



SOUTH POINT HIGH SCHOOL

An ISO 45001:2018 Certified Institution

Affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education

Notice: Waiver in School Fees

Circular No. 23/P&G/2020-21

October 31, 2020

Dear Parents / Guardian,

In terms of the order dated October 13, 2020 of the Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta in WPA No. 5890 of 2020 dated October 13, 2020 read with the order dated October 28, 2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Special Leave Petitions filed against the said order including that bearing SLP(C) No. 012952/2020, we wish to inform the guardians that the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta by an order dated October 13, 2020 has issued several directions in respect of payment of fees on various heads to Schools in West Bengal arising out of the situation caused by the Covid 19 pandemic and subsequent suspension of physical classes since the earlier part of this calendar year. The High Court order is separately uploaded on the website of the School.

Several schools have filed Special Leave Petitions in the Hon'ble Supreme Court challenging the said order of Hon'ble High Court and by an order dated October 28, 2020 the Hon'ble Supreme Court while accepting the petitions and fixing the same for hearing, has ordered that some of the directions as contained in the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court are not to be implemented. The order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court is also uploaded on the website of the School.

At the outset we are thankful that an overwhelmingly large majority of guardians have cleared their fees well within due date(s) resulting in the School receiving almost 98% of the fees from April-September 2020. The few who could not do so have been granted time and provided with the facility of paying the dues in a staggered manner or in instalments without any late fine as well as granted waivers. This has enabled the School to meet its various financial commitments on account of operational and establishment cost, administrative cost, finance cost and other costs and expenses and in turn motivated our teachers to upskill themselves and deliver quality education through the online mode (both synchronous and asynchronous) to all of our students.

Computer Science classes have continued online along with relevant practicals. In other Science subjects like Physics, Chemistry and Biology teachers and laboratory demonstrators have used laboratory facilities to demonstrate the entire practical part of the syllabus which due to the prevailing situation pupils cannot attempt hands on. Co-scholastic activities such as Art education, Health and Physical Education are integral parts of the

CBSE Curriculum, hence there has been a concerted effort to include those, in compliance with the CBSE Curriculum. The School has simultaneously begun these classes online, some synchronous and others asynchronous, along with scholastic subjects with effect from April, 2020. Regular assignments and a detailed evaluation process for all classes were conducted online during this period. Remedial classes and improvement tests were also held for students of Classes IX and XI. The School has also provided mental health support to students as well as parents through seminars and one to one sessions when required. Career Counselling seminars have continued for selective groups of students. Since April, 2020, the School has thus continued to provide such facilities and/or services to the students, which are essential for and an integral part of CBSE curriculum and holistic development.

The School, in compliance with the operational part of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court and pending the final adjudication of the appeals in the Hon'ble Supreme Court, would like to inform the guardians about various decisions taken by it with respect to school fee, in relation to their wards, as mentioned below. Kindly note that these decisions are without prejudice to the rights of the School in the pending proceedings in the Hon'ble Supreme Court and without waiving any of them in any manner whatsoever:

- 1) Guardians of students of the School are, in terms of the judgment and order dated October 13, 2020 of the Hon'ble High Court under appeal in the Hon'ble Supreme Court, and subject to the outcome of the appeal in the Hon'ble Supreme Court and as may be ordered therein, hereby offered the option of paying reduced academic fees from April 2020 under following heads as mentioned below:

Tuition Fee per month

	Amount for 2020-2021	Amount after reduction @ 20%
Class VI	Rs. 4,725/-	Rs. 3,780/-
Class VII	Rs. 4,725/-	Rs. 3,780/-
Class VIII	Rs. 5,325/-	Rs. 4,260/-
Class IX	Rs. 5,400/-	Rs. 4,320/-
Class X	Rs. 5,400/-	Rs. 4,320/-
Class XI (Science)	Rs. 5,600/-	Rs. 4,480/-
Class XI (Commerce)	Rs. 5,400/-	Rs. 4,320/-
Class XI (Humanities)	Rs. 5,400/-	Rs. 4,320/-
Class XII (Science)	Rs. 5,600/-	Rs. 4,480/-
Class XII (Commerce)	Rs. 5,400/-	Rs. 4,320/-
Class XII (Humanities)	Rs. 5,400/-	Rs. 4,320/-

