

STG PUBLIC SCHOOL

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COVID 19 pandemic that tightened its clutches in the second week of March 2020 caught everyone off guard. Schools were getting ready for the Annual Exams and here, we too were ready to administer exams for KG to VII. Students of New batch of 9th and 10th had set their foot already into the New academic year. On 14th March the Schools got a hint that they would be asked to close down till further orders from the government. We closed the school for students on 16th, with a hope that situation would be better in 15 days. Teachers were asked to stay back home from 18th. On March 21st the entire country was shut down Prime minister announced the lockdown.

Till mid April we considered that it was like the summer vacation but as the May month came closer teachers got worried about the next batch 10th, those who are writing exams in February 2021. Wheels started rolling and we geared up to launch online classes but the challenge of poor network and absence of smart phones in some homes gave a set back to our spirits. After brainstorming with the team we realized that the learning gap can be minimized by introducing whatsapp classes. Teachers started recording videos, clicking images of worksheets and notes. Parents of 10th std were added to the 10th std learning groups. Parents were instructed to give the smart phones to students for 2 hours in the evening. The group was launched on 22nd April. Classes began on May 1st.

Teachers had series of training programmes from various publications. Some of them were Oxford, Ratnasagar and Orient Blackswan. COE Chennai lauched one hour online training in diverse topics. Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement started Guru Manthana series from August. STGPS started our own exclusive Teacher Empowerment series in the month of September. Every Saturday one teacher would conduct the training session for an hour on topic of their interest.

Whatsapp group of 8th and 9th graders was created on 5th June. Classes started for them on 15th June. On 25th June Whatsapp groups of 5th, 6th and 7th standards were created. These groups became functional from 15th July. In every class we

had to wait for the parents to either buy smart phones or join the whatsapp groups. On 30th June we created learning groups of 1st to 4th standards and KG groups happened only by 6th July. By 15th July the entire school had switched over to whatsapp learning mode.

Independence Day, Teachers Day, Rajyotsava and Childrens' Day were celebrated online with lot of creativity and fun. These celebrations have become memorable part of our life during the lockdown. The nation had come to a standstill but the teaching fraternity did not leave any stone unturned in ensuring minimum damage to learning.

Periodic Assessments and Exams were conducted in Google forms. 55% of students have participated effectively in the online classes. Though there are requests from parents to conduct live sessions but equally good number of parents expressed their inability to attend live sessions due to network issues.

PA-1, PA-2, Mid term exam, PA-3 & Final exam were all conducted as scheduled but the mode of assessment varied. From KG TO 5TH all the assessments were on google forms. 8, 9 and 10 Mid term exam was an Open Book Assessment PA-3 and Final exam were offline. 6th and 7th std students had their PA-3 and Final exam on offline mode. From January 1st, 10th std students were permitted to attend classes offline. From Jan 27th, 8th and 9th graders also attended offline classes. From 1st March 6th and 7th std also joined offline classes.

COVID Second wave spiked, this time the intensity of spread was faster. Keeping this in mind school decided to end offline classes on 5th April. 6th std to 9th std were in the mid of their offline final exam. To complete the exams school worked on Good Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The schools were asked to close 6th to 9th std classes. Our 10th std students were in the mid of their 2nd Preparatory. They complete the second Prep on 9th. On 10th afternoon after a lot of debate, discussion and contemplation 10th hostel students were sent home for Ugadi break. They were expected to report back on 15th April by 9.30am.

School was ready to receive the 10th std students back. Third Prep was planned from 19th to 24th. Students were asked to be prepared for 4 Sample papers in each

subject. The qp were sent to them in whatsapp. All the anxiety and excitement were washed out with the most shocking news from the board canceling 2020-21 X Std Board exams. All the students and staff were disappointed with the boards decision but looking at the massive spread of Covid 19 all over India probably that was the most appropriate decision because exams were scheduled from 4th May.

Academic year 2020-21 has been tough, but STGPS has handled this uncertainty, disruption and chaos with poise, conviction and commitment.