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From,

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To,

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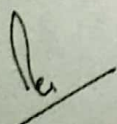
Sub: Reopening of Schools and Conduct of Annual HSC Examination and
Annual CHSE Examination by the BSE and CHSE respectively.

Sir,

On the subject cited above, I am directed to inform you that
Government has been pleased to allow reopening of schools and conduct
of Annual Examination of Class X & XII by Board of Secondary Education,
Odisha and Council of Higher Secondary Education respectively as per the
following schedule:

Sl No.	Activities	BSE		CHSE
1	Commencement of Classes	08.01.2021 26.04.2021	to	08.01.2021 to 28.04.2021
2	Practical Exam and Self study	27.04.2021 02.05.2021	to	29.04.2021 to 14.05.2021
3	Commencement of Theory Exam	03.05.2021 15.05.2021	to	15.05.2021 to 11.06.2021

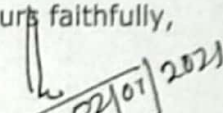
As per the above schedule 100 days classroom teaching will be held for
Class X & XII students including Saturdays and Sundays. Any other day
as may be required will be declared as a holiday.



The guideline issued by Health & family Welfare Department and SRC, Odisha will be followed strictly. The SOP prepared by the Department is enclosed for reference and necessary action.

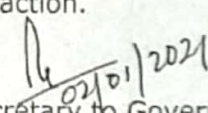
This decision has been taken by Government keeping in the larger interest of the students of Class X & XII so that the students of our State can timely appear for All India competitive Tests.

Yours faithfully,


Additional Secretary to Government

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Copy along with copy of the SOP is forwarded to all the Collector & DMs /all the DEOs for information and necessary action.


Additional Secretary to Government

Odisha School Reopening Plan

Background

This is regarding reopening of Schools under the School & Mass Education Department. Due to pandemic situation arising out of COVID -19 all government and private schools, including hostels, were closed since 17th March 2020.

As per latest developments, Government of India has announced dates for conduct of Class X & XII by CBSE.

This SoP is meant for Grade X & XII of schools coming under jurisdiction of School & Mass Education Department i.e. schools of Government, Govt. Aided, Private. The same guidelines may be followed by all teacher education institutions under SCERT and all private schools of all Boards (State/Central) running in the state. Separate SoPs will be issued by the competent authorities for hostels subsequently.

Overall guiding principles

- Online/distance learning shall continue to be the preferred mode of teaching and shall be encouraged.
- Where schools are conducting online classes, and some students prefer to attend online classes rather than physically attend school, they may be permitted to do so.
- Online and classroom learning will go in tandem with each other and should continue to share timelines and daily schedules to ensure synchronization.
- Students may attend schools/institutions only and only with the written consent of parents. Attendance must not be enforced and must depend entirely on parental consent.
- District Collector will have the final authority to take decisions in this regard to the time and method of school reopening in exceptional circumstances for all the schools in the district.

I. STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOPs) FOR HEALTH, HYGIENE AND OTHER SAFETY PROTOCOLS BEFORE OPENING OF SCHOOLS

General Guidelines on school opening and attendance of teachers/students/staff

- Only schools outside the containment zones shall be allowed to open. Further, students, teachers and employees living in containment zones will not be allowed to attend the school. Students, teachers and employees shall also be advised not to visit areas falling within containment zones. Due to the dynamic nature of the situation, these decisions will be taken by the District Collector. District Collector will also direct the relevant schools to immediately shut down in case their zone is declared as a containment zone.
- Prior to resumption of activities, all work areas including furniture, libraries, laboratories, storage places, water tanks, kitchen, washrooms/toilets, and other areas of common use shall be sanitized with particular attention to frequently touched surfaces.
- Schools may not reopen without 100% access to potable drinking water and adequate functional toilets for all students. Any school without access to the above must first make these arrangements before reopening.

- Hostel facilities are not to be opened at this point of time. Detailed SOP for Hostel operations will be issued when Hostel reopening is deemed safe.
- School provided transportation should also be discouraged to reduce risk. Parents must ensure they take responsibility of the child's commute to school. Where plying, transport facilities may run at maximum of 50% capacity with adequate sanitization before picking up and after dropping students.
- High risk staff members with severe ailments or underlying conditions must take extra precaution.
- No student should be coerced to come to school. Only those parents and students who feel comfortable attending school should do so.

