

**Office of the Hon'ble Chairperson  
Committee for Fixation & Regulation of Fee of Private Schools,  
J&K (FFRC)**

**Order No:- 64 FFRC (FF) of 2024**  
**Dated: 07/02/2024**

**Sub: Fixation and Regulation of fee of Little Angels Hr Sec School  
Kuthua.**

**Little Angels Hr Sec School Kuthua** submitted file for fixation and regulation of fee structure of the school which has been registered in FFRC office under No. **FFRC/FF/2023/Kuth/1286**.

This committee had vide its order No 40 FFRC(FF) of 2021, dated:05/04/2021 fixed the Fee Structure of the school for the session 2021-22, the details of which are given as under:

Fee Head	Pre-Nur	Nur	LKG	UKG	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3rd		4th	
Tuition Fee	X	920	920	920	970	970	970		970	
Annual Fee	X	3200	3200	3200	3500	3500	3500		3500	
Fee Head	5th	6th	7th	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10th	11th		12th	
Tuition Fee	970	1030	1030	1030	1080	1080	Sc.	Arts/Cm	Sc.	Arts/Cm
							1240	1130	1240	1130
Annual Fee	3500	3730	3730	3730	3890	3890	4500	4200	4500	4200

Feeling aggrieved against above order a Writ Petition was filed in the Hon'ble High Court. **The Hon'ble High Court while entertaining the Writ Petition had stayed the order of the Committee. The School Management filed an application before the Hon'ble High Court with liberty to file fresh petition. The prayer was allowed and Writ Petition was withdrawn with liberty as prayed.**

After having withdrawn the petition they approached this forum for modification/review of above order. It is under these circumstances that

the present application filed by the School Management was taken into consideration by the Committee.

We have perused the earlier order of the Committee which was subject matter of challenge before the High Court.

The School Management has filed the requisite documents required to be perused by this committee.

It is important to mention that after the Committees' order was kept in abeyance the School Management has been charging fee fixed in 2019-20. As on today they continue to charge the same fee in light of the order passed by the High Court. In order to appreciate the controversy following facts are to be taken into consideration:

- a. The Fee Structure of the school which was prevalent for the session 2018-19 is as per the details provided here below.
- b. During the interregnum an order was issued by the committee which is order No 01 FFC of 2019 dated 28-01-2019 which gave liberty to the schools to fix the fee on their own, where the Tuition Fee was below Rs 1000 and Annual Fee upto Rs 6000/-.
- c. The schools whose Tuition Fee was above Rs 1000/- with annual fee above Rs 6000 were given liberty to raise their fee by 6%. In that eventuality they were required to seek the approval of the Committee.
- d. Taking cue from this order the School Management with Tuition Fee of Rs 1000 and Annual Fee below Rs 6000 raised the fee structure in session 2019-20 based on the order No 01 FFC of 2019 Dated:28/01/2019. The detail of the fee structure provided by the school management are given below:

**Session 2019-20**

Fee Head	Pre-Nur	Nur	LKG	UKG	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3rd		4th	
Tuition Fee	X	1325	1325	1325	1375	1375	1375		1375	
Annual Fee	X	5675	4175	4175	4525	4525	4525		4525	
Fee Head	5th	6th	7th	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10th	11th		12th	
Tuition Fee	1375	1430	1430	1430	1480	1480	Sc.	Arts/Cm	Sc.	Arts/Cm
							1640	1535	1640	1535
Annual Fee	4525	4870	4870	4870	5120	5120	7735	6435	7735	6435

The School submitted its file in the year 2021 for fixation of fee by the Committee.

In view of the COVID the fee could not have been raised as the government has put a moratorium on it. The matter was finally considered for the session 2021-22. The Committee as per its order NO: 40 FFRC (FF) of 2021, dated: 05/04/2021 has fixed the fee of the school details of which are mentioned in the beginning of this order.

After perusing the orders it appears that this Committee has reduced the Fee of the school drastically by relying only on the fee being charged by the school in session 2018-19. Ignoring the hike made by the school in session 2019-20. It looks that the Committee has found that such recourse could not have been taken by the School Management. The School Management has legitimately increased the fee structure on the basis of order No: 01 FFC of 2019. Even-though the order No 01 of 2019 has been subsequently revoked but it will not impinge upon the rights of the school to hike the fee as order was revoked in the year 2021. The School has legitimately enhanced its fee structure while relying on Order No 01 of 2019. Therefore the fee had to be fixed after taking into consideration the fee been charged/collected by the school management in 2019-20.