	Amount for 2020-2021	Amount after waiver @ 50%
Audio Visual Aid Fee p.m. (VI – VIII)	Rs. 150/-	Rs. 75/-

- 2) The class-wise bi-monthly amount payable towards reduced Fees amount for the months of October & November 2020 after giving effect to waivers is mentioned below for the convenience of the guardians:

Total Amount for October & November	
Class VI	Rs. 7,710/-
Class VII	Rs. 7,710/-
Class VIII	Rs. 8,670/-
Class IX	Rs. 8,640/-
Class X	Rs. 8,640/-
Class XI (Science)	Rs. 8,960/-
Class XI (Commerce)	Rs. 8,640/-
Class XI (Humanities)	Rs. 8,640/-
Class XII (Science)	Rs. 8,960/-
Class XII (Commerce)	Rs. 8,640/-
Class XII (Humanities)	Rs. 8,640/-

- 3) Notwithstanding anything mentioned elsewhere in the foregoing paragraphs and in terms of the order of the Hon'ble High Court as well as our earlier notices, the School will continue to collect Bus Fee at the reduced rate of 50% of last year's fee, towards the "essential charges" being the proportionate amount incurred by it against the transport facility like establishment expenses and rental charges for bus in terms of subsisting contracts with service providers, to account for salaries to transport staff, routine maintenance, insurance & taxes etc. till it reopens. The excess amount paid during this period, if any, will be adjusted in subsequent periods. This reduced fee will only be collected from those guardians who continue to enroll their wards for the School Bus facility. In case a guardian wishes to discontinue the facility, they may contact the transport department urgently for needful. The Bus Fee p.m. as already informed through notice dated 01.06.2020 is mentioned below once again:

	<u>Bus Fee per month</u>	
	Amount for 2020-2021	Amount after waiver @ 50%
Both Ways		
Up to 10 km	Rs. 1,625/-	Rs. 812/-
Beyond 10 km	Rs. 1,725/-	Rs. 862/-
One Way		
Up to 10 km	Rs. 1,350/-	Rs. 675/-
Beyond 10 km	Rs. 1,425/-	Rs. 712/-

- 4) Similarly, the Audio Visual Aid Fee for Classes VI to VIII, will also continue to be charged at 50% of last year's fee i.e., Rs. 75/- per month in terms of our notice dated 10.08.2020, towards the "essential charges" being proportionate amount incurred by the School against the said academic facility like establishment expenses and fixed costs and charges in terms of subsisting contracts with service providers.
- 5) As already mentioned vide our notice dated 01.06.2020, the School will continue to not collect any fee/amount in respect of heads like Activity Club, Special Classes etc. till the School is in a position to launch these activities. Further, it has also been decided that from November 2020 onwards no collection shall be made in respect of Computer Laboratory Charges payable by students of Classes XI & XII who have opted for Computer Science, till School reopens.
- 6) In terms of the direction of the Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court, guardians are requested not to avail of the reduction in fees as laid down above if their financial situation does not merit such reduction. This will also help and enable the School to continue to run and manage its affairs smoothly and provide quality education without any interruption.
- 7) However, in case any guardian wishes to obtain the benefit of reduction as stated in point 1 above, they are required to make the payment of the reduced amount towards general fees for the months of October & November 2020 as mentioned in point 2 above latest by 30.11.2020, through a Demand Draft or Pay Order in favour of "South Point High School". Guardians are requested to drop the DD/PO at the drop box placed at the School, on all working days from Monday to Friday, between 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. with the name, class, section, session and student ID no. of their ward clearly mentioned on the reverse of the DD/PO. The DD/PO must be put inside an envelope and sealed and the details of the child should also be mentioned on the envelope. Guardians must also forward a scanned copy of the same DD/PO by an email to feewaiver.sphs@southpoint.edu.in from their registered email ID. The email should clearly mention the name of the child, class, section, session and student ID No. and should also clearly mention that payment of reduced fees has been made with an intention to obtain the benefit of reduction as provided by the order of the Hon'ble High Court. Emails sent to any other email ID of the School and not to the above email ID may not be considered as a valid intimation and emails received after 30th November 2020 will also not be considered as a valid intimation. Receipt of each email will be acknowledged individually. The above mode of payment has been necessitated in view of the limitation of the School's existing fee payment mechanism to be customized at this point of time, to comply with the deadlines as required by the order of the Hon'ble High Court. Consequently, the fee management module on the School's App will also not be available temporarily.

