

Dear Parents,

Greetings from SAI International School and warm wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year!

Re-opening of schools:

2020 was an exceptionally unusual year, one that none of us had ever anticipated. The pandemic caused an unprecedented disruption across multiple platforms in our school processes. Disruptions in the physical classes, the missing laughter and chatter of our SAIoneers and the interactions with you, dear parents. However, we ensured that the teaching learning process remained unhindered. Through effective online platforms, we continued to provide the most effective learning, reiterating the fact that at SAI, only the buildings were closed, and the learning continued unabated.

The dawn of 2021 has brought great hope with it. The fear of the pandemic has diminished, the vaccines have been approved and the news that brings us greatest joy is that schools are set to reopen. Albeit only for classes X and XII, the State Government has announced the reopening of schools, along with hostels, from January 8, 2021.

Safety Protocols:

While we look forward to welcoming our SAloneers back amongst us within the school premises, we also understand your apprehensions regarding the safety of the re-opening process and your child's return to school. We would like to assure you that we have made the utmost effort, taking maximum care and attention in devising a comprehensive set of safety measures and protocols to ensure a safe return for our beloved SAloneers. Our protocols include:

- Screening of students, teachers, and other staff at entry points. No unwell person will be permitted to attend the school.
- Ensuring strict adherence to social distancing norms, both within the school premises and outside the gate.
- Mandatory use of face masks at all times.
- Enforcing regular washing of hands with soap and water and use of approved hand sanitizers.
- Periodic disinfection of school premises.
- Maintenance of a high standard of hygiene and sanitation in school.
- Doctor and qualified nurses in campus.
- Implementing a regular cleaning and decontamination procedure.

Safety Protocols for Hostels:

We have taken adequate measures for the safety, health, and hygiene of our hostellers. We are ensuring strict compliance of the Hostel reopening SOP's issued by State Government. Additionally, we are keeping our hostellers under medical supervision.

Transport Services:

For the transport services availed by students we are adhering to the transport guidelines with 50% capacity per bus and maintaining sanitization & safety protocols.

Uninterrupted Learning:

As we focus on the preparation required for the safe return of our students, we would like to reassure you that we will continue to support and provide uninterrupted education to students who are unable to attend physical classes, through our blended learning programmes. Along with the addition of our latest innovation, **SAI Home School**, we plan to take the following measures to ensure a continued quality blended learning experience:

- Assigning teachers to conduct daily online curriculum and follow up with the students
- Practice and review of subjects covered in class / online platforms
- Insisting on the consent of parents for the children to join the physical classes as well as the hostel.

We strongly feel that a minimum of 100 days of face-to-face learning would give our children an essential advantage in appearing the CBSE Board Examinations 2021. In addition to the crucial opportunity to practice experiments and activities for the practical component, we believe that this time will help the children gain confidence and score better marks in the examination.

I would like to assure you that we at SAI will leave no stone unturned in providing the best possible educational and emotional support to our SAIoneers. Though the present situation requires the enforcement of stringent measures in multiple areas, we are confident of handling the challenge at hand effectively and successfully adapting to the New Normal.

Thank you, dear parents for your continued support and trust in our processes, as we strive to do what is best for our children and employees during these challenging times.

We kindly request you to fill in the Consent Letter attached herewith in the Google Form by clicking on the link given below, thus helping us in the smooth re-opening of the school.

We eagerly look forward to welcoming back our SAloneers.

Thanking You,

Yours sincerely,

Nilakantha Panigrahi Sr. Principal January 5, 2021

Click to Fill the Form