

BARNES SCHOOL & JUNIOR COLLEGE, DEVLALI CIRCULAR NO 04 / 2020-2021

Wednesday, 20th May 2020

Dear Parents,

I trust you and your children are SAFE as we continue to live in lockdown 4.0.

As a school, we look forward to having your children back in Barnes, with new circumstances and changes that we will be forced to live with. Of course, as the Chief Scientist of the World Health Organisation believes, children will continue to be at "VERY LOW RISK" of being infected with COVID – 19, whenever school reopens.

Nevertheless, we are going to be forced to run the school with UNBELIEVABLE CHANGES and unfortunately, we cannot specify for HOW LONG. The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) is aware of the situation and will definitely intervene in REDUCING THE SYLLABUS for this Academic Year, for the examination classes and the regular school.

I THANK our teachers for the ONLINE CLASSES that are being conducted and must mention that they are going to be INCREASED IN VOLUME, and I request you, as parents, to please ensure you SUPPORT your children in following them.

The **LIFESTYLE** of each one of us has **CHANGED** and as we continue to live one day at a time, we cannot really think in terms of the past, of holidays and non-working days, as both have **MERGED** into one, meaning every day is a holiday and a working day as well.

Parents, I would like to caution you that you should **APPRECIATE** the work being done by our teachers online and I assure you that this is going to be the **WAY FORWARD** and we will have to depend a lot on **ONLINE WORK**.

The various PLANS are in place so that we can have students of different GROUPS / CLASSES attending school once it is in session.

Parents who do not know, need to be educated that Barnes School & Junior College is a **MINORITY**, **UNAIDED SCHOOL**, governed by its own internal policies, set by the Directors of the **BOMBAY EDUCATION SOCIETY**, under which our school comes.

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We **THANK** those parents who have sent **ENCOURAGING MESSAGES** and I hope you will continue to support us in the same manner.

Perish the thought if some jokers among you think we can **SURVIVE WITHOUT** the **SCHOOLS**.

The **DATES** for the remainder of the ICSE & ISC examinations will be informed only after the lockdown is relaxed.

For those teachers and parents inquiring about holidays / break, THIS IS YOUR HOLIDAY. This is the pattern of WORKSTYLE for teachers and students, and I cannot say WHEN it will STOP.

Wishing you and your family safe health always,

With kind regards,

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Principal

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