



SANSKRITI SCHOOL NEW DELHI

Dear Parents,

I, Abhilasha Singh Sinha on behalf of the entire team, would like to extend a warm welcome you to the new academic session, 2020-21. I shall be the Grade Rep for Class IX, for this session. I have been teaching French since 1998 and have been a part of the Sanskriti family since 2003.

As you are aware the outbreak of corona virus disease (COVID-19) has been declared as a Public Health Emergency and the virus has now spread to too many countries and territories .While COVID-19 continues to spread, it is important we all must take action to prevent further transmission, reduce the impacts of the outbreak and support control measures. The protection of children is particularly important.

According to UNICEF, "...children and young people are global citizens, powerful agents of change and the next generation of caregivers, scientists, and doctors. Any crisis presents the opportunity to help them learn, cultivate compassion and increase resilience while building a safer and more caring community." Now it becomes our duty to keep our students occupied productively. We know that the school and parents are together in this endeavour.

So, at our end we are trying our best to do whatever can be done under current situation. We would like to share strategies that have been planned to keep them busy and ensure that learning is happening, even if it means through the virtual world. A very significant aspect of this is to make our students understand what is expected of them during these days and maintain a routine .

To start with, punctuality and regularity are the key to any learning-real or virtual. Hence, we have the following expectations from all students:

- The **students log in at the time given** to them by their teachers.
- They should understand that they are accountable for every action .Therefore unlike a real classroom; the teacher will not be able to check if someone leaves the class in between. The child has to understand that it will be his loss, if he chooses to do that.
- There will be **zero tolerance** for students who try to disrupt the class or create nuisance *because we have to understand that teachers are working extremely hard to plan every lesson and utilize every minute of each class.*



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- As far as assignments are concerned, at our end we are trying that students are not over-burdened, but submission is totally their responsibility. They will have to comprehend that there will be deadlines and they have to adhere to it.

Again as mentioned we must make use of this situation to make our children responsible citizens. To ensure that classes are effective and meaningful we will require the support of parents. Please do ensure that children take responsibility of their own learning, follow a routine and ensure that they clarify all doubts on their own.

The students will be kept engaged through online and offline activities conducted by respective faculty members from the **8th of April, 2020**. These online activities include teaching-learning using different modes - assignments, tutorials, quizzes, sharing of Learning material, project based tasks etc. Please, remember, these lessons are designed to reinforce and enrich student skills while schools are closed. They are NOT meant to add stress to an already very difficult time in our lives.

Please make note of the following:

- **Grade IX will be using their PREVIOUS year's Google classroom** to communicate with their respective class teachers concerned for the first week or so. Their new subject teachers will also join these classes.
- Please ensure that children are all members of Google classrooms of the previous year for all subjects.
- All the teachers are also using Hang out online platform for online classes.
- Students will be having **two online classes per day** (8:00a.m. to 8:50 a.m. - Subject I, 9:00a.m. to 9:50 a.m. - Subject II).
- A Class teacher's period will be there every Friday from 10:00AM to 10:20 AM.
- **The invitation /link to join these online classes** will be posted in your (PREVIOUS year's subject wise) **Google classroom** by your subject teachers.
- **Please note that it is absolutely mandatory to check the school website every day for updates. Schedule for remote learning for classes 6-10 and 12 will be posted every alternate day.**
- Again it is reiterated that students should communicate with their teachers if they have any questions or concerns regarding a particular subject via school email id or Google classrooms.
- Please understand that even though students have been shuffled in Grade IX and now they may not be in the same section we will still be using previous year's classroom for teaching as well as interaction with their new class teachers. (EG All students of 8A move up to 9A as a group without shuffling for the remote learning so as to enable teaching to happen without any hurdles.)



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In these trying times children may respond to stress in different ways. Common responses include having difficulties sleeping, being anxious, withdrawn, angry, clingy or afraid to be left alone. Respond to children's reactions in a supportive way and explain to them that they are normal reactions to an abnormal situation like this. Listen to their concerns and take time to comfort them and give them affection, reassure them they are safe as long as they are indoors. If possible, create opportunities for children to exercise and relax. A set of exercises and Yoga techniques have also been posted on the website for you and your child. Keep regular routines and schedules as much as possible. Provide age-appropriate facts about what has happened, explain what is going on and give them clear examples on what they can do to help protect themselves and others from infection. You may also involve them little in daily household jobs to keep them busy and involved with family. This is the time to train them in life skills which will be of great use in the future.

We understand these are difficult times and we are all trying to adjust in our own ways. But at the same time we cannot let go off so much time. We need your cooperation to make use of this time in the best possible manner for the betterment of our children. We would like to end by saying how much the students are being missed. We are concerned for our students' health and well-being, as well as their families. This is not a time for us to panic. This is a time for us to come together. We are all in this fight together.

Along with my team of extremely experienced teachers, I assure you that your ward is in very good hands. The Grade IX Class Teachers are as follows:

- IX A Ms. Keerthi Sahni
- IX B Ms. Shampa Dewanji Biswas
- IX C Dr. Molina Sewal
- IX D Ms. Yashoda Pramod
- IX E Ms. Niti Gera
- IX F Ms. Mani Mathur
- IX G Ms. V Sudha
- IX H Ms. Sarmishta Ganguli.

In case of any queries please feel free to contact me on my school email id abhilashassinha@sanskritischool.edu.in.

As your ward is now in the senior school, I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce to you our senior school counsellor Ms. Aparanta Somayaji. Please feel free to contact her if and when required via her email id aparantasomayaji@sanskritischool.edu.in

Please find below details for the learning mode for your child:-



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- **Grade IX** will have online classes through '**Google Hangout meet**'.
- **You will need-**
 - Laptop/smartphone
 - Download meet app if using smartphone
 - Check Audio and video are functional on these devices
 - Login with your(student's) school Id

- **Getting started-**

To join Google meet, follow the given steps-

On Laptop

- In a web browser, enter <https://meet.google.com>.
- Click Join or start a meeting
- Enter the meeting code sent by your teacher.
Note: The hyphens in the meeting code are optional.
- Click Continue and then Join.

On Smartphone

- Open the Hangouts Meet app and then tap Meeting code.
- Enter the meeting code sent by your teacher.
Note: The hyphens in the meeting code are optional.
- Tap Join meeting.

The MHRD has set up e-learning platforms and recommended them for students. These are listed below:-

1. <https://diksha.gov.in/cbse/>
2. <http://epathshala.nic.in/>
3. <https://nroer.gov.in/welcome>
4. <https://swayam.gov.in/>
5. <https://www.swayamprabha.gov.in/>

With best wishes for a wonderful new academic session.

Abhilasha Singh Sinha

GRADE IX REP

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