



FR. AGNEL MULTIPURPOSE SCHOOL & JR. COLLEGE  
Notice for JR. KG. to Standard X (2020-2021)

20<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hope this finds you all in good health. We started the last academic year 2020-21 with the hope that Covid-19 pandemic will pass off in a few months, but the entire academic year went by and we still do not see the respite we were hoping to get. However, surmounting all the difficulties that came their way, our children along with their teachers have managed to continue learning and complete the year's curriculum. One cannot deny that this experience made all of us stronger and better people.

As always, I would like to reiterate that parents are one of the pillars holding up the school. With God overhead and many of you supporting us, we somehow managed to pay the regular monthly salaries to all our administrative, teaching, office and utility staff (those on the pay roll and those on contract) through the year 2020-21. This includes those who help us run our school buses and those who help us maintain and run the facilities we have in the Sports Complex and all the other buildings. Not a single person was asked to leave. In order to be able to do this, we had to use up a major part of the corpus/ institutional development fund.

We put in our best efforts to implement the Online learning programme at all levels (KG to Jr. College) and from all the feedback we received from various sources, I think it was a good beginning and a very big learning experience for all the coordinators and teachers. Now I am sure they will review, rethink, improve and even change things where required to make online learning even more interesting and joyful next year.

Another important but worrisome fact I want to share with you is that our year-end review of fee collection for 2020-21 still shows a huge number of defaulters (some - paid partial fees and others- not paid any fees). We had many different experiences in this regard. Some parents paid the entire fees at one go, others paid the entire fees at regular intervals and some of them were so generous that they paid their children's fees fully and offered to pay for an extra child in order to help the family and school in these trying times. We sincerely appreciate and thank them for this gesture. Then there were many who wrote personal mails to us asking for concessions, more time to pay etc. We are dealing with these as individual cases and trying to help to the extent we can. Here again, there are those who honour the commitment they make and those who do not. However, the most challenging cases are those parents who neither communicated nor paid any fees. The school management committee has taken serious note of this fact. It is important to share at this point that throughout the academic year, access to online classes, learning assignments, quizzes and all else was never stopped for any child. Therefore, parents please pay your fee dues before the end of May 2021. We have to plan together for the next academic year, which will begin in June.

At the beginning of the last academic year, in our circular dated 11 July 2020, we had informed you that prior to Covid-19, we had taken the decision (with the approval of the PTA) to nominally increase the tuition and term fee in 2020-21. However, when the pandemic broke out we rolled back the increase in fees. In the same circular, we had also informed you of some reductions we had made in the total projected fees for 2020-21 considering that certain activities would not be held until school physically opens.

At that time (July 2020), we expected the school to start functioning normally from the II semester. Unfortunately, that did not happen, and we had to continue the entire year on the online mode. Therefore, we did not incur the expenses towards certain facilities, overheads and operational costs. Considering the present situation and the difficulties that many of you may be going through, the school management has decided to return that amount collected for the year 2020-21, back to you. To get this refund of Rs. 2000/- (two thousand only) per child, you will need to apply (before 15 June 2021) through a [form](#) that is uploaded on our website in the school fee payment section. This will help us in easy disbursement and record keeping. Kindly use your child's school ID (Teams ID) and password when prompted to login and fill the form.

Here I would also like to add that you have an option of voluntarily not taking the refund in order to help your school, help parents who are genuinely in need of financial support now.

Please take careful note of the following points:

- ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE PAID THE ENTIRE FEES (TUITION, TERM, EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SCHOOL FACILITIES) FOR 2020-21 SHOULD FILL THE [FORM FOR REFUND](#) AND THIS HAS TO BE DONE BEFORE TUESDAY, 15 JUNE 2021.
- ONE FORM FOR ONE CHILD. IF YOU HAVE TWO CHILDREN AND YOU HAVE PAID FOR BOTH, YOU HAVE TO FILL TWO FORMS.
- THOSE WHO HAVE FEE DUES - WHEN YOU GO ONLINE TO CLEAR DUES, YOU WILL FIND THE REFUND AMOUNT (TWO THOUSAND) AUTOMATICALLY DEDUCTED FROM YOUR OUTSTANDING AMOUNT.

Before concluding, I would like to keep you informed that we have not yet received any official confirmation about physically opening schools in June 2021-22. However, observing the present state of things, it looks like we will have to begin 2021-22 also in the online mode. The academic year will begin on Monday, 14 June 2021.

Between June 4 and 7, we shall share our plans for the next academic year and the fees payable for 2021-22. Kindly check the school website for the same.

Enjoy the vacation break and be safe too.

God bless you all.



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