Provisions to be made inside schools

- For ensuring social distancing and queue management inside and at the entrance of the premises, specific markings on the floor/ground with a gap of 6 feet should be made.
- Inside classrooms, students should be made to sit at safe distances/alternate desks. Fixed seating should be ensured. A particular seat/space should be earmarked for each student (for example: based on roll number) so that there is limited exposure to other students' physical spaces.
- Similarly, physical distancing shall also be maintained in staff rooms (by earmarking seats for teachers at an adequate distance), and other common areas (mess, libraries, cafeterias, etc.) with relevant markings as required.
- If available, temporary space or outdoor spaces (in case of pleasant weather) may be utilized for conducting classes, keeping in view the safety and security of the children and physical distance protocols
- There must be adequate soap (solid/liquid) and running water in all washrooms and toilets. Hand sanitizers etc. for the teachers, students, and staff must be available mandatorily in each classroom. Students should be encouraged to sanitize their hands when entering and leaving classrooms and toilets.
- Any staff entrusted with cleaning/sweeping duties must be informed and trained about the cleaning/sanitization processes as well as general norms for waste management and disposal.
- The school should display state helpline numbers and also numbers of local health authorities etc. to teachers/students/employees to contact in case of any emergency. Other posters related to the preventive measures about COVID-19 must also be displayed.
- A separate isolation room has to be marked in the school and kept ready. This room may be used in case any student or staff develops Covid symptoms.
- The Composite School Grant under SSA may be used for purchase of all relevant cleaning and sanitization material.

Development of a calendar of teaching and permissible activities inside schools

- Every school must determine how to run the school basing on the number of students and number and size of class rooms available. Maximum 20-25 students (depending upon classroom size) should be allowed to sit in a class room to ensure safe distancing among students. For schools with adequate number of classrooms all students can be asked to come on a daily basis.
- School timings should be as usual.

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- Recess/Break should be staggered for different classes to ensure there is no overcrowding at common spaces and toilets.
- Student should be encouraged to bring healthy and nutritious food from home and should be advised not to share it with fellow students.
- Assemblies, sports and events that can lead to crowding are prohibited.
- No outside vendor should be allowed to sell any eatables inside the school premises or within 100 meters from the entry gate/point.
- Syllabus for all classes, as revised and communicated by Govt. should start from the beginning.

Sensitization of teachers, parents, staff, and members of School Management Committee

- Before opening of the school, a meeting of all SMC/SMDC members and any other parents who desires to attend the meeting shall be called by the Head of School.
- In this meeting, a detailed discussion on the safety protocols must be held, inputs of all members incorporated, and consent taken from SMC/SMDCs. Proceedings of the meeting must be recorded in the relevant register maintained in the school.
- The SMC/SMDC must also be encouraged to walk around the school premises and ensure that all hygiene and safety precautions are there to their satisfaction.
- All these information should also be shared with the parents community through Whats app message or SMS. The message also include dos/don'ts that the parents/students must follow.
- Written consent should be sought from parents for their child to attend school. Students opting to study from home with the consent of the parents may be allowed to do so.
- Detailed roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders has been attached for reference as Annexure - B

II. STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOPs) FOR HEALTH, HYGIENE AND OTHER SAFETY PROTOCOLS AFTER OPENING OF SCHOOLS

Monitoring Team to be made along with SMC/SMDC members

- Every school must have a Covid Monitoring Team comprising of 1 teachers & 1 parent member from SMC/SMDC. The responsibility of the Monitoring Team will be to:
 - Ensure health and hygiene within the school - This team will come to school 30 min early and leave 30 mins after school hours to ensure full cleanliness/sanitization in school.
 - Emergency response – Have a clear plan in place for contingencies and take action anytime there is an emergency or risk in school.
- In addition, the team will also support the HM with:
 - Preparation and implementation of all calendars, schedules and activities in the school. HM will decide the school schedule, calendar, take decision on academic activities with a key consideration towards ensuring the right balance between learning and safety of students.
 - Continuing to focus on regular learning at home for those students who are unable to come to school for any reason.
- Checklist for safe school environment has been attached for reference as Annexure - C

Regular monitoring of Hygiene and Sanitation inside the school

- School campus should be cleaned daily and a daily record of areas cleaned may be maintained. Note that students should not be involved in any of the cleaning activities for health and safety reasons.
- Provision of soap(solid/liquid) in toilets and hand sanitizers in other places/facilities of common use should be ensured.
- Students and employee should be strictly advised to wear masks and not dispose of used face covers / masks inside the school. All students and staff to arrive at school wearing a face cover/mask and continue wearing it all through, especially when in class, or doing any activity in groups. Care should be taken to ensure and educate children not to exchange masks with others.
- Mandatory hand washing for all students and staff at regular intervals as per the planned protocol following physical/social distancing norms should be ensured Hand washing time should be a minimum of 40 seconds.
- Every child needs to learn how to cough or sneeze into a tissue/elbow and avoid touching face, eyes, mouth, and nose.
- Students commuting through public transport should be adequately guided by schools to take all precautions such as – physical/social distancing, covering nose and mouth with up face cloth/masks, sanitizing hands after touching any surface etc.
- Students should not share any material (textbooks, notebooks, pen, pencil, eraser, tiffin box, water bottles, etc.) with each other.
- Spitting should be absolutely prohibited.
- Windows and doors of the classrooms and other rooms to be kept open for ventilation.
- Regular health check-up of students, staff and employees should be organized by block and district office with the help of local medical officer. This officer should conduct regular checks through the School Health Programme.

