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2,COMMUNITY CENTRE, PREET VIHAR, DELHI-110092.**

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All the Heads of the institutions
affiliated to CBSE.

Subject : Restriction in the use of Mobile Phones in Schools.

Dear Principal,

The ubiquitous Mobile Phone has seeped into the lives of every individual irrespective of whether they are students, teachers, professionals or others. It is imperative for us to reflect on this over dependence on technological interventions which can have both positive and negative impacts.

The use of Mobile Phones definitely needs to be restricted in school environments. The Board is of the opinion that all stakeholders connected with school education such as students, parents, teachers and heads of institutes need to arrive at a consensus on the use of mobile phones in their schools and restricting its entry in the school campus. This is because mobile phones can be a serious cause of distraction, lack of concentration, anxiety, fear and sometimes even misuse. Even if the mobiles are in silent mode they can be a source of disturbance within the classroom as students can make use of Short Messaging Service (SMS) during the class or even during an assignment. The cameras which are a common feature now in most mobile phones can also be misused.

There have been enough lessons that have been learnt in the past regarding the use of mobile phones and the Board strongly recommends that students should be convinced about not carrying mobile phones to the school. The principal, teachers and other staff should also not be seen using the mobile in classrooms, playgrounds, common areas, laboratories and other parts of the school premises.

The school authorities may provide land line telephone/s from where the teachers and students can make calls in need and emergency, if necessary. There could be a centralized system of receiving and recording calls for teachers and students of the school.

This may be brought to the notice of all teachers, other staff, students and parents so that a more meaningful learning atmosphere can be created in the classroom which makes for a better ambience and school environment.

Yours sincerely

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(JOSEPH EMMANUEL)
DY. SECRETARY (AFFL.)

Copy with a request to respective Heads of Directorates/KVS/NVS/CTSA as indicated below to also disseminate the information to all concerned schools under their jurisdiction:

1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18-Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi-110 016.
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, A-28, Kailash Colony, New Delhi.
3. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110 054.
4. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh-160 017.
5. The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim – 737 101.
6. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar-791 111
7. The Director of Education, Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair-744 101.
8. The Secretary, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESS ESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini, Delhi-110 085.
9. All the Regional Officers of CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions.
10. The Education Officers/AEOs of the Academic Branch, CBSE.
11. The Joint Secretary (IT) with the request to put this circular on the CBSE website.
12. The Library and Information Officer, CBSE
13. EO to Chairman, CBSE
14. PA to CE, CBSE
15. PA to Secretary, CBSE
16. PA to Director (Acad.)
17. PA to HOD (AIEEE)
18. PA to HOD (Edusat)
19. PRO, CBSE

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