

**FR. AGNEL SCHOOL, GAUTAM NAGAR, NEW DELHI – 110 049**

**NOTICE**

**ADMISSION FOR CLASSES KG TO XII  
FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25**

In compliance with CBSE letter No CBSE/CE/CIRCULAR/2023 dated 02.08.2023 (copy annexed), we are in the process of re-aligning the student strength of our classes to 40 per section.

At present we have five sections in each class with 42 students per section. Therefore, to comply with the CBSE norms, we are required to reduce 10 students per class by next academic year.

Therefore, please note that there will be no fresh admissions, against transfers, if any, until the student strength goes down below 40 in all sections of a class.

  
MANAGER

29<sup>th</sup> February 2024







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**CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION**  
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No.CBSE/CE/CIRCULAR/2023

Dated: 02.08.2023

**All the Principals of the CBSE affiliated Schools**

**Sub : Re-alignment of per section student strength to 40 per section over the next 3 years (i.e. Session 2023-24, 2024-2025 & 2025-2026)**

As per Clause 4.8 of Chapter Of The Affiliation By-Laws 2018 :

***"The optimum number of students shall be 40 in each section. Availability of 1 square meter of Built-Up Floor Area per child in the classrooms is an absolute necessity in the School."***

In 2019, all the schools were reminded to ensure clause 4.8 of Affiliation Bye-Laws. However, looking into the problem faced by the schools, CBSE has granted permission to increase the number of students to 45 only per section in case there are direct admissions in Classes X and XII. During the period of Covid, students were leaving the schools, hence, most of the schools were meeting the student strength criteria. This year, it has come to the notice that schools have not followed the directions of CBSE and they had taken the normal admissions up to 45 or more. Schools have granted normal admissions instead of direct admissions against the directions of the CBSE.

- Now, that the situation is normalised, there is a need to re-align the number of students permitted in each section, as per the above provisions of Affiliation By-Laws 2018 to ensure quality education in the schools. Reference of Circular No CBSE/CE/PS/Coord/2023 dated 24.07.2023 is invited wherein restriction on the number of students per section to 40 and 45 in classes IX, XI and X, XII respectively for direct admissions is mentioned.
- Number of representations have been received by the CBSE from the stakeholders citing exceptional circumstances such as the COVID-19 pandemic, wherein it is stated that a large number of candidates migrated from one place to another as families moved towards their hometowns, parents working abroad such as middle-east countries migrated back to their native places, students studying in the residential schools went back to their families, etc. During this period, the schools have also faced a number of challenges in continuing the education of the students. In addition to this, there has been a natural succession of students in the schools who were promoted from junior classes to higher classes.



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- After due deliberation on the above issue, the Board has decided to relax the number of students per section from 40 to 45 for a period of 3 years (Session 2023-24, 2024-2025 & 2025-2026) to rationalise the number of students who are already enrolled in the school. It is expected that the schools will rationalise and restrict students' intake in each section as per Affiliation bye-laws by regulating admissions in junior classes in the forthcoming years.
- During this period of 3 years (Session 2023-24, 2024-2025 2025-2026), the Schools shall re-align the students' strength to 40 Students per section. The Schools are expected to systematically and gradually, reduce and maintain the strength in all sections up to the level of 40 over the next 3 years (Session 2023-24, 2024-2025 & 2025-2026) so that the ratio mentioned in the above rule is followed in letter and spirit.
- In case, the school meets the infrastructural requirements of availability of land as per bye-laws, it may apply for an increase in the number of sections in SARAS to accommodate more students. In order to facilitate the Schools, it has been decided to extend the last date for section increase application(s) in SARAS to 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023.
- It is re-iterated that, the exception shall not be treated as a change in rule to increase the section strength to 45 students per section beyond the time of three years. The schools are required to utilize this permission of 45 students per section, judiciously and ensure that the section strengths are re-aligned to 40 students per section in each class over the next 3 years (Session 2023-24, 2024-2025 & 2025-2026) by regulating the admissions from Junior classes from the date of issue of this circular.
- Non compliance of the above directions issued by the Board will be the sole responsibility of the School and the Board will not accept any request against the instructions issued by it.

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