Social-emotional well-being of students

- It is possible that many students may be coming back to school after suffering traumatic incidents at home over the last few months. Teachers must keep an eye on the emotional well being of the students and take necessary supportive action along with the parents when needed. A small sensitization session can be done for the teachers in this regard before school reopening.
- Detailed guidelines for promoting emotional well-being of students and teachers for reference are attached as Annexure - A

SOP to be Followed if a Student/Teacher/School Staff Develops Suspected Symptoms of Covid-19.

- In the event of any student or staff developing Covid 19 symptoms, the first step will be to separate the person from the rest of the people and keep the person in the isolation room /in an isolated place inside school premises.
- The School Management must inform the parent or guardian about the health condition of the ill student.
- The School management must immediately inform the nearest medical facility or call the State or district helpline.
- Disinfection of the premises to be taken up if the person is found Covid positive.
- The guideline issued by SRC, Odisha and H & FW Deptt. from time to time must be followed by all Schools and to be ensured by the District Administration.

Response according to changing times

- The extent and severity of COVID-19 is evolving and changing with time and also varies spatially from district to district. The response and safety protocols will accordingly need to be adjusted to these dynamics by the districts from time to time. The districts while adopting the measures suggested herein, may plan additional measures depending on the local situation. District Collector will assume this responsibility.



DAV TALCHER THERMAL HIGH SCHOOL, NTPC/TTPS, ANGUL

No . DAV T.H.S./.....)/409/2021

Date:06.01.2021

Dear Parents,

Greetings of the day! Hope you are safe and healthy.

Wish you a Very happy & Prosperous New Year 2021.

In accordance with the guidelines dated 02.01.2021 issued by the School & Mass Education Department, Govt of Odisha the school management is going to reopen the school for class X w.e.f. 08.01.2021 strictly following the SOP of Covid-19. The guidelines issued by the govt titled "**Odisha School Reopening Plan**" is posted in the school website for reference of the parents. As per the guidelines issued by the Govt. parents are required to give their written consent for sending their children to the school for attending the offline classes. A sample of the consent form is attached to this notice for reference of the parents concerned.

In this context the parents interested to send their wards to the school for offline classes are requested to mail the consent form duly filled in and signed by them to the mail ID of the school davtthighschool@gmail.com or to the whatsapp of the class teacher on or before 07.01.2021. Parents are also requested to drop their wards near the designated gate of the school and wait till the child enters into the school after thermal scanning. If any student is found having body temperature above 98.6 degree celsius, the parent concerned is required to take back the child. The school timing will be from 9.45 a.m. to 2.15 p.m.

The parents have liberty to verify the arrangements made by the school for reopening of the school as per the SOP of Covid-19 by 07.01.2021. However, as per the guidelines of the Govt. the school management has constituted a Covid Monitoring Team comprising of two parents, member of PTCC, three Teachers and head clerk of the school who will ensure full cleanliness/sanitization in the school every day, before and after the classes. The Team members are.... Please inform, if you face any problem regarding the SOP to be followed by the school.


On the reopening of the school the students are required to :

- **Wear face mask without fail while coming to the school and carry an additional mask.**
- **. Bring the hard copy of the Consent form to be handed over the class teacher.**
- **Move into the school on the circles marked on the road /floor only maintaining social distancing .**
- **To note the temperature in school Diary near the security guard every day.**

- Sanitize hands near the Gate before entering into the classroom and also at the end of the beginning of each period .
- Occupy their allotted seat only, after entering into the classroom.
- Show the day the class teacher to record the body temperature in the attendance register every day .
- Not move here and there ether in the class room or in the school premises during the school hour.
- Maintain social distancing and use santizer/hand wash before and after going to toilet only during the interval between each period.
- Inform the concerned Supervisory head, in case They misplace the mask during the school hours .
- Carry homemade tiffin only.
- Not share tiffin, water bottle, book, note book, pen, pencil or any other belongings with their friends.
- Dispose off the disposable masks, if any in the designated dust bin .
- Leave the vicinity of the school immediately after completion of the classes in staggered manner to avoid crowd /gathering near the school area.

Expecting your full cooperation

Yours sincerely,


Headmaster 6/1/2021