Dear Parents,

Greetings from Don Bosco School, Liluah!

As we all are facing utterly concerning and challenging situation where people are helpless before COVID-19 all around the world, I request your deep attention towards the prevailing situation of this deadly pandemic. Please be rest assured that we at Don Bosco School, Liluah, are in constant discussion with the concerned authorities and would like to assure you that no child will face a single problem with respect to academics and completing the syllabus once the situation is under control.

The syllabus will be duly taken care of in due course of time and the school will definitely ensure that no child is adversely effected by this lapse of time in studies. So please don’t pressurise your child to do something which is not required. Once the situation comes to normalcy, the school will communicate to you what is to be done so that the child’s education is not hampered.

Very soon we shall be trying to connect with teachers and students to keep up the study interest. Teachers have already uploaded in the school website lots of material for students of senior section to keep in touch with their studies. Many senior teachers are in touch with students and providing lots of study materials for their students. Meanwhile, I request you to please take this pandemic very seriously and maintain social distancing and STAY AT HOME till further orders are received from the government. Please do not make fun of this extremely disheartening situation on social media nor take it lightly that it can never happen to you. It can happen to anyone - even the doctors and nurses are getting infected.

I am sharing some common methods of prevention and caution. You all are requested to please abide by them so that our children are safe and sound. Based on available evidence, children do not appear to be at higher risk for COVID-19 than adults. While some children and infants have been sick with COVID-19, adults make up most of the known cases to date.

Steps to protect children from getting sick
Limit Social Interactions: The key to slowing the spread of COVID-19 is to limit contact as much as possible.

Clean Hands Often: Make sure children practice everyday preventive behaviours, such as washing their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. This is especially important if you have been in a public place. Remember, if children meet outside of school in bigger groups, it can put everyone at risk.

Help children continue learning
Create a schedule and routine for learning at home, but remain flexible.
  - Have consistent bedtimes and get up at the same time, Monday through Friday.
  - Structure the day for learning, free time, healthy meals and snacks, and physical activity.
  - Allow flexibility in the schedule—it’s okay to adapt based on your day.

Consider the needs and adjustment required for your child’s age group
The transition to being at home will be different for pre-schoolers, KG to 5, middle school students, and high school students. Talk to your child about expectations and how they are adjusting to being at home versus at school.
  - Consider ways your child can stay connected with their friends without spending time in person.
Look for ways to make learning fun.

- Have hands-on activities, like puzzles, painting, drawing, and making things.
- Independent play can also be used in place of structured learning. Encourage children to build a fort from sheets or practice counting by stacking blocks.
- Practice handwriting and grammar by writing letters to family members. This is a great way to connect and limit face-to-face contact.
- Ask your child to write one page daily about what he/she did the whole day.
- Use audiobooks / WhatsApp / videos.

Help your child stay active.

- Encourage your child to play outdoors—it’s great for physical and mental health. Take a walk with your child within your premises. Respect the LOCKDOWN.
- Use indoor activity breaks (e.g., stretch breaks, dance breaks) throughout the day to help your child stay healthy and focused.

Help your child stay socially connected.

- Reach out to friends and family via phone or video chats.

Also may I request you not to share irresponsibly videos and pictures on social media as it can spread rumours which have adverse effect on the current situation. We all need to unite and stand together [of course not physically] so that the fight against this pandemic is won and CORONA IS DEFEATED. Parents need to give right examples to their children. Kindly take time to think positively and spend little time together with family members to pray. We can depend on God’s mercy and love to strengthen our family unity. I would like to ask our good parents to be with school for the betterment of your children. I hope unnecessarily the parents should not be influenced to join in any group to spread useless comments about any school. There are people trying to collect the data of people and trying to form groups. I earnestly ask the parents not to be influenced by such people. You are not strangers but you are part of our school. We need to stand together and enlighten each other to work for the betterment of our students. For the last one week I have been trying to get connected with teachers and different agencies to prepare our teachers to keep themselves connected with students.

We have trained all Mathematics teachers to provide some assistance to our students. Details and Id numbers are provided in the website. Parents are requested to help the students to get connected with these teachers for the online classes for mathematics. For other subjects many teachers are getting trained to use skype methods to provide assistance to the students. I am sure once the situation is brought under control we will be in a position to take care of the academic syllabus of our students. As of now parents need not get excited for covering the syllabus. Please let us use the time to develop right way of imparting the education of the heart (right values) to form persons with human values.

We at Don Bosco School, Liluah keep you all very close to our hearts and continue to pray for the good health and safety of each one of our students and parents. As you are aware, the School had by a notice dated 14.3.2020 informed the parents about the increase in School fees effective from the month of April 2020 to revise the pay of the staff of the school, pursuing which some parents have already started paying the enhanced fees. In view of the present pandemic Covid-19 as also the recent notification of the Education Department to the Private Schools not to increase the fees due to the present pandemic Covid-19, the founder body of the School has taken the following decision –

a) The notice dated 14.3.2020 regarding the enhancement of School fees is kept in abeyance until further orders.

b) Parents are requested to pay the School fees at the old rate (2019-20) from 17April 2020.

c) Parents who have already paid the revised fees would be granted credit of the difference between the old fees and new fees once the situation normalizes and the School accounts office becomes functional.
d) For any clarification please contact us over email id office@donboscoliluah.org (giving full details including your mobile number). We shall contact you as soon as possible.

Kindly keep checking the school website. Any communication I receive from the appropriate authorities will be uploaded in the school website.

Your support and cooperation is highly appreciated.

God bless you,

Fr. K. V. Mathew sdb
Principal