

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY DELHI

DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION: SCHOOL BRANCH

OLD SECRETARIAT: DELHI-110054

No. DE.23 (540) / Sch.Br./2018/ 1948

Dated: 11/2/2019

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Sub: Advisory on violent video games causing harmful, negative and adverse impact on the brain of the children.

Please find enclosed a letter from Member, Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) vide no: F/DCPCR/18-19/PUBG/10403 dated 04.02.2019 regarding advisory on violent video games causing harmful, negative and adverse impact on the brain of the children.

All the Heads of Govt., Govt. Aided and Unaided Recognised Schools under Directorate of Education are directed to follow the above advisory given by DCPCR in letter and spirit for protecting our children from adverse impacts of violent video games.

As per the above letter from Member, DCPCR, some violent video games which are available on iOS/Android Platform and Console Platform like PUBG, Fortnite, Grand Theft Auto Series, God of War, Hitman Series, Plague Inc and Pokemon. These games are causing harmful, negative and adverse impact on the brain of the children.

All the Heads of Schools shall also sensitise students and staff about the adverse impacts of such games during morning assembly and putting the information on School Notice Boards etc. The above advisory shall also be discussed during PTMs/SMC meetings. EVGCs and SMC members are also to be involved in sensitizing the students and parents in this regard.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

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11-2-19

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All Heads of Govt., Govt. Aided and Unaided Recognised Schools under Directorate of Education through Del-E

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Copy to:-

1. Secretary to Hon'ble Dy. CM.
2. Member, DCPCR, 5th floor, ISBT Building, Kashmere Gate, for information.
3. PPS to Secretary (Education), GNCT Delhi..
4. PS to Director (Education), GNCT Delhi.
5. All RDEs to ensure compliance.
6. All DDEs (District/Zone) for necessary action.
7. System Analyst (MIS) for uploading on website.
8. Guard File.

M. Khan
11/2/19

DDE (School)



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DELHI COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS
GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
DELHI - 110006

F.No. F/DCPCR/18-19/PUBG /10403

Dated: 4/02/2019

The Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) has been constituted under the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 read with the Govt. of India, MHA's Notification F.No. U-11030/1/2007-Utl dated 15th January, 2008, gazette by the Govt. of NCT of Delhi on 7th July, 2008. Further u/s 13 (1j) of the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act 2005, this Commission is empowered to undertake inquiry into complaints and take suo-motu notice of matters relating to: (i) deprivation and violation of child rights (ii) Non-implementation of laws providing for protection and development of children (iii) Non-compliance of policy decisions, guidelines or instructions aimed at mitigating hardships to ensuring welfare of the children and to provide relief to such children or to take up the issues arising out of such matters with the appropriate authorities.

There are different sorts of computer games accessible in the present business. Video games are proposed to target diverse parts of a child's life. These computer games are included an assortment of serious, genuine, and easygoing recreations, however as a general rule, what youngster will pick an amusement about learning versus a diversion where they can murder zombies or drive vehicles at boisterous measures of speed. These games are full of misogyny, hate, deceit and vengeance and at an age where a child learns from that he/ she sees, it may negatively impact their brain for their life.

To look out for the following Signs and Symptoms:

1. Becoming withdrawn from friends and family
2. Persistent low mood and unhappiness
3. Looking worried that stops him/her from carrying out day to day tasks
4. Sudden outbursts of anger directed at himself/herself
5. Loss of interest in activities that he/she used to enjoy

How to protect children from this game:

- 1) Check in with child asking how things are going. Ask if there have been things stressing them, or anything that has made them worried. If child is talking about any level of distress, do not hesitate to speak to parents about the same.

- 6) Monitor children's activities to ensure that they are not engaging themselves with these games.
- 7) Keep your eyes open for:
 - a) Unusually secretive behavior, mostly related to their online activity
 - b) A sudden increase in the time they spend on devices
 - c) They attempt to change screens on their device when approached
 - d) They become withdrawn or angry, after using the console or mobile phones.
12. Parents should take reports from child counselor present in the school at regular intervals.
13. If you fear that child is at risk, get professional help right away.
14. Remind the child that you are there and will support them as they face life challenges.

Some violent games which are available on IOS, Android Platform and Console Platform are PUBG Fortnite, Grand Theft Auto Series, God of War, Hitman Series, Plague Inc. and Pokemon. These games are causing Harmful, negative and adverse impact on the brain of the children.

Necessary directions on the subject be given to Heads of all schools under your control for discussing the above directions in the morning assembly as well as meeting of PTM/ PTAs and action taken be shared with this Commission in 20 days time.

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4/2/19
(Ranjana Prasad)
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