

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

**Order No:- 109 FFRC (FF) of 2024  
Dated: 07/02/2024**

**Sub: Fixation and Regulation of fee of Sacred Heart High School  
Patel Nagar Kuthua.**

**Sacred Heart High School Patel Nagar 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/1290**.

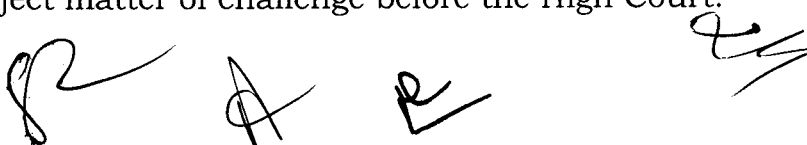
This committee had vide its order No 21 FFRC(FF) of 2021, dated : 30/03/2021 fixed the Fee Structure of the school for the session 2021-22, the details of which are given as under:

Fee Head	Pre Nur	Nur	LKG	UKG	1 <sup>st</sup>	2nd	3rd
Tuition Fee	X	795	795	795	880	880	880
Annual Fee	X	3550	3550	3550	3760	3760	3760
Fee Head	4th	5th	6th	7th	8 <sup>th</sup>	9th	10th
Tuition Fee	880	880	900	900	900	1050	1050
Annual Fee	3760	3760	4080	4080	4080	4190	4190

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 The prayer was allowed and Writ Petition was withdrawn with liberty as prayed.***

After having withdrawn the petition they approached this forum for modification/review of above order.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>	2nd	3rd
Tuition Fee	X	800	800	800	900	900	900
Annual Fee	X	5000	5000	5000	5200	5200	5200
Fee Head	4th	5th	6th	7th	8 <sup>th</sup>	9th	10th
Tuition Fee	900	900	920	920	920	1050	1050
Annual Fee	5200	5200	5400	5400	5400	5500	5500

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:

21 FFRC(FF) of 2021, dated : 30/03/2021 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 21FFRC(FF) of 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**

<b>Fee Head</b>	<b>Pre Nur</b>	<b>Nur</b>	<b>LKG</b>	<b>UKG</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Tuition Fee</b>	X	855	855	855	960	960	960
<b>Annual Fee</b>	X	4200	4200	4200	4400	4400	4400
<b>Fee Head</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Tuition Fee</b>	960	960	980	980	980	1130	1130
<b>Annual Fee</b>	4400	4400	4600	4600	4600	4700	4700

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**

<b>Fee Head</b>	<b>Pre Nur</b>	<b>Nur</b>	<b>LKG</b>	<b>UKG</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Tuition Fee</b>	X	910	910	910	1020	1020	1020
<b>Annual Fee</b>	X	4400	4400	4400	4600	4600	4600
<b>Fee Head</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Tuition Fee</b>	1020	1020	1040	1040	1040	1200	1200
<b>Annual Fee</b>	4600	4600	4830	4830	4830	4930	4930

### **Session 2025-26**

<b>Fee Head</b>	<b>Pre Nur</b>	<b>Nur</b>	<b>LKG</b>	<b>UKG</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Tuition Fee</b>	X	965	965	965	1080	1080	1080
<b>Annual Fee</b>	X	4600	4600	4600	4830	4830	4830
<b>Fee Head</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Tuition Fee</b>	1080	1080	1100	1100	1100	1270	1270
<b>Annual Fee</b>	4830	4830	5070	5070	5070	5170	5170

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**




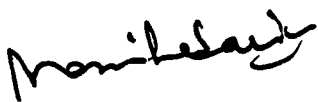
**information/data desired as per the proforma for fixation and regularization of fee.**

The School management shall display this approved fee structure on School notice board, upload it on School website and publish the same in local daily newspapers.


Non-compliance will attract penal action under law.

  
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**Mr. Ashok Kumar Sharma, (JKAS)**  
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(Member FFRC)

  
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(Member, FFRC)

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Administrative Secretary to Govt.  
School Education Department  
(Member Secretary FFRC)

  
**Justice Sunil Hali**  
(Former Judge)  
Chairperson  
Committee for Fixation & Regulation.  
Of Fee of Private Schools J&K (FFRC)

**No. FFRC/FF/2023/Kuth/1290**

**Dated: - 07/02/2024**

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2. Secretary J&K Board of School Education (Member FFRC) for information;
3. Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government School Education Department for information of the Principal Secretary (Member Secretary FFRC);
4. Principal Sacred Heart High School Patel Nagar Kuthua, for compliance;
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