



*Convent of Jesus and Mary, 128, Haider Road, Sialkot Cantt – 51300*

*Founded in 1856*

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope that you and your families are well and managing to keep safe, as we are now threatened with a third wave of the deadly Covid-19 virus. As we are now approaching the end of what has been a very strange and difficult academic year, I wanted to write to you in order to provide you with an update on several school matters and to assure you that all that we are doing is for the betterment of your child.

You are well aware that as a school we continue to follow all the SOPs and safety guidelines issued by the government. We pray that no situation will develop, which will need the closure of educational institutions again, as the loss for our students will be great indeed. They have already suffered enough from the broken year that they have been living and seem to find it hard to settle into regular study.

I thank you for your co-operation in keeping your child/children at home whenever they have experienced any symptoms of fever and flu. This, I feel, enabled us to keep the school open and working during these past months without the spread of coughs and colds. But most of all I want to give a big “*shahbaash*” to our students who have done an incredible job of faithfully and sensibly following all the instructions given regarding the SOPs. These days we are conducting the Pre-Board Examination in school for Classes IX and X and it is good to see almost 100% attendance for the papers.

Even though the new academic year will officially commence on August 02<sup>nd</sup> of this year, we decided to have our final term examination from March 15<sup>th</sup> onwards for several reasons. The Smart Syllabus in each class has been completed and the children now need a new challenge. They are also keen to move on to new classes. Also, if there is going to be a two month summer vacation, we thought it best that the students start their new syllabus before school closes, so that there will be work given to keep them occupied, to some extent, during the vacation. In August we hope that the text books for the new SNC (Single National Curriculum) will be available. The books that you will be asked to purchase now will continue as supplementary text books when the new SNC ones are introduced later in the year.

After carrying out an analysis on the subject, we find that several students going into Class IX are not really keen on doing Science subjects and as a result they do not perform well in the Board examinations. So with effect from the new academic year, we have decided to introduce an Arts section in Class IX. The elective subjects which will be offered will be General Science, Economics and Statistics. In order to qualify for Science in Class IX, your daughter will be required to obtain a pass percentage of 70% marks in Science and Mathematics in her final examination in Class VIII this year.

You will be pleased to know that the school has introduced Karate classes for Self Defense from Classes 1 to VIII. This is in line with our Jesus and Mary Schools' "Child Protection Policy – 2019".

I am available in the office daily from 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. and then from 12.30 p.m. till 1.30 p.m, should you need to see me about anything concerning your child/children's progress or other matters. Working together positively will produce the best results for your child/children now and in the future.

In closing, the Sisters and I pray that Almighty God will continue to bless you and your families, keep each one safe from the Corona virus in our country and grant success to your work and your business enterprises.

Yours sincerely,

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Sr. Marie-Cecile RJM  
Principal

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