PAWAR PUBLIC SCHOOL NANDED CITY, PUNE

Ref: PPSNC/Admin/17/2020-21

Date: 19th March 2021

Dear Parents,

We wish to inform you of the following:

1) Our Management is fully aware that education is the most important tool of the society and therefore the school had started online classes from March/April, 2020 in spite of the fact that it was not mandatory for the schools to impart online education. Had we not conducted online education, then our children would have experienced academic discontinuity which would hamper their performance and progress at school.

2) You will appreciate that our teachers have trained themselves in imparting online classes, preparation of various education tools and uploading tools such as video, worksheets etc.

3) The State Government had issued a GR dated 8.5.2020 and directed the schools to charge the same fees of 2019-20 during the academic year 2020-21 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

4) The Unaided Schools' Forum on behalf of its members had filed a Writ Petition No.4070 of 2020 in the Hon'ble Bombay High Court.

5) The Hon'ble Bombay High Court had already stayed the aforesaid GR dated 8.5.2020 vide its Order dated 26.6.2020.

6) The Hon'ble Bombay High Court has recently passed an Order dated 1.3.2021 and Disposed off all the Writ Petition with the following directions:

   i) GR dated 8.5.2020 is prospective in nature.
   ii) Schools who have fixed their fees before 8.5.2020 are not affected by the GR. Schools can charge fees as fixed by the school after following the due process of law.
   iii) There is no direction by the High Court that parents should not pay the school fees. There is also no direction that parents should only pay Tuition fees or Term fees etc. Accordingly, parents are under obligation to pay the full fee as determined by the School Management. There is no direction to refund any fees.

You will appreciate that the Order of Hon'ble Bombay High Court is very candid and there is no ambiguity regarding charging of the fees by the school and the payment of the fees by the parents.

You are, therefore, requested to clear the outstanding fees for the academic year 2019-20 if any, by 31.3.2021 and the outstanding fees for the academic year 2020-21 as early as possible as opening of the next academic year is fast approaching.

We also request you not to get unduly influenced by rumours and negative propaganda / misinformation that may be circulated by few parents / activists and NGO's having vested interests. These elements are misinterpreting the Judgement of the Hon'ble Bombay High Court to serve their own interests and purpose. Such activities will only serve to hamper the education of our children.

We look forward to your support and cooperation as always.

Regards,

Principal

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