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## CIR/16/2020-2021

**Dear Parents** 

Greetings from Amanora School!

We hope you and your family are safe and healthy.

**16**<sup>th</sup> **March 2020** was the date when schools across India were asked to close down. What followed exactly a week after that was a national lockdown. As I reflect on those days, I bask in the satisfaction of knowing that closure of schools did not mean that learning stopped.

We switched to **Online** teaching within days of the lockdown and soon enough we were able to offer the complete *Virtual Schooling Experience* to our learners. To ensure that this switch is smooth, we trained our teachers and students. We equipped them with tools and practices that ascertained a wholesome learning experience. In this one year, schooling has transformed. At the same time there are constants which have remained, these are - our teachers' passion to impact the life of every learner they come across and our students' quest to learn. We impacted the lives of **2882 learners** through **131 teachers** by hosting **41771 online sessions** in the Academic Year 2020-2021. While the ways of teaching changed the quality of teaching hasn't.

With a sense of pride and contentment, I share with you that we continued to deliver excellence in academics through our trained teachers who used a variety of resources; be that tools like Quizziz or Geogebra, Digital Content available on the School OS platform or even self-curated learning materials. Doubt clearing classes further supported the learners in their journey to achieve academic excellence. Our Pre-primary students too were split into smaller batches for better engagement and learning. Additionally we went ahead, modified our annual syllabus, and even re-designed the assessment framework.

In addition to our core academic offering, we continued with programmes like the English Language Enrichment Programme, 15 Books Reading Campaign and Board Prep. We launched the Maths Centre of Excellence (MCE) to develop interest towards the subject. Students eagerly await the Sum of the Day and Puzzle of the Week.

Virtual Schooling Experience is incomplete without co-scholastics. Be it Physical Education, Yoga, Music, Dance or Art and Craft; all these and more have been part of our virtual schooling. In addition to this we went ahead and even conducted competitions like Math Quiz, Rhymathon, etc. We enjoyed celebrating festivals and special days with you and our learners. I would specially like to mentionour National Days, Grandparents Day, Diwali and other significant festivities that we spent with our parents and students (virtually) were absolutely memorable. I am certain you were as awed as us by the presentation of our learners during Assemblies, Special days, Culmination Activities.

We took our annual events like Awards for Student Excellence and Tirangaa to your homes and were humbled to see you all participate with equal enthusiasm. We even hosted our first edition of Amanora EMUN and organised Math Culmination Activity across grades I to VIII in this session.

While we did all this and more we were conscious of ensuring students well-being. Our sessions and alerts on Health and Safety addressed this need of our learners. Easy access to the School Counsellorand teachers, who were always ready to support learners, kept our learners motivated during the tough days.



Fortunately, every experience ends up teaching us something that we can use going forward. The beauty of life is in the opportunities that appear just when you need them. This is what this year has been like.

I thank you for collaborating with us and supporting us as we work towards our vision of nurturing future ready global citizens who positively and responsibly impact the world.

Best regards
For **Amanora School** 

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