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17th March, 2022 / 15321

To,
The Members of the Fee Regulatory Committee (FRC)
Education Department
Government of Gujarat
Block No. 5, 7th Floor, New Sachivalaya,
Gandhinagar.

Sub: Regarding arbitrary compulsion made by private schools for mode of school fee payment

Respected Sir/Madam,

Greetings from Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI).

Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry is the apex body representing the interests of the trade and industry fraternity of Gujarat, since its inception in 1949. GCCI's wide membership base includes 200+ associations and 10 Regional Chambers as well as more than 7000 direct individual members and 2,00,000 indirect members.

GCCI has an active Education Task Force which co-ordinates with various schools, colleges and other educational institutions with an objective to provide value-added inputs for promoting and enhancing Gujarat's Education sector, discuss and resolve the issues related to the sector as well as to bridge the gap between academia and industries.

We have received complaints from our members that the private schools are making it compulsory to make fee payment through specific payment gateway only. This payment gateway is charging additional charges for the fee payment from the parents. Moreover, the school is threatening with cancellation of admission if the payment is not routed through the payment gateway specified by the school. This is nothing but an arm-twisting tactic by the school for generating additional revenue from the parents.

We understand that the payment has to be made through NEFT/RTGS or any other online mode specified by RBI. It is the fundamental right of parents to choose the mode of payment i.e., either online or through any payment gateway. It cannot be made compulsory to route the payment through a specific payment gateway only.

One such anonymous complaint has been received against Ahmedabad International School, Bodakdev, Ahmedabad which is attached herewith for your ready reference.

We request you to look into the said matter on priority basis as the school has given window of just 7 days to accept the arbitrary payment policy or withdraw the admission from the school.



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We request your immediate intervention and direction that no school in Gujarat should follow such non-fundamental policies of pressurizing parents.

We look forward to your early positive intervention in this serious matter.

With Regards,
Sincerely,

Yogendrakumar Trivedi
Secretary General

Encl: Copy of complaint

Copy to:

1. **Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat
2. **Shri Jitubhai Vaghani**, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of Gujarat
3. **Shri S. J. Haider**, IAS, Principal Secretary, Higher & Technical Education, Government of Gujarat
4. **Dr. Vinod R. Rao IAS**, Secretary, Primary & Secondary Education, Government of Gujarat
5. **The District Education Officer, Ahmedabad-** Multi Storey Building, Gurukul Rd., Nr. Govt. Housing Colony, Memnagar, Ahmedabad, Gujarat 380052

Dear Parents,

Greetings from AIS!

This is to inform you that from the new academic year 2022 -23 we will be adopting an online fees payment system.

We have partnered with Jodo to help set up an auto-debit payment system which will make fee payment easier and hassle free for our parent community.

You can set up your fee payments on Jodo by following these steps:

1. Login to <https://app.jodo.in/aischool> (please use a mobile number that is on WhatsApp)
2. Enter your full name and email address
3. Click on Register a student, and enter the Enrolment Id of the student to get fee details. The unique enrollment number for [REDACTED]. Use this number to login.
 - o If you have more than one child enrolled with the school currently, please click on the option to add a student and enter the unique enrollment number for your second child.
4. Click on Jodo Flex, and then enter bank account details on which you want to set up the ECS and verify (possible on both savings and current accounts)
5. Continue to setup flex, and it will be redirected to the NPCI page where you authenticate using either debit card or netbanking
6. Once the setup is successful, you will receive an instant acknowledgement on email and on Whatsapp

You can also find the fee payment schedule for the academic year 2022-23 attached to this email. If you face any issues in setting up your fee payment, you can reach out to the school number on 9327035107 between 8 am to 2 pm, Monday to Friday.

Please note - The fee payment setup needs to be done **within 7 working days**.

In case you are not setting up your fee payment by 25th March 2022, we will presume that you are not interested in continuing your child's education with AIS. We regret that requests for extension will not be entertained.

Thank you
Team AIS

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