

**GOVT. OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION. PRIVATE SCHOOL BRANCH
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F.No. PS/ADE/PSB/2021/1665-1670

Dated:- 21/04/2021

CIRCULAR

**Subject: Rescheduling of Summer Vacation for Academic Session 2021-22 and
Suspension of Online/Semi-Online Teaching Learning Activities**

It is well known that Delhi is one of the most adversely affected states by COVID 19. As a result, for the last one year regular teaching-learning activities of students has been severely disrupted.

To minimize the academic loss of students, like in case of Government and Govt. aided schools, the management of most of private schools adopted alternate teaching-learning methods to cover the syllabus.

In this unprecedented situation, the management of private schools designed their teaching learning-approach as per their context and enabled the teachers to successfully conduct online classes with active participation of students with the support of parents. The role of teaching staff is especially praiseworthy as most of them upgraded their own digital skills and devoted time and energy to prepare learning material for conducting online classes. Having been in this online mode for more than a year continuously, they need a much deserved break from routine online teaching activities.

Further, vacation plays a very important role in the academic cycle- both for students and their teachers. It provides an opportunity to both of them to break free from the monotony that might creep in due to continuous teaching- learning activities. Hence vacation is a time to relax, learn new skills, read new books, pursue hobbies etc. It is an opportunity to rejuvenate oneself. This is the intent of Summer Vacation and other scheduled vacations in the academic calendar of schools. In the present circumstances due to COVID 19 and the context explained above, it is all the more important that the intent of summer vacation is realized not just in letter but in spirit too.

As a result, the Directorate of Education vide order No. DE.23(3)/Sch.Br./2021-22/238 dated 19.04.2021 advanced the summer vacation for the Government, Government Aided and Private unaided recognized schools of Delhi to commence from 20.04.2021 instead of earlier scheduled from 11.05.2021. Hence, the summer vacation will now be from 20.04.2021 to 09.06.2021 for the academic session 2021-22. The date was advanced due to the current surge of COVID 19 cases and its fatal effect.

Through another circular No. 533-536 dated 19.04.2021, the Directorate of Education suspended all the centrally conducted online and semi-online teaching learning activities for the aforementioned period of vacation in all Govt. and Govt. Aided Schools.

It has been brought to the notice of this directorate that despite the summer vacation which has been advanced due to surge in COVID 10 cases, the regular online learning method

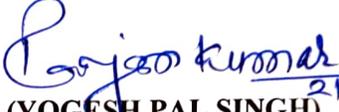
continues to be adopted in one way or the other by some private unaided recognized schools. The online classes are being used as a substitute of physical classroom learning activities without any break.

Keeping in mind the prevailing situation due to COVID 19 and in the overall interest of all stakeholders of the management of private schools including its teaching staff, it is expedient that direction issued in respect of Government Schools and Govt. Aided schools with regard to suspension of online classes as mentioned above needs is extended in respect of private unaided recognized schools of Delhi also.

Accordingly, all the management of all private unaided recognized schools of Delhi are hereby directed that all Online and Semi-Online teaching and learning activities shall remain suspended during the aforesaid period of summer vacation in line with the Government schools.

However, the schools may conduct vacation related specific activities, remedial classes for specific set of students and other activities for creativity, happiness and overall social and emotional well being to enrich the overall growth of the students without calling them to school physically.

This issues with the approval of Director Education

for 
(YOGESH PAL SINGH) 21/04/2021
Assistant Director of Education (PSB)

To
All HOS/Managers
Private Un-aided Recognized Schools, Delhi

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3. PS to Director (Education), GNCTD.
4. All RDE/DDE Districts with the direction to ensure strict compliance of the above circular.
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