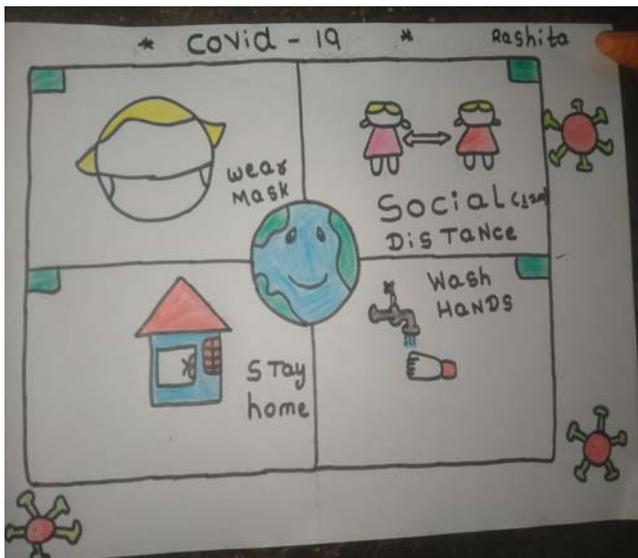




## Annexure: 1

# Impact of COVID and Our School after COVID Written Feedback by Students

### *Sangati and Manthan*



# COVID and School post COVID- Written Feedback by Students

## *Sangati and Manthan*

**Introduction:** Due to Covid-19 pandemic, schools were shut down beginning 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. Maharashtra was brought under lockdown beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020 and all-India lockdown was imposed from 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. Initially, it was believed that the closure would not continue for long, yet it has continued till almost the end of the year with hardly any signs of normalcy visible in the near future. There was no contact with students in March or April but post that, phone numbers of students were accessed through their teachers and communication with students was established. This enabled us to get to know the experiences of students in this difficult time. Around 4000 students have shared their experiences during the pandemic and their thoughts on School/collage post CORONA.

**Representative: Simon Dsouza**

**Ward - T**

**Student: Atish More**

**School: Mulund Camp Marathi no. -2**

**Std :7<sup>th</sup>**

Ashish writes, that the pandemic had made their lives to come to a standstill.

His father plies an auto. During lockdown, vehicles were prohibited on the roads, which led to a huge crisis at home. Even after the autos were allowed on road, only one passenger was allowed at a time, which made running autos economically non-viable. His family neither had no money to buy provisions. The situation made his mother hopeless and he often saw tears in her eyes, she was under pressure all the time. The grocery store was also not ready to extend any credit. When she would come back home with empty bag, without food, the home would fill with pin-drop silence. Atish couldn't muster up the courage to deal with this.

Even when the autos were back on road, there weren't enough passengers. People used to think before stepping into the autos. If the auto was queued up at the stand, it was difficult to predict when one's turn would come to have passengers, if at all! A day's earning would not be more than Rs. 100-150. Their debts were piling up and the crisis was deepening. Days were just passing by, and any ray of hope that the new dawn will bring some good news was completely fading away.

Pre- lockdown his father would earn around Rs. 1000/2000 per day. Managing the household in the now reduced income was proving next to impossible for his parents, which often led to tension and fights between his mother and father. Atish was not used to this atmosphere at home, he was finding it difficult to concentrate on his studies. His online school started but there was constant verbal spat at home so he didn't feel like joining the classes. Lack of enough or quality food at home was also affecting him badly. The ration provided by government was not enough, one would get rice but what about other food?

He feels that all has turned to ashes and the pandemic has wiped out the smile from people's faces. He has shared his experiences in a very elaborate manner.

**Representative: RupaliGavate**

**Student: Piyush Dharmesh Pasi**

**School: V.P.S. Hindi -2**

**Ward: N**

**Std. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Lockdown worsened the condition for almost everyone around us, including my family. My father lost his job, because of which we migrated back to our home town. There was no transport, so we travelled in a truck. The truck driver over-charged us for our journey. This depleted my father's savings, which made me really sad. After reaching our home-town, my father started working in our farm and mother used to accompany him, which helped us to run our household. We are in a little better condition now but even as I say this, there is fear in my mind.

