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To,

All our Trustees, donors and other well wishers

Dear Friends,

The progress of our school project has been arrested this year due the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The school remained closed for nearly whole of the year. However, we could carry out teaching as best as possible, using the internet. It was a challenging task due to two factors: (i) unavailability of smart phones with a sizable number of students, and (ii) poor quality of network in the rural area where our school is located.

Keeping in view the economic hardship of the parents in the present tough times we waved off the fee for the first three months, April-June, and reduced it to half for the remaining nine months. Even then the fee collection was less than expected. Yet we could manage to pay our teachers and other staff half the salary, thanks to the sustained donations under the 'Educate a Child' scheme.

There have been two positive developments during this lockdown period.

1. Our school was selected as a participant in the United Nations online "Lockdown Learner Series". Under the scheme Sri Samarth Pathak, Communications Officer of UNODC conducted a number of interactive sessions with students of class V to VII on themes like human rights, poverty, unemployment, development, etc.
2. Two highly successful professionals in USA, Priya Natrajan and Aseem Asthana are diligently conducting online weekly English classes for a group of our students since December.

Both these activities have been highly beneficial to the students.

Our performance on the financial front has been quite satisfactory. Thanks to your generous support we received Rs. 10.75 Lakh as donations to the corpus fund and



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Rs. 8.35 Lakh to the “Educate a Child’ programme. Our institutional donor, Tata Trusts, gave us a grant of Rs. 32 Lakh this year. Out of this Rs. 30 Lakh was for land purchase. We have acquired land measuring 0.138 hectare using the Trust grant and Rs. 18 Lakh of our corpus fund. Purchase of another adjacent piece of land measuring 0.101 hectare is under negotiation. With its addition we will have a decent sports ground of 0.239 hectare. It is almost equal to the exiting campus area. The remaining Rs. 2 Lakh of the Tata Trusts grant has been utilize to convert five class rooms into digital class rooms. Our building partners, Varanasi Round Table, are continuing their support. They are getting three new class rooms built for us.

With the starting of class VIII in April this year, we have completed the first phase of school development. We are now planning for the second phase to take the school up to the level of Higher Secondary School. To raise funds needed for this phase we are approaching some reputed companies for their CSR support. Apart from creating physical facilities, the, main focus in this phase will be on the following three points.

1. Improving the quality of education.
2. Providing skills training to enhance the employability of students.
3. Seeking greater engagement with parents and the local community.

With your active support and good wishes, i am confident that we will successfully complete this second phase of development in our mission to provide ‘quality education at an affordable cost to the rural children’.

Wishing you and your families all the best,

A.N.Tripathi
Managing Trustee