

Dated : 06.07.2022

Dear Parent,

This letter is written in the factual but unfortunate backdrop of events which took place at about 12:35 p.m. post the Physical Education Examination at your child's 'school' on 19.05.2022 which happened to be the last examination day ICSE 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester for the students having Science and Mathematics combination. The students came out of the Examination Hall and after a while many or most of the students (but not all) took out black/red bold marker pens and started scribbling in cacography form on the school uniform shirts of their co-classmate and despite the instructions/pleas of staff members on duty - students continued doing so even while some co-students clicked photographs from their own mobiles and made video recordings of this mischief. (most so on the school premises)

To break up the particular incident into parts and to question the same would be as follows –

- (i) Can such activity as above be permitted in school ?
- (ii) If 'no', then can the activity be condoned or accepted on one time basis in school?
- (iii) Should there be associated wages towards this incident (as earned by the students themselves)

The view point of the school and which above all - factors you as a parent (having trusted for long 12-13 years), are as follows -

- (i) Answer to case no. (i) (above) is a categorical 'No'. It is not for what you admitted your child to school and does not fall under miscellaneous activity either.
- (ii) Answer here again is an emphatic 'no' for the following reasons –
  - (a) that approval of such activity would convey to the now pass-out students that they have somehow got away and neither their parents nor their school could do anything about it.
  - (b) that approval or condoning of such activity on the school premises would set a poor example for future batches who are likely to duplicate what their seniors indulged in and this situation can also not be accepted.
  - (c) that this particular activity of students on 19.05.2022 was heavily pre-planned without a thought or care about the prestige and status of their school.
- (iii) Answer to the 3<sup>rd</sup> point is heavily interconnected to point (b) above and unfortunate as it may be the answer again is in the affirmative and please carefully read the last few lines of this letter which bears the withdrawal mode of the school.
- (iv) If at all such graffiti writing on official uniform of the school is to be conducted it, and with the consent of the parents, may be carried out in their private spaces i.e. outside the school premises (place) keeping in mind that the uniform has been paid for by the parents and not the children.

While it may be argued towards an opinion in correctness or impropriety of the above activities of the students, as a school (institution) there can be no two view points that such activity can ever be accepted either for current or future batches being allowed on the school premises as also projected to the upcoming batches as allowable activity.

As your daughter/son name \_\_\_\_\_ Admn. No. \_\_\_\_\_ was one of participants in writing these messages which as pointed out is wholly unacceptable and keeping all the above facts in mind it is difficult to believe that your daughter/son should be coming to school to meet her/his teachers post successful declaration of Board Examination result and the more faithful belief would be that the staff of the school (teachers to your child) take their own initiative in congratulating your child by a phone call.

As a parent your cooperation in this matter is highly solicited and you may trust the school wholly in this decision.

Thanking you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Principal