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TIBETAN CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

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From: To:

President, TCV Head Office TCV Sponsors and Friends

Subject

Wuhan COVID-19 Pandemic – TCV Safe

Date:

26th February, 2021

Dear sponsors and friends,

I deeply apologize for not keeping our sponsors and friends updated on the above matter since my last update dated 5th November, 2020. Our schools have been closed for nearly a whole year and during these many months, we had near over 350 children remaining under our care in our schools and the rest having returned back to their parents or relatives. As informed in our earlier updates, we were able to continue online class teachings and also provide monthly support money for children's living expenses. Nearly 600 students of class X and XII have returned to their schools in early November in preparation for their CBSE Board Exams, originally scheduled in March. They are all now within the school campus taking online classes and regularly supervised by the subject teachers. However, their written exams are now postponed till 4th May, 2021 although their practical exams will start in March 2021.

With the Central and the State Government allowing reopening of schools from 15th February, 2021 in the state of Himachal Pradesh, we have decided to reopen our schools from 1st March, 2021 in a phased-out graded manner as given below:

- Phase 1 Classes V, VIII, X and XII from 1st March, 2021
- Phase 2 Classes VI, VII and IX from 11th March, 2021
- Phase 3 Classes IV and below from 22nd March, 2021

Although the COVID-19 pandemic situation in India is improving with less number of daily active cases and more of recovery, but we are not taking any chances of its spread in any our schools. Students reporting on the above given dates will be quarantined for 14 days within our campus quarantine centers, after which they will move to their hostels or homes. The hostels and homes wherein the children will move will be fully sanitized. Led by our Education Director, the school Principals have already met together to chalk out the manner of holding regular classes based on the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) laid out by the State Government and from our own end. With these arrangements in place, we are optimistic that we will be able to hold our normal classes after the quarantine period.

The year 2020 has indeed been a challenging one globally because of this pandemic and for us, a worrying moment throughout for the safety and education of our children. As informed earlier, Ladakh was hit the most because of its spread in our elders' home. In other branches, the spread was not as hard, because of the precautionary measures taken all out. Herein, I must highly commend and thank all our frontline workers, the volunteer co-workers and the management teams for their resilience and determination, hard work round the clock in meeting the challenges and in combating the spread. Lastly, I also once again thank our sponsors, friends and well wishers for their continued support and encouragement in our work.

With best wishes,

Yours, sincerely,

Thupten Dorjee

