are paying now, please treat it as an advance for the new academic session 2021 - 2022 subject to adjustment in the following months as per supreme court/ high court verdict regarding school fees. Please be rest assured the school will comply with all legal directions in due course and provide you with the required exemptions (if any) as per the court verdict.
We would request you to kindly clear the session fees latest by 30th april, 2021.

Parents/ Guardians regularly agitating at the School Gate is tarnishing the reputation of the Institution and also creating much undesired and unwanted disturbance for the Staff and also the Students appearing for the Board Practical Examinations on Campus. So we hope this gentle appeal satisfies many of your queries and we request you to refrain from such actions in the near future for the benefit of your children.

Your support and partnership is most desired in ensuring smooth and effective functioning of the Institution in the New Academic Session and in the years to come !!

Thanking you and Warm Regards.

Sincerely Yours,
School Management

