

LBS/Circular/2025/449

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Dear Parents

Greetings

As part of our ongoing efforts to align with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, we are introducing new nomenclature for admissions in foundational classes as per the guidelines provided by Directorate of Education (DOE), GNCTD.

This change aims to provide more structured and standardized approach to early childhood education. The changes are as follows:

CLASS	NOMENCLATURE	AGE AS ON 31 ST MARCH OF THE YEAR
Nursery	Balvatika 1 /Pre-School 1	3+ years up to 4 years
Lower KG	Balvatika 2 / Pre- School 2	4+ years up to 5 years
Upper KG	Balvatika 3 / Pre- School 3	5+ years up to 6 years
Class 1	Class 1	6+ years up to 7 years

1. The new age structure will be implemented in phases starting from the Academic Session **2026-27**.
2. The new age criteria will not apply to existing students enrolled in Nursery, KG or Class 1 during the 2025-26 Session.
3. The Head of School (HOS) may allow a relaxation of up to one month in both the minimum and maximum age for admission in Nursery to Class 1.
4. The students who have passed the previous class from any recognized school and possess a valid School Leaving Certificate (SLC) and mark sheet are exempted from the age criteria for admission to the next higher class.
5. For the session 2026-27, a child must be 5+ years as on 31st march, 2026 for admission in Class 1.
6. Nursery (Balvatika 1) will exist and admit children aged 3+ years up to 4 years. Lower KG (Balvatika 2) and Upper KG (Balvatika 3) will not exist in 2026-27. Students in Nursery (2025-26) will move to KG (4+ years) in 2026-27. Students in KG (2025-26) will be promoted to Class 1 (5+ years) in 2026-27 under the old structure.
7. Lower KG (Balvatika 2) will start from **2027-28**. Upper KG (Balvatika 3) will start from **2027-28**.
8. The child should be 3+ years as on **31st March, 2026**.
9. New admissions will be allowed in: KG for children aged 4+ years up to 5 years. Class 1 for children aged 5+ years up to 6 years.
10. The uniform 6+ years rule for class 1 will be fully applicable from the session **2028-29** onwards.
11. Only children who have completed 3 years as on 31st March of the admission year will be eligible. The head of school can relax the age limit by one month (i.e., up to 30th April).
12. The change will not apply to all classes immediately. Classes will be added or adjusted gradually each academic year between 2026-27 and 2028-29 until the full structure (Nursery to Class 1 with 6+ rule) is in place.
13. All currently enrolled students (till 2025-26) will be promoted as per the existing pattern without being affected by the new age rules.

Sd/-
H.O.S (Administration)