

# **ALPHONSA SCHOOL, MIRAJ**

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Greetings from Alphonsa family!

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

All of us are aware that the world is going through a pandemic situation and the people are in utter confusion to manage the things related to their livelihood and adjusting economic social and academic life. Elders are worried about their health and students are worried about their studies. Dear friends, we have to cope up with this situation and my humble advice is that each one has to take self-care and self-protection as there is no other remedy to prevent the spread of this contagious disease. Even if the vaccine is going to be discovered, this covid-19 will be in and around us like common cold. So let us survive in this situation with our personal effort and care.

**There are some information to be kept in mind in this situation of covid-19.**

1. Transfer and new appointments
2. Online classes and the responses
3. Covid-19 and regular classes
4. School fees of 2019-2020
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## **1. Transfer and New Appointments**

Rev. Father Joshy Michael who served as the Principal for 4 years from 2016 to 2020 has been transferred to Alphonsa school, Yadrav as the Principal. In his place, Rev. Father Deleep Sebastian, MA. B.Ed. has taken charge.

For the better functioning of the school, new appointments have taken place in Alphonsa School. They are as follows.....

1. Rev. Father Robin B, as the Vice Principal (In-charge of Primary Section- from LKG to 4th standard)
2. Mr Justin Xavier, the experienced teacher of Alphonsa School, Miraj is appointed as the supervisor of the school. He will supervise the day-to-day running of the School in regular consultation with the Principal. He will oversee the work of the teachers and students and will look after other activities too like

classroom teaching, checking of notebooks, evaluation, maintenance of records, discipline etc. He looks after the activities involving the public and the parents in consultation with the principal.

## **II. Online classes and evaluation of students**

While covid-19 emerged at the end of March 2020 in our country, Alphonsa School Miraj started online classes in the second week of April. Under the supervision of Mr Justin, school initially started the online classes for standard X and IX classes. For standard V to VIII, online teaching started on June 13th onwards and for other classes (UKG to VII) the videos and assignments and other teaching materials are being sent through whatsapp groups from June 23, 2020 onwards. For LKG photographs of strokes of English alphabets and Maths numericals are forwarded through Whatsapp group from 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

For the nursery students, no teaching methods are planned yet, but the parents can start teaching them the Alphabets of English, Marathi and Hindi and for any guidance, they may contact the respective teachers through WhatsApp groups.

It is my sincere advice to the parents, to be a little more serious about the attendance of the students for the online classes and make sure that they are doing the homework. Majority of students have got very good clarity regarding their future career and so they co-operate with the school and classes. But there are a few, who are not at all serious and they can lose the internal marks because of their laziness. Always remember that the lost time will never come back again.

The evaluation of the students will be done online or physically in the month of August by the submission of the answer papers to the respective teachers.

## **III. Covid-19 and Regular classes**

Being obedient to the rules and regulations of the district and administrative body and the education department, Alphonsa School has no plan of starting the regular classes immediately (since this is a high risk period, majority of the parents are not willing to send their children to the school).

## **IV. Fees for the Academic year 2019-2020**

There are many parents who have not yet paid the fees of last year especially the last instalment. The excuse they give is the spread of covid-19. But the time of last installment was in the month of February 2020 and Corona started only in the last week of March 2020. Still the school has extended a few

more days to some parents who are struggling for daily life and remember that the exemption is given only to those parents who have given an application to the Principal explaining their difficulty (Remember that the school is struggling to pay salaries to the teaching and non-teaching staff).

#### **V. Fees for the Academic year 2020-2021**

There is a rumour spreading through social media that there is no need of paying the school fees since regular or physical classes have not yet started in the school. The school completely denies such rumours since we have not received any written document from the Education Department.

Even though there are no physical classes, the teachers of Alphonsa School are regularly teaching the students making use of the online platform. The work of teachers has doubled compared to the regular classes. Since they have families to take care and daily expenses to meet, the salary must be paid to them. For the last few months, the management could pay only half of the amount to the teachers so it is our kind request to the parents that for the smooth functioning of the school and growth of the children you have to support us by paying the pending fees as well as the first installment of the academic year 2020-2021.

**As the Principal, I am bringing to your kind attention that there is no increase in fees for the year 2020-2021 in our school. I thank you for your sincere co-operation and my best wishes to each one of you.**

**Take care and stay safe.**

**DELEEP SEBASTIAN**

**Headmaster**

**Alphonsa School, Miraj**