

## Parents Circular for Implementation of Project CACA (Sample)

Dear Parents,

Date.....

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 2020-21 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 Foundation. It is a preventive safety measure through:

- Awareness cum skill-building children workbooks (kindergarten to 12th) based on life skills and value education
- Companion resource booklets for parents, teachers and support staff in English, Hindi/ Regional Languages.,
- Sensitisation/ awareness workshop for parents/ teachers/ support staff on child abuse and various related laws like POCSO Act - 2012; JJ Act 2015.

The Project creates a safety net for our 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 being implemented under the umbrella of various circulars/ notifications/ advisories/ guidelines issued from time to time to schools on Child Rights, Child Safety, Child Sexual Abuse (CSA), POCSO Act 2012 - POCSO-E-Box, Gender-Equality, Self Defence by various school boards, State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights, Supreme Court, Directorate of School Education and other related organisations. Hundreds of schools from across India with 2,50,000+ students and their parents, teachers and support staff have participated in the project.

The entire project has been developed through a democratic chain of events like Opinion Poll, Focus Group Discussion, Convention, Consensus Building Exercises and Pilot Programme. It is a collaborative effort of Psychiatrists/ Psychologists, Lawyers, Schools' Counsellors, Academicians and various NGOs.

The project works on institution 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, Child Welfare Committees and Psychologists.

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.

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

*\*This circular is also available in Hindi and various regional languages and can be downloaded from [www.projectcaca.org/circulars](http://www.projectcaca.org/circulars).*

**School Principal**

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