



SOUTH POINT HIGH SCHOOL

**An ISO 45001:2018 Certified Institution
Affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education**

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Circular for Parents / Guardian of the pupils of Classes VI to VIII

Dear Parents / Guardian,

After nearly eleven months of closure brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have come to that point when the final virtual classes of the 2020-2021 session will be held for the pupils of Classes VI to VIII. Class VI will attend the last class on February 12, 2021 and Classes VII and VIII will do the same on February 13, 2021. As per the directives of the State Government, the evaluation process of the present pupils of Classes VI to VIII for promotion to the next class will be conducted digitally.

A lot of effort has gone into making digital teaching a fruitful experience for them so that despite the restrictions placed, they are adequately prepared to take a step up to the next class. These efforts have been appreciated by parents at large. We had also devised an evaluation process in Term-1 which could give us a holistic feedback about what students had assimilated. Assignments, Quizzes, Oral Evaluation, Projects and Parent Proctored Tests were the means we employed so that all stakeholders could get a fairly adequate picture of the learning outcome of each student individually. The whole process was kept non-competitive so that the pressure to score more than the peer group was not felt.

In Term-2 also virtual classroom teaching continued and the lessons as well as the syllabuses were designed keeping in mind the educational standards required in Classes VI to VIII under the CBSE Board. We hope that the pupils were able to make maximum use of these classes and attended most of them. Along with this, assignments and quizzes were set regularly so that pupils would learn their weaknesses and strengths and work accordingly. Projects were also set in the 05 major subjects so that pupils could learn first hand how to do basic research and apply creatively the knowledge acquired from text books. All this was possible because of the continued and generous cooperation of the parents. They ensured that their wards attended classes and did the work that was set on time despite their own busy schedules. Imparting of digital education to students of Classes VI to VIII is a joint effort, as we know. Teachers and parents have to work hand in hand so that the students benefit and are not overwhelmed by the changed circumstances.

Internal Assessments

The Assignments, Quizzes and Projects that were held from September 18, 2020 onwards will form part of the internal assessment of Term-2 which comprises Periodic Assessment, Notebook Assessment and Subject Enrichment and carries 20 marks for each subject.

Term-2 Assessment

We will need the help of the parents once again to conduct the Term-2 Assessment of the Middle School. The Term-2 Assessment of the 05 major subjects will consist of Oral Evaluation and Parent Proctored Tests. Subject-B, comprising Lower Languages and Computer Studies, will be evaluated through quizzes.

- a) The Parent Proctored Tests will be of 40 marks each and each is to be completed in 90 minutes. These will be timed papers, which means that question papers need to be answered within a certain time after which submissions will not be possible. Additional time will be given for uploading the scripts.

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- b) The Subject-B Quizzes will be of 20 marks each. The assessment of Lower Languages and Computer Studies will be in the form of a quiz for each subject. Marks will be deleted if students are found chatting with each other when the quiz is in progress. For Report Card purposes marks obtained will be multiplied by 04.
- c) The Parent Proctored Examination and the Quizzes will be held from February 22, 2021 to March 05, 2021, during the evening hours, so that parents can be present to help students to download question papers and upload scripts.
- d) The question papers will be posted in MS Teams in the respective subject groups. It is advised that each pupil answers the papers in a place where no one else is present during the time that they write their answers. The answers are to be handwritten on A4 sized sheets and uploaded as JPEG or PDF Files through the ASSIGNMENT Channel of MS Team only. Answers submitted through Posts, Files and Chats will not be assessed.
- e) The answer scripts will be returned to the students through MS Teams from March 19, 2021 to March 26, 2021.
- f) In case of any discrepancies, parents will need to point these out by writing to us at bsarkar.8602@southpoint.edu.in within February 26, 2021.
- g) The Oral Evaluation will take place from March 06, 2021 onwards for a major part of the month on the Zoom platform during normal school hours. Each Oral evaluation will carry 40 marks. It is advised that the student is alone in the room while appearing for the oral evaluation. The presence of other people, prompting or opening of text books or attempts to look up answers digitally will lead to deletion of marks.
- h) Report Cards will be digitally sent to guardians through the Skolaro platform. It has been decided that Class and Section ranks will not be given as the digital mode of Assessment has some shortcomings, mainly that performances can be affected by the devices used, internet connectivity, the ambience in which a student is appearing for the papers and it would be create additional pressure on the pupils if they felt that they were competing against classmates who had better resources than them.

Syllabuses of Term-2 Assessment

The syllabuses were posted on February 10, 2021 through Skolaro for the benefit of the pupils. As per the CBSE directives, the syllabuses include the lessons taught in Term-2 and some revision chapters from Term-1. The revision portions of Classes VI, VII and VIII are approximately 10%, 20% and 30% respectively of Term-1 syllabuses.

Schedules of Parent Proctored Tests and Oral Evaluation

These will be posted individually to the pupils through the Skolaro platform on February 17, 2021.

House Activities

After the Term-2 Assessment is over, interesting House Activities will be held for the pupils in which they can participate digitally and have fun developing and displaying their skills.

Beginning of 2021-2022 Session

The new session is expected to begin from April 12, 2021. The classes will be held online for Classes VII and VIII. Pupils promoted to Class IX will have physical classes as per the Government directives. These are the steps that have been planned in accordance with the present circumstances.

We wish the pupils the very best and urge them to take all precautions so that they stay healthy.

Thank you.

Principal