

Meridian Schools Parent Association

Reference Number: MSPA / OF / SC / 2010 / 03/ 001

Dated: March 17th, 2010

To,
Mrs. Renuka Neelkanth,
Correspondent, Meridian School for Boys and Girls,
Hyderabad.

Sub: Honorable High Court's interim direction to pay third term fee as per last academic yr 2008-09

Dear Ms Renuka Neelkanth,

We understand that the school management had approached the court and requested that parents be directed to pay the third term fee as per the fee structure of academic year 2008-09 for smooth functioning of the school. MSPA agree that our dialogue should not affect the day to day life of the school and in compliance with the Honorable Courts Order, we will send message encouraging all MSPA members to come forward and pay the fee by the 22nd of March '10, as mentioned in today's circular issued at Banjara Hills Branch.

Even when MSPA encourages parents to pay the 3rd term fees as per HC interim order, its important to highlight that Meridian parents are paying this without prejudice and under protest and this should be subject to final review (and a possible refund) by the Honorable High Court or DFRC; as Meridian Parents have been made to pay the fees in 2009-10 as follows:

- ✓ 1st term fee as per 2009 – 10 (which was quite higher than 2008-09 level considering 1 term carries Annual fee etc also)
- ✓ 2nd term fee as per 2008-09
- ✓ 3rd term fee as per 2008-09

With the new academic year 2010-11 set to begin very soon, we would be happy to see that the **school management takes positive steps towards the following subjects:**

1. School uniform is made available with at least 3 vendors and not just from the Bombay Dyeing store which belongs to the Meridian management family.
2. School books and stationery should be made available directly from three vendors at a discounted price and not from the schools only.
3. Introduce the system of displaying the weekly menu on the website and also make the parent login button effective. Currently it's a dummy button

Additionally we would like to remind you on the **open items from our previous communication**, which needs Meridian Management's attention and positive action:

4. As per AP Education Act 1980 and also as per CBSE guidelines for affiliation, Meridian School Management Committee should have two active parents representatives. MSPA had requested as per two earlier communications (**Ref No:** MSPA / OF / SC / 2009 / 001, **Dated:** February 6th, 2009 and **Ref No:** MSPA / OF / SC / 2009 / 08/ 006) that MSPA should be invited to send representatives, on behalf of Meridian Parents, in all School Management committee and Governing Council.
5. MSPA had requested as per earlier communication (**Ref No:** MSPA / OF / SC / 2009 / 10/ 005 **Dated:** Oct 15th, 2009 regarding Meridian School Circulars that:
 - 5.1. any such circular/ notice etc from school, which communicates a change in school practice or carries a policy matter should bear a Circular Number, date and an authorized signature.
 - 5.2. that a consistent communication/ circular is sent to parents of all the branches. Meridian have been maintaining consistency in practices, consistency in fee etc, but looking at the recent circular in Madhapur and Banjara Hills Branches, it appears that there is a scope of confusion in the parent community by sending 2 separate notes at 2 different dates.

Additionally, MSPA would like to understand more around following two points:

6. What new developments are being made in the Banjara Branch which has warranted that these parents are being made to pay 7% extra compared to the Madhapur or Kukatpally branches? In

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the current scenario since the fee of 2009-10 itself is in question and the case is still pending in the court, MSPA expects that the school displays respect towards law and continues to charge as per 2008-09 fee structure till final decision is arrived at.

7. What all construction is currently going on in Madhapur Branch and how much area will be left for school and kids development? School has been very vocal to show-case the large campus that Meridian School has in Madhapur Branch. With recent opening of Tata Motors and its repair service centres having an open access to the school premises is leaving us with lot of discomfort and security threats. A proper response from Meridian School in this regards will be comforting to Meridian Parents.

As usual, MSPA is open for any kind of positive discussion that would be beneficial for the school/ teachers/ parents/ students.

Warm Regards,

For **Meridian Schools Parent Association (MSPA)**