

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY DELHI DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION: SCHOOL BRANCH

OLD SECRETARIAT: DELHI-110054

No. DE.23 (68)/Sch.Br./2019-20/293

Dated: 05.03.2020

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Sub: Closure of Schools upto Primary Classes as a Precautionary Measure.

We are aware that the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) is reported from China & other countries and there are a few travel related positive cases in Delhi also. Preventive measures are important to stop the spread of this disease. There is no need to panic.

Elaborate guidelines have already been issued in this regard vide Circular No. DE.23(386)/Sch.Br./2019/227 dated 20.02.2020 and No. DE.23(386)/Sch.Br./2019/292/ dated 05.03.2020. However, the students of Nursery and Primary classes are too young to understand the risks associated with COVID-19. Thus, they are more prone to infectious diseases and mingle around with their classfellows more often. It will be good that, they must be trained in the do's and don'ts of prevention from COVID-19 under the care and supervision of their parents at their home.

Therefore, in the interest of the health and safety of students of Primary Classes, as a precautionary measure, all the Government, Government Aided, Private Recognised (Unaided) Schools of Directorate of Education and those run by local bodies (MCDs, NDMC & Delhi Cantonment Board) will remain closed with immediate effect for students up to Primary Classes till 31st March 2020.

However, students of Classes other than Primary shall continue to come to schools / examination centres for writing their examinations as per schedule. Also, all staff members of the school (teaching and non-teaching) shall attend the School as usual.

This issues with approval of Competent Authority.

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Heads of All Govt./Aided/Recognised Private Schools (including those of local bodies) of Delhi through DEL-E.

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- OSD to Hon'ble Dy. CM / MoE.
- 2. PS to Secretary (Education).
- 3. PA to Director (Education).
- 4. All Director (Education) of MCDs, NDMC and CEO, DCB.
- 5. All RDEs and DDEs (District/Zone) to ensure compliance.
- System Analyst (MIS) for uploading on MIS.
- 7. Guard File.

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