**Representative: Farzana**

**Student: Kiran Verma**

**School: Valnai Hindi -1**

**Ward: P- N**

**Std.: 7<sup>th</sup>**

One had heard about CORONA in China but one didn't know that it would reach India one day and affect everyone's life. The entire country was under lockdown, nobody could go anywhere. My grandfather was unwell back in our village, we wanted to travel back to village but trains were not running, people were travelling in trucks and those too were over-crowded. Many were even walking back home. Someone asked my father to take a vehicle but my father didn't have that kind of money. The grocery at home was also getting over. We did receive some ration – like rice, wheat, pulses etc., which was some relief for us. This limited food and strain on resources used to lead to constant fights and arguments between my parents. No one was allowed to go out anywhere. One had to wear a mask the whole day, leading to a stink in the mouth and we also had to keep washing our hands again and again.

**Representative: Pooja Saroj**

**Student: Saurabh Sigh,**

**School: Adarsh Nagar English School**

**Ward: G-S**

**Std.: 7<sup>th</sup>**

We had to travel back to our village as our livelihood was badly affected by CORONA. We didn't have enough food. All our family friends had also moved back to their villages. Some travelled by taxi, some by bus or truck. A lot of people in my neighbourhood who speak Hindi and Marathi migrated back to their villages.

We faced a lot of hardships. One toilet was shared by many families. CORONA spread widely in our neighbourhood. People were getting restless sitting at home. Our homes are tiny. We were confined to these with all the family members. There was constant fights, and arguments, and it was very difficult. Since our home was near the seashore some of us used to even go there to relieve ourselves rather than use the toilets. CORONA brought with it a lot of hard times for us.

**Representative: Savita Jadhav**

**Student: Ikra Shaikh,**

**School: VamanRao Mahadik Urdu no-2**

**Ward: F-N**

**Std.:6<sup>th</sup>**

This name CORONA has left a mark in my mind forever. I don't think I will ever forget it. We have been hearing about it since February, 2020 and it reached India by March. India was under lockdown by the end of March and even schools were closed. Mine was closed too. My father lost his job. All the shops too were closed. My father losing his job led to financial crisis in our home. We had no provisions, vegetables, milk, other essentials. There was still no remedy for CORONA so we were very scared to venture out of our home as we did not want to catch it. We couldn't meet our friends or relatives either. We had no idea when our schools would restart. I wish this CORONA should disappear and our school and normal life should start soon.

**Representative: Ekta Sharma**

**Student: Suraj Prajapati**

**School: Sangharsha Nagar Hindi**

**Ward: L**

**Std.:7<sup>th</sup>**

Our school is closed and we have to learn and study online due to CORONA. We cannot move out of our home and that is upsetting us and many of our neighbours. This pandemic is a huge issue for the society.

Both my parents lost their jobs. We had gone to our village but came back to the city as there was no work there. But we realised after coming back, that there was no work or job easily available here as well. We do get some financial help from our village but that is not enough. I wish my parents will find some work soon.

**Representative: Savita Mozar**

**Student: Koyal Mandal**

**School: Kher Nagar English -1**

**Ward: H-W**

**Std.:7<sup>th</sup>**

I, Koyal Mondal, am a student of Standard 7<sup>th</sup>. I am not liking it at home (to be stuck at home) as I can't study well at home. I don't even have proper internet connection at my home. Lockdown has adversely affected us. I don't have enough money to recharge my mobile or to buy my study books. We don't even have enough food. I live in a rented room. My father has lost his job. We have to face a lot of hardship because of that. Lockdown is an issue in itself. We cannot go out, can't meet anyone, we can't even play outside. Almost everyone I know is losing their jobs and livelihood. It has led to lack of money, we don't even have enough for food. We are under a lot of stress because of all of this. The entire nation is fighting this pandemic. We should all join our forces to do so.

