

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION

No. 21585 /SME, Dt. 10.11.2021

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From,

Dr. Pratap Kumar Mishra, OAS (SAG),
Additional Secretary to Government

To,

The SPD, OSEPA, Bhubaneswar
The SPD, OAVS, Bhubaneswar
The Director, Secondary Education, Odisha, Bhubaneswar
The Director, Elementary Education, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sub : Reopening of Schools for Students of Class-VI & Class-VII for the
Academic Session 2021-22.

Sir,

On the subject cited above, I am to say that Government have been pleased to allow reopening of Schools in respect of Class-VI & Class-VII of Government, Government Aided and Private Educational Institutions coming under the jurisdiction of S&ME Department ST & SC Development, Minorities and Backward Classes Welfare Department, Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disability Department / Private Schools and Privately managed English Medium Schools. **These Educational Institutions will reopen w.e.f. 15th November, 2021. The earlier SoP issued vide this Department letter No.490/PSSME dt.15.10.2021 should be followed strictly.**

The teaching hour for Class-VI & Class-VII students will be **from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** (out of which, 3 (three) hours will be used for teaching) excluding Sundays and Public Holidays. The students are allowed to attend **classes either on Online mode or Offline mode** in consultation with their parents. Attendance is not mandatory for students in Offline mode. The Hostels are also allowed to open and the Head of the Hostel should ensure that the common area like Mess and Toilet is maintained and sanitized properly with regular interval. The ST & SC

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Development, Minorities and Backward Classes Welfare Department, Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disability Department / Private Schools and Privately managed English Medium Schools may issue additional guideline if any for better safety of the students / inmates.

All the DEOs/ADEOs/BEOs/ABEOs/BRCCs/CRCCs will visit all the schools before the reopening and ensure that the school premises have been cleaned and class rooms including Bench, Desk have been sanitized thoroughly.

However the guidelines issued by Health & Family Welfare Department and SRC-cum-ACS (DM) from time to time will be followed strictly. Besides, all the stakeholders are to follow Covid Appropriate Behaviour scrupulously.

Yours faithfully,

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Additional Secretary to Government

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Copy forwarded to Additional Secretary to Govt., ST & SC Development, Minorities and Backward Classes Welfare Department / Additional Secretary to Govt., Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disability Department for information and necessary action.

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Additional Secretary to Government

Copy forwarded to all the Collector & DMs / All the DEOS / All the BEOs for information and necessary action.

Additional Secretary to Government