

# **Rajghat Besant School**

## **Krishnamurti Foundation India, Varanasi**

### **Parents' Visits to the School**

We encourage all parents to visit the school during the academic year, once to stay on campus for up to two nights and another time to make a day visit on a Saturday (without accommodation). Because we have limited accommodation available and we do not permit children to be taken away from the campus when their parents visit, we have worked out the following schedule. In the second term, parents of classes 9 to 12 will visit the school to stay on campus for up to two nights and parents of classes 3 to 8 will visit for PTM on a Saturday (without accommodation).

#### **Stay Visit**

Parents of children in classes 9-12 should make their stay visit from December 26 (Monday) to March 2 (Thursday) inclusive. The guest house may be booked on a first come first served basis in two-day slots (Monday-Tuesday, Wednesday-Thursday, or Friday-Saturday). Please note that the guest house will not be available on Sunday. You may book your slot using the online reservation system at <https://www.rajghatbesantschool.org/study-centre-booking>. If you decide to cancel your stay visit, please inform us at least one week prior, so that your slot becomes available for others to book.

During Stay Visits, your room will be available from 2 PM on the day you arrive until 10 AM on the day you leave. Thus if you have booked a Wednesday-Thursday slot, you can occupy your room from 2 PM on Wednesday and should vacate the room before 10 AM on Friday.

Your child is permitted to spend the nights with you in the guest house during your stay. Please meet the house parent before taking the child to the guest house. Except for morning games and evening preps, he or she should attend all classes and activities as usual. Your child/children may have dinner with you in the Study Centre guest house. He/she is expected to have other meals in the school dining hall.

Please meet your child's class teacher, house parent and other teachers during your visit. You could attend the morning assembly at 8.30 am in the assembly hall and immediately afterwards fix appointments with the teachers since they will all be present at the assembly. Another time that you could meet the teachers is during the morning recess at 11 am in the assembly hall. You can take your child out for a few hours on one of the days during your stay. Please ensure that he/she doesn't miss any of the classes or essential activities and returns on the same day.

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### **Day Visits (PTMs)**

Parents of children in classes 3 to 8 should visit the school for PTM as per the following schedule:

February 4 (Saturday) - classes 3 to 5

February 11 (Saturday) - class 6

February 18 (Saturday) - class 7

February 25 (Saturday) - class 8

You are requested to report to school at 2.00 p.m. on the designated date. The PTM will happen in the assembly hall and all the concerned teachers and the house parents will be present for the meeting. The meeting may last for an hour or a little more. After the meeting, you can spend time with your child/children on campus or take him/her out for a few hours. Please ensure to report back by 9 pm.

### **Study Centre guidelines**

The Guest House is on the premises of the Krishnamurti Study Centre which is a place for serious enquiry into the teachings of Shri J Krishnamurti. Parents are requested to avoid the following:

- bringing in security guards/policemen with arms, using cell phones in common areas, allowing children to use gadgets of any kind inside or outside the Guest House, engaging in noisy activities on the lawns or common areas, smoking/drinking, cooking/consuming non-vegetarian food or engaging in photography in the Study Centre premises.
- The visit is an opportunity for parents to engage in a serious inquiry about the educational vision of J. Krishnamurti. You may spend time at the library, engage in a dialogue with the Study Centre staff or participate in the regular dialogues being held in the Centre during your stay.
- You are also invited to visit the Rural Centre across the Varuna bridge, to see our community activities in health, education and livelihoods, including women's empowerment.
- You are of course invited to be present at school activities such as sports and cultural events, and, where possible, to take part in them
- Please do not tip the guest house staff individually. We do not want to encourage a culture where the service will become dependent on tips. If you would like to contribute to the welfare of the service staff you could leave a donation with the Manager Accounts, REC or the Officer (Admin & HR) in the Admin office, who will see to its fair distribution. Please ensure that you are given a receipt for your donation.

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### **Other important guidelines**

- Students are permitted to visit only their parents in the guest house. Therefore, kindly do not ask your child to bring his or her friends to spend time with you in the guest house
- Separate visits by family friends and relatives of students are not encouraged since frequent visitors have a disturbing effect on the student's normal routine
- Please avoid bringing pets to the school on your visits.
- Please do not take cars into areas where they are not allowed, such as the vicinity of the school, dining hall or hostels. If necessary, please take prior permission from any of the authorities in the school office.
- When you are on campus, kindly keep your cell phones on silent mode at all times, and use them discreetly. They should not be used in public spaces such as the dining hall, the auditorium or the school buildings. Under no circumstances should they be given for use to children other than your own. If you provide your phone to your child for a call, it should be under your strict supervision. We strongly discourage providing mobile phones, tablets, laptops or other devices unsupervised or for frivolous purposes like watching movies or playing video games when on campus.
- Taking photographs, with a camera or a phone, of individual children other than your own is strictly prohibited, even if their parents have requested you to do so.