- 8) Guardians whose fee amount for any part of the period from April to September 2020 is yet to be cleared, are required to pay the same by 30th November 2020. They need to visit the School office on any working day after 9th November 2020, from Monday to Friday 10 am to 3 pm, and find out the exact amount payable in respect of their wards. Such payment will then need to be tendered at the School office by way of a DD/PO within 30.11.2020. Please note that such payment SHOULD NOT be deposited by the guardians in the drop box.
- 9) For guardians who do not make the payment by DD/PO as per point 7 above and do not send such emails, thereby choosing not to obtain the reduction in fees as offered above and thus agreeing to the option of paying the fees at full amount, the existing fee structure charged in the last block of August-September 2020 will continue to be applicable. These guardians are not required to take any further action for the time being. The fee for the months of October & November 2020 in respect of their wards will be collected by the School on or around 7th December 2020 through NACH as per the usual practice at the rates as applicable to each class as mentioned in point 1 above. They are requested to maintain balance in their designated account to the extent of existing fees. The amount towards Bus Fee (after 50% waiver) in terms of point 3 above will also be collected through NACH on or around 7th December 2020 in respect of all guardians who continue to be enrolled for bus services.
- 10) Guardians to whom the School has already granted fee reduction or waivers on account of the pandemic or otherwise prior to the date of the order of the Hon'ble High Court, will continue to be eligible to receive the reduction which in all cases is higher than 20%. They also need not take any action presently and their fee will get collected in usual course through NACH on or around 7th December 2020, however they are required to clear all earlier dues by 30th November 2020 through DD/PO at the School office as per point 8 above.
- 11) Guardians who have already paid fee at the existing rate and wish to obtain the reduction in the manner as indicated above, will not be entitled to any refund for the fees already paid from April-September 2020. However, the excess amount paid by them after giving effect of the order of Hon'ble High Court will be adjusted against payment of tuition and other fees for the subsequent period/months of the current financial year, subject to their agreeing otherwise, for which intimation will be given by the School later, and subject to the outcome of the appeal before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

12) The fees as prescribed above, at the existing or reduced amount as applicable, for the period commencing from April 1, 2020 up to November 30, 2020 is required to be tendered by all guardians by November 30, 2020, as directed by the Hon'ble High Court. In case the fees for the mentioned period are not paid within 30th November 2020 (or 7th December 2020 for those paying by NACH), the School, in terms of the order of Hon'ble High Court, shall be entitled at its discretion to debar any student from attending classes (both online and physical, as the case may be) from 8th December 2020 onwards and withdraw all other facilities which are currently being availed by them.

The order of the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta dated October 13, 2020 and the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28th October, 2020 are available on the website of the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta and the Hon'ble Supreme Court respectively and also have been uploaded on the website of the School and guardians are requested to access the same for their own understanding of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court and the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

The School has already preferred a Special Leave Petition before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India challenging the order passed by the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta. The above information and decision are subject to any further orders that may be passed by the Hon'ble High Court and/or the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, as the case may be.

Thank you.

Principal