



Don Bosco Park Circus

3 Nov. 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We at Don Bosco School have always loved and cherished a profoundly dignified relationship with our students, their parents, the alumni members and other stakeholders. We take pride by calling it **the Don Bosco Family**. This has been the legacy of St. John Bosco, the Father and Founder, who started this educational institution for boys way back in 1841. We have always appreciated and continue to uphold the roles played by every benefactor of ours.

It is also a well known fact that we maintain a very cordial and healthy rapport with the parents of our students at all levels. Unfortunately, there has been involvement of some third party interference recently, whose sole intention seems to be to ruin this relationship between the administration and parents. They are trying to allure parents of school going children and engage them in unhealthy groupism and create unrest in the city of Kolkata. A certain honorable citizen of our city has gone about this by filing a PIL in the Calcutta High Court and the Hon'ble High Court has passed a judgment on 13 October, which is not favourable to private unaided schools. It is likely that all the private unaided schools now appeal to the Supreme Court. This I call merely creating bitterness among parents and school authorities and spoiling a legacy of trust and friendship. Let us not forget the fact that a school is a second home for a child.

The school has received an Order from the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court to grant a 20% reduction on tuition fees to all students and to reduce few other components of fees. **If we were to follow this all those parents who are receiving the benefit of fee concession prior to this, will forfeit it and will find it very difficult to educate their children.** When we are doing so much for the benefit of the needy and deserving, this court case was definitely not called for. It does not look good that both parents and school authorities are made to face a situation such as this, which affects our dignified relationship.

I therefore take this opportunity to sincerely thank and appreciate all those parents who have been supporting the school steadfastly by paying the regular fees. There are several of our parents who came and requested for concessions which we willingly gave them. The school grants concession to parents who are financially unstable. During this period of the pandemic, we have accommodated even more cases, willingly. Over 200 students receive concession from school and not just of 20% but 50%, 75% 90% and even 100%.

This is also to inform you that some components of fees have been removed from the months of September, November and December, as those events will not take place this year. If we are forced to reduce 20% of tuition fees, it shall be done by the end of the year and adjusted with the fees of March, April 2021. The matter shall be taken up with the Hon'ble Supreme Court and further deliberations will be given to you later.

I suggest that since most our parents are blessed by God and are in a position to pay the fees, and have not faced any salary cut or also get education reimbursement from the Govt., let us not disturb the fee structure of the school. Instead, let us help other financially struggling 'members of this family' to rise up at this difficult time. We want to reach out to all who are in need. Those of us who can afford to, come forward and extend a helping hand. Let us together fight this pandemic.

Stay safe, stay healthy.

Regards,

Fr. Bikash Mondal, SDB

Principal
DON BOSCO SCHOOL
PARK CIRCUS
KOLKATA - 700 017

School Code : WB013

23, Darga Road, Park Circus, Kolkata- 700017

PH: (033) 2287 9202/0414/2290 0703

Email: dbkolkata@gmail.com Website : www.donboscoparkcircus.org