

Dear Parents/Guardian/Caregivers,

Subject: Introducing Project CACA, a safety and wellbeing Programme for our children.

We are pleased to inform you that the school as a part of its responsibility to ensure safety and well-being of the students has collaborated with the NGO-Social Axiom Foundation (SAF) to implement Project CACA, i.e., Children Against Child Abuse (www.projectcaca.org). The Project is inherent to the school's safety policy. Since 2016, Project CACA has been working to keep the children happy, healthy, and safe. The Project complies with various safety circulars/ notifications/ advisories/guidelines issued by government organisations that a school must abide by.

Project CACA is a collaborative effort of many organisations: partner organizations like, NGO - Counsel to Secure Justice, Department of Mental Health and Behavioural Sciences at Fortis Healthcare and supportive organisations, like State Commissions for the Protection of Child Rights and State/District Legal Services Authorities. The Project follows a holistic approach covering academic, legal and psychological aspects of our children's safety and wellbeing. A pool of Psychiatrists/ Psychologists, Judges, Lawyers, Academicians and Social Workers facilitate implementation of the Project in schools across India.

The primary objective of Project CACA is preventing child sexual abuse, the need of the hour. Through curriculum-based intervention, using multiple instruments and resources like Children's Safety Workbooks, Webinars, Videos, and more, the Project involves all the stakeholders, i.e., children, parents, teachers, and non-teaching staff. The Project's core instrument is the children's safety workbooks, which are to be taught by the teachers in the school and parents at home. They are to be discussed regularly in the Parent-Teacher's Meeting. All other Project instruments and resources, like parents' webinars and companion booklets are available in English, Hindi and various regional languages.

Project CACA works on school-driven behavioural changes required for preventing child abuse amongst the stakeholders in particular and the society at large. It 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 and competition but Responsibility, Trust and Collaboration between the stakeholders.