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| <b>NOTICE TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS</b> |
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**Dear Parents and Students,**

At the outset I convey my wishes to all of you and pray that God Almighty may keep you all safe and secure during this period of pandemic, these are moments of uncertainty and to some extent fear and apprehension for most people. There is in everyone a tinge of worry and anxiety concerning the days to come and our inability to move around and enjoy the freedom that we have always taken for granted in the past.

As I begin my service as Principal of this hallowed institution I remember and thank all those who have contributed to the growth of this institution down through the last 44 years. Don Bosco Bandel has ascended to its present height due to the hard work of all those who have gone before us, leaving their footprints in the sands of time. At this moment it is only appropriate that I remember all of my predecessors, all of them are personally known to me, who have contributed to the growth of this institution. I put on record the initiative of Fr. Paul PP, the Rector and Fr. T. Albert the Principal who tirelessly worked for the establishment of this in January 1978, Fr. PV Mathew who was instrumental in making this school an abode of excellence from its infancy, Fr. CL Mathew and Fr. PJ Michael whose leadership kept the flame of brilliance burning in the subsequent years. I remember with gratitude Fr. VL Francis who was instrumental in the commencement of the Primary Section of the school along with Fr. Thomas Gomes, Fr. CJ George who in a short period time built the new wing of the school connecting the two older blocks and constructed the present auditorium, and the contributions of Fr. KV Mathew, Fr. KV James and finally, most recently the work done by Fr. Noby K. George. Along with these stalwarts of our school I want to place on record all the teachers and non-teaching staff without whose active support, assiduous service and self-sacrifice, this institution would never have achieved the pinnacle on which she is placed by all who come in contact with her.

We have also had able Vice-Principals who shouldered the responsibility of carrying forward the vision of Don Bosco in this institution and I mention a few of them, Fr. Jose Pathickal, Fr. VT Jose, Fr. VC George, Fr. KA Thomas, Fr. Aju Kurian and most recently we had Fr. Dorpon Mondol who ably guided the school and collaborated with Principals. We are grateful to all these Fathers who have been at the forefront of the educational endeavour of this institution. With these words of introduction let me come to certain points of information which need to be taken note and realized immediately.

1. **Weekly routine:** We have reworked the weekly class routine to make it more or less stable so that parents and students have daily schedule more predictable and you are able to make plans for the rest of the day and the week without the anxiety of not knowing what is coming next. Please note that henceforth we shall be following weekly routine and the same weekly cycle shall be followed until otherwise notified.

2. **Unit Test and Projects:** Please note that unit test shall be held during the first one hour and after the unit test duration of the subsequent periods shall be for 30 minutes. There will be no cancellation of periods due to unit test. Let me point out to you that it is totally the responsibility

of the student to do the test and submit the answer script, teachers cannot be held responsible for the failure of a child to do the test. In case a student is unable to write a unit test, he may do the same on a later date after having given an explanation to his teacher with relevant documents. However, this facility is available only to students who have been sick and who have taken leave from their teacher during the exam period itself. **Parents are requested to make sure that your child writes the test or submits the project on scheduled day itself, in accordance with the instructions given by his teacher.** I entreat you to take responsibility for your life, studies and your future and do not wait for the teacher to come to you asking you to fulfil your responsibility.

**3. Unreckoned Subjects:** In the Senior Section, Subjects such as Moral Science, 3<sup>rd</sup> language and General Knowledge shall be taught on Saturdays in a monthly cycle. Teachers who are not able to finish the syllabus are allowed to take extra class and thus complete syllabus. There shall be an hour of extra class on a particular Saturday, and communicated to the students by the teacher in advance.

**4. Regular Attendance:** Regularity is a virtue. Students are to strive to attain and integrate virtues into their life. Please make sure to attend class and put your heart and soul into the class. You have less than half a day of class, please do not squander your opportunity to learn and fail to integrate the same into your life, for opportunity wasted is life lost.

**5. Leave:** Please inform the Principal/Vice-Principal in advance in case a student is not able to attend class. Information must be given by a letter and posted in the school email.

**6. Communication with Principal:** Please take note of the following email id for all communication with Principal: [dbsbandel@gmail.com](mailto:dbsbandel@gmail.com).

My dear Students and Parents, may I remind you that this time of pandemic is a challenging time for all of us, staff, parents and students. I request you to take care and collaborate with the staff to make your learning effective and beneficial to you. It is also appropriate to remind ourselves that we are the privileged ones of the society and that the facilities and opportunities that we enjoy are longed for by many who cannot afford. This gives us an added responsibility to see that we make good what has been lost by their inability. Let us be good human beings and responsible citizens which Don Bosco our Father and Teacher always desired for his children.

May I encourage everyone to follow the ideals of Don Bosco School as enunciated in Prospectus No 2, “We seek to form the young, through education, into men of character, competence, conscience, compassion and commitment who will foster uprightness in public life”. Greater part of this responsibility has been transferred to the parents in this pandemic time as the students spend most of the time in their respective home.

I thank you all for the care you take to carry on the legacy of Don Bosco School which we have inherited, of which we are proud sharers and which we in turn intend to pass on proudly to posterity. May God bless you all.

***Thanking you all for your kind collaboration and invoking God's Blessings,***

Yours truly,

Fr. Siby Joseph Vadakel, sdb  
(Principal)