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Sub: Guidelines for Ensuring Cleanliness, Hygiene, and Sanitation in Schools.

Cleanliness is a fundamental aspect of physical well-being and plays a crucial role in maintaining a healthy environment. It is directly linked to both public and personal hygiene and significantly impacts the prevention of diseases. As an essential component of public health, it is the responsibility of school management to ensure that sanitation infrastructure is well-maintained and hygiene practices are followed.

In line with the provisions of the Section 19 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 which also mandates the provision of separate toilets for boys and girls, safe & adequate water facility to all children and to uphold these standards, the Heads of all Government, Aided, and Unaided Recognized Schools under the Directorate of Education (DoE) are directed to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Provision of Separate Toilets and Safe Water Supply

- Ensure separate toilets for boys, girls and children with special needs with provision of running water facility.
- Adequate supply of clean drinking water throughout the year. It is the responsibility of schools to provide high-quality, potable water in sufficient quantities, eliminating the need for students to bring water from home.

2. Hand Washing Stations

- Hand washing stations must be provided in sufficient numbers, with a proportional number of taps based on student enrolment. These stations should be easily accessible to encourage regular hand washing, especially before meals and after using the toilet.

3. Awareness and Education on Hygiene

- Schools should actively raise awareness about hygiene and cleanliness among students. Informative charts and wall messages must be displayed around the school to promote proper hygiene practices.
- In addition, special sessions or talks can be organized during assemblies to educate students on the importance of personal hygiene, sanitation and healthy hygiene habits.

5. Menstrual Hygiene

- Schools must ensure proper menstrual hygiene facilities for girls, which may include access to clean and separate toilets, sanitary pads and disposal mechanisms.

6. Waste Disposal and Clean Environment

- An efficient waste disposal system should be in place, including the provision of adequate dustbins across the school premises. Schools must maintain a clean environment by regularly disposing of waste and ensuring proper segregation of recyclable and non-recyclable materials.

7. Monitoring and Evaluation

- Heads of Schools must regularly assess the condition of sanitation facilities and make improvements as necessary.

By adhering to these guidelines, schools can foster a clean, hygienic, and healthy learning environment for students. This will help reduce the risk of health issues, promote good habits and ensure the overall well-being of all children. School assemblies and awareness programs should continue to play an important role in educating students about hygiene, while ensuring that facilities and resources are in place to support these efforts.

The Heads of all Govt., Govt. Aided and Unaided Recognized Private Schools are required to ensure that sanitation facilities are maintained to the highest standard and that students are regularly educated on the importance of hygiene and cleanliness.

This issues with the prior approval of Competent Authority.



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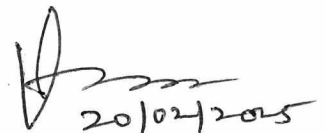
All the Heads of Govt., Govt. Aided and Unaided Recognized Private Schools under DoE through DEL-E

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