

Letters to the Principal

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Dear Principal Ma'am

I hope this letter of mine finds you in the best of your health amidst the ongoing corona crisis.

Having joined school five years back, I had never thought of writing a mail to you before passing out, but this global pandemic made me do it right away, as I have been missing school terribly.

I want to share that I miss the hectic and busy schedule of the school. This forced vacation and unrestrained freedom don't interest me anymore. That early wake-up calls by our wardens, the never-ending struggle to be on time everywhere, the preps, the overdose of homework were way better than sitting idle all day. I've reached a point where I've started missing the morning PTs (Pretty ironical for the reluctant sportsperson like me.)

The traditional classroom teaching, with its vibrancy, is missed the most and even the best of virtual lessons can't match upto it. The stimulating class discussions, the dreaded consecutive Math classes, the chit chat while the class was in progress and the scolding or punishment from teachers everything evokes nostalgia.

I wonder when will the school reopen and when will the silence on the roads of 'MY HOME AWAY FROM HOME' be broken by the noise of our footsteps again.

Please convey my love and respect to all the teachers, the admin staff, the security personnel, the Wellness Centre team, the *Bhaiyas* and *Didis* and everybody else who's kept life at VDJS alive during this challenging time. Hats off to you all!

Stay safe and stay healthy.

Yours faithfully
Archita Bishnoi
XI-A

(PS: Although the result is yet to be declared for grade X.)

Respected COVID Warriors

It's been more than two months that the students came home. I feel proud to be a part of the dedicated VDJS family whose staff has worked day in and day out, giving their 100% for the constructive engagement of the students.

I appreciate the foresight and promptness with which decisions were taken at school.

While early summer vacation was readily embraced by the children, online classes were a challenge which became easy due to the deft handling by teachers. The online session on "How to use Social Media" was worth attending and age-appropriate.

In the II-phase of the virtual classes, I suggest to include subject-based enrichment activities and more of writing skill assignments. The timings of the classes may also be increased as girls have plenty of free time and no other engagements.

I have full faith in the institution that once the school reopens, it will take all the precautionary steps for the safety of the students. However, the health hazards during their onward journey to the school remains a cause for concern.

Once again, I thank you all for your dedication and hope one day my daughters will make you and your institution proud. Please take care of yourself and your family.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Nation builders

With my daughter having got promoted to Class X, the lockdown situation led to school closure overnight, I had become a worried father. With the nonavailability of a dedicated tutor back home, I took on the role of the same and started with my lessons. However, my skill, speed, and patience were rather low.

The big respite came in the form of an intimation from the school about starting online classes. Luckily for us, the infrastructure needed was readily available in the house apart from some stationery that we could manage in a day or two.

The school issued preliminary instructions, shared the online classes schedule on Teams App. The first few days posed a few teething troubles, but soon everything started to fall in place. Wherever stuck, I was quick to write queries/suggestions back to school, and I am glad to share all of them were addressed/incorporated.

The classes started as per schedule, the content shared was of good quality and the learning was followed up by evaluation tests. My daughter started to enjoy this new way of learning while being with her friends in the virtual world. I take this opportunity to compliment the teachers and the technical staff of VDJS for making processes user friendly with each passing day.

In the second phase of online classes, it would be worthwhile to incorporate engagement /fun /relaxation activities which will help students destress and stay connected emotionally with the friends and the faculty.

In view of the success of digital learning, I would urge you to continue with off-line customized digital learning modules in the Post-COVID era too. This would complement classroom

learning. The school should invest in making online learning modules and procuring them from some experts in digital education space to facilitate the current and the future learning needs of the students.

Yours sincerely

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