



## Project CACA

# Children Against Child Abuse

[www.projectcaca.org](http://www.projectcaca.org)

### Parents' Circular

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you that the school as its responsibility towards the safety of children is implementing project CACA - Children against Child Abuse [www.projectcaca.org](http://www.projectcaca.org) from the academic year 2018-19 onwards. It is unfortunate that every second child in India, a boy or a girl is reported to have faced one or more forms of sexual abuse - CSA (*Source, Survey on Child Abuse 2007, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India.*). The time has come to break the silence thus the social stigma attached to the subject and start a dialogue between you, your child and us. Project CACA is the need of the hour.

The project is being implemented in association with NGO Social Axiom Insignia (SAI). It is a preventive and safety measure through awareness cum skill building children workbooks (kindergarten to 12th) based on life skills and value education and companion resource booklet for parents and teachers and sensitization/ awareness workshops for parents/ teachers/ non-teaching staff on CSA and POCSO act - 2012. The Project creates a safety net for students and a warning mechanism to the abusers that all the stakeholders have joined hands against them. The essence of the project is not **Authority, Accountability and Competition** but **Responsibility, Trust and Collaboration**.

The project is implemented under the umbrella of various circulars/ notifications/ advisories/ guidelines issued from time to time to schools on Child sexual abuse (CSA) and POCSO Act 2012 and POCSO-E-Box by CBSE, CISCE and various other state boards and commissions for protection of child rights.

The entire project has been developed through a democratic chain of events *i.e. Opinion Polls, Focus Group Discussion, Convention, Consensus Building Exercise and Pilot Programme*. It is a collaborative effort of *Psychiatrists/ Psychologists, Lawyers and Judges, Schools' Counsellors, Academicians and various NGOs*. The project works on institutional driven behaviour changes among the stakeholders in particular and society at large that are required for the prevention of abuse. It connects schools with District Legal Services Authorities and Child Welfare Committees.

We have taken the first step towards the prevention of child abuse and look forward to joining hands together with you against the issue that has reached epidemic proportion in our society.

*The CACA Safety Workbooks (classes – 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>) are priced @ RS 180/-.  
The CACA Kindergarten Safety Workbook is priced @ Rs 120/-.*