**Representative: Yogita Parab**

**Student: Raj Ram Pal**

**School: Poisar Hindi School no. -2**

**Ward: R- C**

**Std.:7**

There is discussion around Corona everywhere. During lockdown we were forced to confine ourselves to our homes due to this pandemic. I love to go to school, but now even that is not allowed. Schools are still closed. We didn't even have our annual examinations. I had been studying hard for it for a long time, I was upset that there wouldn't be any exams this year for us. Now all I do is play on mobile or

watch T.V. but I don't enjoy it much. I am bored. I like school and studies and miss them dearly. Both my parents have lost their jobs. We have migrated back to our village because of this. Roaming in our fields atleast helps me kill my time. It's 3 months now but there is no sign of relief from this Corona, I am bored. I don't know what more to say, how to say it. When will this situation change?

**Representative: Sunita Vishwakarma,**

**Student: Sidharth Raju Nikale**

**School: Veravali Marathi**

**Ward: K-E**

**Std.: 7<sup>th</sup>**

This pandemic of Corona, has come to our country through people travelling from abroad by planes it has spread in other countries as well. It has massively disturbed the life of common people. My father and mother couldn't go to work so we moved back to our village. We were made to live in the fields for 14 days as we had to be quarantined, then we had to undergo medical check-up. Only after following all this protocol we were allowed to enter our own village. Post this too, we were not offered any food or water for 2 days by any of the villagers. That was an eye-opener, which made us realise the value of water and the harshness of human behaviour. In addition to all this, there is financial crisis too, as both my parents are out of job.

**Representative: Mamata Pande**

**Student: Ranjana Gupta**

**School: Gandhigram Hindi School**

**Ward: K-W**

**Std.: 7<sup>th</sup>**

My father has lost his job due to Corona. There are financial issues, whatever father would earn he would give to mother to take care of household expenses. Now that has stopped, so how can she manage the home? The house rent, groceries, electricity bill etc. - we have no means to cover any of this now. Our school too is closed. The efforts we had put in to study and prepare for examination has gone waste now as the examinations were cancelled. A lot of people have lost their lives due to this pandemic. Our mother is worried about us and does not allow us to go out of our homes. A lot of people have lost their jobs. Many had to migrate back to their villages.

**Representative: Sayara Ansari**

**Student: Simran Kureshi**

**School: Rafi Nagar Hindi School,**

**Ward: M -E**

**Std.: 7<sup>th</sup>**

Our school was closed due to Corona. We are not able to study because of this. We are stuck indoors. There is strict prohibition on venturing out. Everyone in our neighbourhood is troubled due to the pandemic and the lockdown. This pandemic has become a huge crisis for everyone. I have lost my father, my elder brother used to work and provide for the family. He has lost his work due to this pandemic. We don't have enough food stock to go on for long. My sister-in-law is worried because of this. This is the state of a lot of households in our neighbourhood. I pray to God that this pandemic should be over soon and things should go back to normal as before.

**Representative: Shehnaz Sheikh**

**Ward: M - E**

**Student: Mesbah Mohammad Yusuf Khan**

**School: Rafinagar Hindi School**

**Std.:7<sup>th</sup>**

This Corona pandemic has become a crisis for us. My family is under a lot of tension due to this. Our family members do not allow us to go out to play. We are not even allowed to meet our friends. My father has lost his job due to lockdown. There are a lot of hardships due to this in our household. We don't have money or groceries in our home, I have two younger siblings. We are not able to provide for their basic needs. The shops and establishments around are closed. We are unable to purchase anything even when we are hungry. Chicken is 240 INR a Kg, We have not eaten it for so long now. I don't know what to do. This pandemic has made living a difficult task.

