



## Welcome Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents

On behalf of all the staff at GD Goenka Global School, DLF-3, I am happy to extend a warm welcome to the 2020-21 School Year!

We thank you for choosing us and being part of the GD Goenka family! The challenging International Baccalaureate program at GDGGS fosters global understanding, leadership and International mindedness inculcating self-esteem and confidence in the young minds.

GD Goenka, is a renowned name in the field of the education and our flagship school GD Goenka World School, Sohna Road was the pioneer in introducing IB education to North India, almost 15 years ago.

We look forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and I want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. First of all, I want to thank each one of you that has adapted to the unknown and are following the health advisory.

As you know, school will be closed for face to face teaching till 15<sup>th</sup> April'2020. Considering the uncertainty, many of you might be wondering what this means for the academics of our students.

At our front, the entire academic and admin fraternity has been busy planning, collaborating and conferencing on various fronts to prepare and plan the next session in view of the current scenario. Please be assured that total number of school working days will continue to remain the same. In case there are any further Govt orders/Directives the term breaks may be rescheduled and working Saturdays will be observed.

Online and remote learning, technology based teaching are wonderful tools to augment and facilitate learning therefore a plan has been put in place to ensure that teaching-learning practices continue.

To welcome our little learners and start with the session, we request you to join our Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/GDGSGurgaon> for an **Online Orientation on Tues, 31<sup>st</sup> March at 11 am**. The PYP Coordinator will help you understand the school's perspective and explain how the curriculum will be taken forward during this period. We are asking our staff to provide support for online tutorials. E-learning Virtual Classes begin from 6<sup>th</sup> April and timetable will be shared by the respective class teachers. Please connect to our **Class Dojo App** for regular updates of weekly newsletters and planners.

All the significant positive changes taking place this year will be expatiated at Parent Orientation/PTM and Parents Coffee Mornings. To apprise you of our achievements this year:

From a humble beginning in August'18, GDGGS is growing in a sustained way in the field of academics, sports & co-curricular activities. This standard will not only be maintained but improved upon as we promote and celebrate excellence through determination & hard work.

Our children won laurels for the school in various Inter School Competitions like Skating, Taekwondo, Chess, Art etc. We are proud of our students, teachers & parents who collectively took part in this innovative process.

- **We had our IB consultant visit and are now moving from an IB candidate to IB Authorized school.**
- **We are organising an IB Regional workshop for the Professional Development of our teachers in May in our school.**
- **GDGGS now has students from various nationalities & we celebrate each other's festivals, cultures together.**
- **We have recruited experienced and outstanding teachers to join our team.**
- **We complement our academic curriculum with interesting co-curricular activities. These help our children to be well rounded & well grounded. Children, can opt for different activities in the 'Enrichment Program'.**

**Upcoming facilities will be:**

- A bigger library with a software management system which parents can also subscribe & access.
- All weather swimming pool
- A huge Indoor Sports Arena
- Cricket Practice Pitch
- Creative Learning Spaces (Both Indoor & Outdoor) with specially designed Mud Kitchen, a sensorial area with other fun filled recycled materials.
- We continue to build our STEM activities with focus on Coding, Novel Engineering and Robotics.

**We have introduced more interesting and organized teaching pedagogies to ensure we provide quality in Inquired based learning**

- Improved Observation and Assessment in Early Years.
- Generate childrens' interest in Mathematics.
- 'Every Child Matters' Agenda and Support for children with learning difficulties.
- Use of Emotional Intelligence to support the welfare of children.
- We are introducing **S P a G** (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar as part of English lessons.
- Guided Oxford Reading Program

## **Latest Safety & Security Measures**

- We have 80 CCTV camera keeping the campus under surveillance.
- Door access control systems – Biometrics are installed at vital points and can be operated only by few key staff members
- Face recognition with notification to parents.
- Personnel including housekeeping/pantry and security are police verified along with the drivers and helpers
- School transport safety is also maintained – The school bus has a driver, helper, nanny and bus teachers who ensure the children are safe. The bus is also equipped with GPS – route tracking, first aid kits, bottled water and sickness bags.
- The school has a well-equipped Infirmary and a full time nurse. The school has a tie-up with a multi-specialty hospital nearby, which assist us with the children's Annual Medical Examination and provides us with emergency care and ambulance, whenever necessary
- Visitor Registration – Entry and exit of visitors is documented and are permitted only on appointment.
- Air purifiers are placed in all the classrooms and vital areas like the entrance, the reception and the cafeteria to ensure the air is pure and safe

There has been an amendment in some of our policies. Please take some time to go through our website and adhere to the school rules and regulations pointed out in the **Parents Handbook**. School Calendar will be shared with you once things are a little more clear.

We thank you for your patience and trust as we work together to proactively maintain a healthy and protective environment during these difficult times.

What kids want right now is to feel loved and comforted. This might mean tearing apart your perfect schedule. When we are back in the classroom, we will all course correct and meet them where they are. Teachers are experts at this!!

So don't worry about them regressing in school and take care of their mental health. Keep this in mind, every single day!

We hope to have our students back in school soon. Do stay safe.

Regards

Navina Chadha

Principal