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Dear Parents,

A big thank you to all stakeholders for being united at this time. The outpouring of understanding and support that has come from the media, parents, teachers, other staff members, school related vendors and service providers, plus many concerned citizens, has been very reassuring.

Schools and all their stakeholders are essential. And must be protected.

This crisis has strengthened our fraternity and this solidarity has been immensely helpful during this dark period. Our unity will also help us deal with the many other challenges we face as we attempt to educate Gujarat's children.

We have made our point forcefully over the last few days. But the time has come for us to get back to doing what we best do. Teaching and learning. To serve our students and their parents. And in the process, our teachers and other staff members.

We will be back in our online classrooms as of Monday, 27th July. All our member schools will resume teaching and learning tomorrow.

We spoke up. We raised our voices. We have been heard. It is now time for us to let the High Court pass judgement. This is how democracy works.

We speak up when we have to. But we never lose sight of our responsibility towards our children and their parents.

Even as we go back to teaching and learning, we retain the right to take recourse to all legal and fair means as afforded in a democracy, to seek justice.

An unintended consequence, and one that is to be greatly welcomed, has been that the government has awakened to its responsibility of providing teaching and learning resources at this vulnerable time.

We earnestly hope that our education minister's bold assertion to provide online learning for almost every student across Gujarat, is powered by the courage of his conviction.

We are deeply and sincerely thankful to the minister on behalf of Gujarat's students. We are all in this together and we extend the offer of our assistance in this very worthy project. Minister, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are with you.

The disagreement with the government is of course by no means over. But, the difference of opinion and perception is limited to a few aspects of school operations. And in all other areas, our willingness to work with the government to improve education, remains committed and steadfast.

Finally, our heartfelt and sincerest apologies to all our students and parents. The disruption of learning has been most regrettable. All schools, educators and other staff members commit to even greater effort than what we have been making. The current josh has been superhuman, but somewhere we will have to find the strength to do even more. Our students deserve it.

Best wishes,

Suprabha Menon
Principal