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To: Parents (Senior kg, Class 1 to Class 10)

From: The Principal

Subject: Decision regarding revision in School Timings of Class 1 to Class 10

Dear Parents,

Thank you for sharing your views regarding the change in school timings, through your presence in the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 as well as phone calls and emails.

For those parents, who could not attend the meeting, the school shared its views around the change of timing, the central reasons for which were:

- **Needs of the children:** The younger children would be able to get a better sleep and breakfast before coming to school in the mornings. The older children would get more time at home/for after-school study and activities due to reduction in school duration and more availability of time in the afternoon and evening.
  - The duration of the school for younger children is not getting increased and hence if children have a good breakfast at home, their short break and lunch break times at schools will be at such a duration that they get periodic nutrition as required for their needs.
- **Parent Convenience:** Here, there is no one view but diverse perspectives. Based on feedback received, the new timings may be suitable for majority of parents, especially for Class 5- Class 12. For Class 1- Class 4, some parents may have their reservations but there are also some benefits seen. Some points to note are that –
  - Most parents would agree that they would be able to manage the morning school timings for all age groups, even if they are working, as the bus timing in the morning would be before the usual office hours. In fact, some parents of younger children have reported that these timings suit them better as they do not have to rush their kids and themselves too much in the morning.
  - In case of siblings, for majority of their schooling years from Class 5 to Class 12, they would have the same timings. It would be a difference of few years only (four years maximum) when they may have different timings.
- **School operations:** Having different timings will also optimize the usage of school resources and staff. Such a system is adopted to bring more efficiency and time optimization and any such optimization will ultimately benefit the students in the form of better utilization of revenues for other activities and facilities. We have decided to align the timings of middle and senior school given their similar needs in terms of their developmental stages.

In the past few weeks several parents have shared support for the new timings and some others have shared reservations in terms of inconvenience, changing children's habits, children's needs, etc.



Decisions such as these are always bound to have more than one opinion, hence we have to decide in a manner that is in the long term interest of all stakeholders.

As a school that believes in a healthy partnership with parents, we do recognize that imposing a new timing schedule with a short notice, could bring some inconvenience to parents. Hence we have decided to give Class 1 to Class 4 parents a preparation time of *one more year* before implementing the major changes in timings.

Hence, the new timings will be implemented in two parts:

**1) Part I for Academic Year 2018-19:**

- New Timings for Class 5 to Class 11 will be implemented.
- Class 1 to Class 4 will follow the same timings as Class 5 to Class 11, which is very similar to their current timings.

**2) Part Two from Academic Year 2019-20 Onwards:**

- New Timing for Class 1 to Class 4 will be implemented

Hence the school timings will be as follows:

<b>School Timings for Academic Year 2018-19</b>		
<b>Class</b>	<b>Monday to Friday</b>	<b>Saturdays</b> <i>(1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays)</i>
Class 1 to Class 4*	07:55 am to 01:35 pm <i>(for one year only)*</i>	07:55 am to 11:40 am <i>(for one year only)*</i>
Class 5 to Class 11	07:55 am to 1:35 pm	07:55 am to 1:40 pm
<b>School Timings from Academic Year 2019-20 Onwards</b>		
<b>Class</b>	<b>Monday to Friday</b>	<b>Saturdays</b> <i>(1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays)</i>
Class 1 to Class 4**	9:40 am to 3:10 pm	09:40 am to 12:05 pm
Class 5 to Class 12	07:55 am to 1:35 pm	07:55 am to 1:40 pm

*Note:*

- *\*For Class 1- Class 4, in Year 2018-19, the students will follow the same time schedule as Class 5 to Class 11 from Mon-Fri, which is more closely aligned to their current timings. For Saturday, their departure timing will be earlier than Class 5-Class 11.*
- *\*\*From 2019-20, Class 1-Class 4 will start following their new time schedule as outlined in the above table.*
- *Bus Reporting and Bus Departure Timings will be 10 mins before/after the above bell times.*
- *There are minor variations in the permanent departure timings post the fee structure sheet 2018-19 released in December 2017. Parents should consider the above timings as final.*

Parents may note that the school's decision to implement the new timings for all classes as per above schedule is final, and not subject to further discussion.

The school will once again review the Class 1 to Class 4 timings before December 2019 and inform the parents if there are any further minor changes due to any academic or operational needs. But parents may not expect any major change in this decision.

We believe this will give primary school parents enough time to consider their decision to adjust to the new proposed timings from next year. A school's investment in a child's education goes much beyond timings, and we believe that parents see the multiple benefits that their child may get out of studying in such a school system and culture.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Regards,

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