

Dear Parents,

I hope this mail finds you all in good cheer and health. I am hopeful, too, that you will agree with me that in these unforeseen times of Lockdown and social distancing, human living is transiting towards a different matrix.

The agricultural, business, and other economic activities are paralysed by the effect COVID has brought on to them, making them limp towards normalcy. It is interesting that educational institutions in general and schools in particular have held the bull by its horns and acted within days to move easily towards online teaching in a couple of weeks.

Schools, Teachers and students have enabled a new environment of learning involving parents too.

In our schools at Kanpur, Noida, Lucknow, Varanasi as well as at JPS Kannauj and Basti, we have successfully put in place a number of measures to ensure that the schooling of our students continues as normally as possible during the lockdown. We have also adjusted the Admissions process, enquiry process, fee payment process with a view to making them easy and friendly to the parents. The efforts for regular interaction with the students and parents being made by the Teachers and Principals that we always practice is being reflected by our presence on a number of online forums.

For a high reach of the online teaching-learning processes, our Schools use Zoom, Google Class Room, Google Meet, Whatsapp, Webex, Google Forms, to name a few online tools. We combine our online teaching with the resources provided by our long standing paid content providers such as Tata Classedge and TeachNext and follow the online music curriculum of the celebrated Shankar Mahadevan Academy for the last five years.

The syllabus for all subjects and levels has been planned out by the schools after an exchange of ideas by our faculty, for online implementation, on the basis of guidelines provided by the CBSE and NCERT portals. For effective classes, the process starts with careful designing of the lessons, constant monitoring by the Heads of Departments, and continuous improvements on the basis of the feedback received from the teachers, the Principals, students and parents. Home tasks and assignments involving the parents are making the situation lively for all.

We regularly seek the support, for our initiatives, from the reputed digital media vertical of the Jagran Group, Jagran New Media ( JNM). I take this opportunity to share with you that Jagran Josh - an initiative of JNM - is already a pillar of strength to many students and career aspirants and they have online access to the treasure trove of Jagran Josh for many of their educational and career information needs.

Coming specifically to Jagran Public School, Lucknow, I am pleased to share with you the steps initiated by the Principal. Whatsapp Groups were created for all the classes from Pre Primary to Class XII and the first Online classes was conducted on 30th March. The teachers were trained well in advance and, with time, they learnt to go about the business like true blue professionals. They are teaching live through Zoom from Class I to XII. As soon as the CBSE announced that the 6th paper for Class X will not be held, the Class XI lessons began on 15 April. Remedial Classes are being conducted for those who needed special attention. Now, regular testing and monitoring are on with encouraging feedback from the Parents for the school's efforts.

I am indeed pleased to see the untiring efforts of the Principal, the Teachers of JPS, Lucknow for having successfully steered the students away from the long established and well set learning methodologies to seamlessly adopt to hi-tech digital platforms that have a huge potential to expose our children to the gamut of self learning tools out there! I applaud the efforts of all our staff, the students and the parents too for their active participation in the transition. Education has witnessed something of a revolution at the beginning of this new decade, and, I believe, will never be the same again.

Thank you once again for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully,  
Yogendra Mohan Gupta,  
Chairman