FACT SHEET





CHILD FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

PRIMARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION



What is a Child Friendly School?

School is one of the most important institutions in the life of every person because this is the place from where we take our first steps to the adult world. A school can make a huge influence on every person, and it can be both positive and negative, depending upon the circumstances.

A child-friendly educational institution is inclusive, protective, and healthy for all children irrespective of their social background, ethnic origin, gender, and level of ability. It has all the necessary facilities that make the child's school experience more effective and comfortable. A child-friendly school is respectful of all children, and the families and communities of the students are invested in school life as well as the students themselves.



APPROACH & ACTIVITIES

CAS identifies schools which can develop to become Child-Friendly over a 2 month period. Once schools are selected, CAS works closely with the school(s) to monitor progress and facilitate workshops and training.

Children's learning should be linked to the wider community. Hence, CAS is dedicated to building a strong relationship between the school(s) and the community. CAS aims to compensate for any shortcomings in the home and community that might make it difficult for children to enroll in school, attend regularly and succeed in their studies. For example, if there is a food shortage in the community, mid-day meal programs can provide children with the nutrition they so critically need and the incentive to stay in school and get an education.



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BaLA

BUILDING AS A LEARNING AID



What is a Building as a Learning Aid

BaLA (Building as Learning Aid) is an innovative concept towards qualitative improvement in education, through developing childfriendly, learning and fun based physical environment building in school infrastructure. The school buildings and their constituent elements such as floors, walls and ceilings have been treated innovatively so as to help simplify the learning process

Blackboard:

Traditional Blackboards will replaced be by the blackboards that would be stretched across the length of the walls of the classroom; identification of different colors will be made easy and more fun with different colored painted walls.

Fans:

All the colours of the rainbow will be found on the ceiling fans. However, students would be surprised to find that when the fan rotates only white would be visible. This would help teach students the concept of VIBGYOR and that white light comprises seven colours.

Floors:

No textbook can, perhaps, integrate learning and fun the way games painted on floors can. A grid painted on a floor could help identify students even-odd, prime-composite numbers, shapes and patterns, making learning simple and fun, something BaLA is made for.

Desk:

Learning measurements is one of the most difficult tasks for a student, but with BaLA, it'd be made more fun as every desk will have a scale painted on it to integrate measurement in a child's day-to-day life. Students could enjoy measuring their lunch boxes and books by using the desk scale and learn at the same time.



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The organization is committed to work in bringing about holistic development through education, health, protection and livelihood for the under privileged section of the community especially the children.

Budget

Each child-friendly school costs between ₹1,00,000 – ₹1,50,000.

Doors:

BaLA will also make learning geometrical angles a lot simpler. 'Door Angle Protractor' will be painted on the classroom's entrances. Symmetrical shapes of geometry, traditional motifs, illusions and other patterns will also be painted along the vertical divisional line separating the two parts of the doors.



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