

From our Chief Executive



Lt. General Arjun Ray, PVSM, VSM (Retd.)

Dear Friends,

In the Third Principals' Conference held in Hyderabad held on 15 and 16th February 2008, we decided to introduce 'Respect' as the fourth core value of all Indus schools. A key feature of globalization is learning to live together by respecting diversities of cultures and points of view, of race, of gender, etc. As technology and communication are turning the world into a village, our differences are getting sharper and more distinct. If not managed this could lead to intolerance and inevitable conflict. Tolerating or even accepting diversity is not enough; we must respect differences and even go to the extent of celebrating them.

Respect is an attitude of mind and the feeling in one's heart towards others, and is expressed in one's behaviour and dialogue. In a world where cultural identities are confused and individualism is attempting to override collectivism, and where respect for teachers and even parents is diminishing, the value of respect assumes great importance.

To be of value, respect should extend equally to knowledge, to one's culture, to country and environment, and even living things like animal and plant life. Respect is achievable only when we respect ourselves. Self-respect is the beginning. At Indus, the process of respect starts with teachers. Respect can never be demanded; it has to be earned and demonstrated. The best way to teach respect is to show respect for students by caring for them, conversing politely, being seen to be fair and impartial, and sticking to promises. Teachers must never say or do anything that may hurt the feelings, the identity and self-worth of a child.

This is the Indus way.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arjun Ray". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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