**Representative: Vanita Darade**

**Ward: R-N**

**Student: Deepachand Pal**

**School: Sakharam Tare Marg, Hindi school -1**

**Std.:7<sup>th</sup>**

The atmosphere is filled with eerie silence due to this pandemic. Everything is locked down. No one is visiting any one anymore. Everyone is forced to wear a mask. It's time for our schools to reopen but our parents are scared to send us back to school. We were still managing till we had money but as it started depleting, we got worried.

We had to borrow some money from my uncle who stays in the village. People in our neighbourhood went back to their villages, but we didn't. My father said if it became worse, we would also do so. There were a few patients of Corona in our adjoining lanes. The day would pass by helping my mom in daily chores. She only doled out easy tasks for us kids. This lock down is easing a little now. Hopefully my father will re-join his job. His irritability is on the rise as he is forced to sit at home and can't provide for his family. I have heard the school will start on mobile soon. I was happy at this development but again the thought that we may not have money to recharge the phone, or that my father may take the phone along once he starts going to work, worries me. The best solution for all this is that the pandemic gets over soon and life goes back to normal like before for everyone- people go to work, children go back to school.

**Representative: Archana, Adhav**

**Ward: H- W**

**Student: Lakshmi Prajapati**

**School: Khotwadi Hindi School**

**Std.:5<sup>th</sup>**

Everything is closed down due to Corona. My mother and father have even lost their jobs because of this. We are facing a lot of trouble because of this. How will we have food when we don't have any money? My mother is not able to cook anything because of this. We are struggling with hunger for last two days. The groceries that were donated to us have also finished. We can't go out we can't play outside. If our mother finds out that we tried to go out of the house, she loses her cool and says she doesn't have money to feed us how can she provide for our treatment if we test positive for Covid? Go corona go..... it's because of you that my family is facing so much hardship. You have brought enough grief. Now it's time for you to go....

**Representative: Dhanshree Walinjakar**  
**Student: Ms.Pooja Chintaman Tumbada**

**School :Bhinar Ashram School**

**Bhiwandi**

The students from our school are all home due to the CORONA pandemic. Our residential schools are closed. In the beginning we all liked that, we could study whenever we wanted. I love reading. As there was no school, I had enough time to read. I started practicing writing to improve my handwriting and grammar. All my family members were home so the daily chores were distributed among all. Mother got some relief from these duties as a result of this. The elders in the family are taking care of all the family members.

The pandemic has forced us all to follow better hygiene practices, and has brought the families together. All the girls are safe in their homes with their families. In our area, the poor were not even able to eat twice a day. The conditions are so bad that more people may die of hunger than CORONA. But then, government arranged for free ration support. CORONA will be eventually defeated and our country will be back on track but till then we all need to be responsible and take care of our health.

## **Imagining Schools After Corona**

**Representative: Vanita Darade**  
**Student: Roshani Kamble**

**School: Ashokwan Marathi**

**Ward: R-N**  
**Std.: 7<sup>th</sup>**

Schools are closed due to Corona virus. Parents, students and teachers are waiting for them to reopen. But my teacher was saying she doesn't think school will reopen so soon. Even if they reopen, I am not sure if my parents will be willing to send me back to school. I am sure there will be a corona test for us and our teachers. School will be only for two days for three hours. The entire school will be sanitised. They will have to establish a medical unit in the school. The school will provide for masks and sanitisers to be used in school for all the students. Only one student will be allowed on one bench. No one will sit next to each other. Even in recess, everyone will be asked to sit at their designated place. But will there be a break if the school is only for two hours? Even if one student visits the washroom it will have to be sanitised. Temperature will be checked at the beginning and end of the school hours. There will not be any physical education period, I guess! Even the assembly prayers will be in the classroom. The cleaning staff will have extra work burden. The students who stay far-away will have to walk to and from school as public transport is risky. The school premise will be quiet. I will miss the regular hustle bustle of the students and teachers. Will we all forget to even look out for each other and inquire about each others' well-being? Corona should just go as soon as possible. I want to go back to normal school and study, play with my friends and also get scolding from my teacher.