The Committee as such is of considered view that modification/review is required to be done in this case. Even-though fee raised by the school is not a gradual increase but it is on the higher side. Be that as it may discretion was given to the schools to raise their fee where the fee was below 1000 and Annual Fee below Rs 6000. The order No 40 FFRC (FF) of 2021, dated: 05/04/2021 fixing the fee of the school in 2021-22 does not indicate the reasons why fee was reduced. After considering the documents and audit report following fee structure is provided for the session 2023-24, details are given below:



**Session 2023-24**

Fee Head	Pre-Nur	Nur	LKG	UKG	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3rd	4th		
<b>Tuition Fee</b>	X	1400	1400	1400	1450	1450	1450	1450		
<b>Annual Fee</b>	X	4380	4380	4380	4750	4750	4750	4750		
Fee Head	5th	6th	7th	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10th	11th	12th		
<b>Tuition Fee</b>	1450	1510	1510	1510	1570	1570	Sc.	Arts/Cm	Sc.	Arts/Cm
							1740	1620	1740	1620
<b>Annual Fee</b>	4750	5110	5110	5110	5370	5370	6500	5500	6500	5500

While fixing the fee structure for the session 2023-24 the School Management has charged annual fee on the higher side. After looking into the details submitted by the school management on the basis of which the fee was charged, we find that stationary charges and school improvement fund is shown on the higher side which requires to be regulated. This reduction in Annual Fee will apply only to few classes details of which are given herein below. It is important to mention that while charging fee under various heads, the amount charged must commensurate with the actual expenditures incurred on the facilities provided thereof. The various categories of fee charged such as school improvement fund cannot be permitted. It has to be uniformly provided for all classes.

**Session 2024-25**

Fee Head	Pre-Nur	Nur	LKG	UKG	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3rd	4th		
<b>Tuition Fee</b>	X	1470	1470	1470	1520	1520	1520	1520		
<b>Annual Fee</b>	X	4600	4600	4600	4980	4980	4980	4980		
Fee Head	5th	6th	7th	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10th	11th	12th		
<b>Tuition Fee</b>	1520	1580	1580	1580	1650	1650	Sc.	Arts/Cm	Sc.	Arts/Cm
							1830	1700	1830	1700
<b>Annual Fee</b>	4980	5360	5360	5360	5630	5630	6830	5780	6830	5780

**Session 2025-26**

Fee Head	Pre-Nur	Nur	LKG	UKG	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3rd	4th		
Tuition Fee	X	1540	1540	1540	1600	1600	1600	1600		
Annual Fee	X	4830	4830	4830	5230	5230	5230	5230		
Fee Head	5th	6th	7th	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10th	11th	12th		
Tuition Fee	1600	1660	1660	1660	1730	1730	Sc.	Arts/Cm	Sc.	Arts/Cm
							1920	1780	1920	1780
Annual Fee	5230	5630	5630	5630	5900	5900	7170	6070	7170	6070

The aforesaid exercise has been undertaken and fee structure regulated in a manner that excluded the commercialization and profiteering of education completely.

**An educational institution is being set-up primarily to impart quality education to the students. The school management shall advert its attention and give priority to imparting quality education to the students.**

**The School Management shall publish only FFRC orders about fee structure and Government Education Department's notices in newspapers. No publicity through advertisement shall be made about School, same being not a business unit.**

**Charging and collecting of Admission Fee is prohibited by statutes. The school management is prohibited from charging and collecting Admission Fee from the students. Section 20 E (1) prescribes that school management can charge and collect Tuition Fee, Annual Fee, Transport Fee and voluntary Fee such as picnic, tour etc.**

**It further provides that school shall not charge in any manner, any other fee including admission fee or any amount, by whatever name called than the fee mentioned above.**

**School Management shall not sell uniforms and books in the school premises. The students will be at liberty to purchase books and uniforms at the place of their choice.**

**Any land/building/vehicle purchased, or building constructed from out of School Funds, in law will be property of School and shall vest in School.**

School Funds have to remain in School Corpus and have not to be transferred to any other account excepting the school account.

The School Management shall maintain an account of School Funds (Fee etc.) in a Schedule Bank, which shall be operated by a person(s) authorized by School Management. Record about all the expenses/expenditures shall be maintained with receipts

All types of fees shall remain in School account and no amount shall be paid or transferred to Trust/ Association of Persons (AoP)/ Body of Individuals (BoI), or an individual.

The School management is directed not to charge any other fee from the students other than the fee approved by the Committee.

The School management is further directed not to make any future enhancement in fee structure under any head without permission of the Committee.

**The School Management shall also make annual hike in salary viz; teaching and non-teaching staff at least by 20%.**

**Realization of Annual Fee from the students shall be subject to providing the facilities to students and actual expenditure of the school on relevant overheads.**


**The above approved fee structure is subject to review in case the committee at any stage finds that the school management has concealed or provided any wrong information/data desired as per the proforma for fixation and regularization of fee.**



The school management shall display this approved fee structure on School Notice Board, upload it on School website and publish the same in local newspapers.


Non-Compliance will attract penal action under law.

  
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School Education Department  
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(Former Judge)  
Chairperson  
Committee for Fixation & Regulation  
Of Fee of Private Schools J&K (FFRC)

No.FFRC/FF/2023/Kuth/1286

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