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AN OPEN LETTER OF CHAIRMAN (SCHOOL MANAGING COMMITTEE) TO PARENTS

DEAR PARENTS

I trust this letter finds you all in a happy and healthy mood. I on behalf of my fellow members of School Managing Committee, wish and pray for the wellbeing of all of you specifically during the global crisis resulted out of CORONA Virus.

I am grieved to share that IISJ too couldn't stay immune to brutal COVID-19 & one of our senior teachers has lost her husband in Makkah. May Allah grant him the highest place in Jannatul Firdaus and patience to the bereaved family. In this hour of sorrow and pain, the school management stands with Mrs. Gulistan with all possible cooperation to be extended to her.

Now coming to the parental Concerns, I would like to have point wise discussion:

1. Fee relaxation.

As it is known to all of you, right from the initial outspread of the COVID-19, it was clear that the economy of the world was going to suffer badly, like many other countries, KSA also felt the heat of economic crisis. We as representative of parents were worried as we started receiving news of salary problems and requests of fee relaxation. We were constantly working on all the measures that could be taken in this regard.

As we were receiving mails and calls, we were silently watching activities of many parent groups where strategic bulk emails and Twitter posts were being suggested to vent pressure on the authorities specially on the Managing Committee. A strong resentment against MC members was prevailing. MC was being blamed as insensitive and not responding. Though it is always painful to read all these allegations but we could realize that your reactions were out of frustration as we were not responding to your mails and messages. Believe it or not but we have been working behind the scene to honor your legitimate demand and address your genuine concerns.

Now the question is "Why we were not responding to your emails?"

Dear Parents, The School is governed by an established system. There is hierarchy in that system. Different administrative and decision-making components are MC, Higher Board, Observer, Vice Patron and finally Patron. Fee review/concession was a policy matter which MC alone couldn't decide. Moreover, we had suggested more than one options viz percentage wise concession, fixed amount rebate, head-wise waiver & such proposals were submitted to the competent Authority to consider. We were not certain which of them would be accepted and when it would be notified. Since we were waiting for the communication from the Higher Authority in this regard, it was not possible for us to make any official announcement in this regard. This could lead to a breach of protocol.

Now it is finally announced by our respected Patron, I am writing this letter to you all to explain the reason of our deliberate silence and apologize for the same.

We are thankful to our brothers and sisters who continuously raise the cause and concern of parents as it helps us to work faster and harder.

The MC requests you not to consider us as a separate team. We all are one and will keep working with one another till our last day as MC.

Note: We had a plan for an Open Meeting with all the parents in the beginning of the sessions 2020-21 but due to COVID-19, it did not take place. As soon as situation allows us, we will be meeting for sure to answer all your questions and concerns. Meanwhile, we will be trying our best to reach you & we have a plan for it. Inshallah it will be announced very soon.

2. Online Teaching and E-learnings.

Before I say anything about implementing this new-way of learning, I request you to understand that school has not opted for online teaching by choice & class-room transaction and teaching and learning through Regular mode cannot be replaced with any other mode of teaching.

The online teaching is a bridging process which has been initiated to minimize the academic loss of the students.

Our teachers are working very hard to adapt the technological aspect of new system. This is entirely a new world for those who still find it hard & complicated to use simple app and options of smartphones. Despite the full efforts from teacher's side, parents are also facing many challenges in the present system which is also in our knowledge. Under the given global crisis of COVID -19, the health and safety of our school children and our community is our shared responsibility.

I appreciate your patience in this unusual and trying time and hope you will share both your thoughts and concerns with us as well as extend grace as we move forward.

Warmest regards,

Mohammad Ghazanfar Alam
Chairman (School Managing Committee)