**Representative: Sunita Jantre**

**Student: Aditi Sawant**

**School: Sangharsha Nagar Marathi**

**Ward: L**

**Std.: 7<sup>th</sup>**

Lock down is on from March.....after coming back to Mumbai, all of us friends are waiting for the schools to start. We could all meet in the school but now we can't.

Right now classes are conducted online but we can-not even speak with our teachers. This is allowed only a few times. As my parents lost their work during lock down, we had to move back to our village. If the schools start and my parents get some work, we can go back to Mumbai. We will follow all the necessary precautions for our health and that of others, if the schools reopen. I like *Sangati* sessions. I miss those. I hope our school starts soon.

**Representative: Savita Jadhav**

**Student: Najiya Bano Shaukat Ali**

**School: Waman Mahadik Urdu -2**

**Ward: F-N**

**Std.: 6<sup>th</sup>**

India is at war with Corona. People are facing a lot of problems because of Corona. Post this pandemic, the inflation and prices are becoming sky high. Shops, malls, salon, bus, rickshaw, trains - everything is closed down. The lockdown has been introduced everywhere in the country. Schools are closed down due to this virus and we can't go to school anymore. We are not able to meet our friends. Studies have stopped in a way. Government has proposed that the studies should continue online. Our teachers too have communicated this with us, but we are facing a lot of issues while doing so. Our parents are not well-versed with internet or functions of smart phone. As a result they are not able to help us in our studies. We need to request those who are educated to help us in studies. Many times we don't even realise what to study. It wouldn't be an issue if we were in school. Teacher has informed us that the school may reopen in September but it will not be the same. We will have to wear masks, and limited number of students will be allowed in one class. We would have to take care of our health.

**Representative: Rupali Gawate**

**Student: Sainath Ramesh Salunkhe**

**School: Goshala Marg Marathi-1**

**Ward: T**

**Std.: 7<sup>th</sup>**

Lockdown was introduced due to the Corona situation. The poor suffered a lot. There is still fear in the minds of people but I am sure the schools will reopen sometime. I am excited and looking forward to going back to school and eating my tiffin with friends, accessing books in the library and playing with my friends. I want to participate in school competitions and learn in person from my teacher. I really miss her. I pray to God to make this Corona go because I want to go back to school. But at the same time I also think, whether all the students will manage to come back to school, as many of them have gone back to their villages? Only one student will be allowed on one bench. We will have to follow social distancing norms. We will have to keep sanitising our hands. There will be a lot of rules and restrictions but I am sure slowly and steadily things will come back to normal.

**Representative: Dhanashri Walinjkar**

**Student: Gaurav Kumar Prasad**

**School: Rani Sati Hindi School**

**Ward: P-N**

**Std.: 8<sup>th</sup>**

School will not be the same post lock down. It will not be crowded like earlier. Students will be sent to school one at a time. We will not be allowed to gather together like before. The school will have to be cleaned carefully and thoroughly. We might have to sit with masks on in school. We will not be allowed in the loo like we used to be earlier, in groups. There might be a weekly health check-up in school. There may not be recess in the school as well. Less number of students will be allowed in the class and in the school. All the parents may not send their students to the school. Many systems in the school will also change.

**Representative: Shaubhangi Vartak**

**Student: Manasi Ahide**

**School: Magathane Marathi School**

**Ward: R-C**

**Std.: 8<sup>th</sup>**

Lockdown has forced the schools to close which has adversely affected our studies. Our school will not be the same post COVID and this lockdown. We will not be able to play with our friends like before on the school ground. Nor be able to share our tiffin. We won't be even able to study together. There will be less students in class at any given time. May be only two students on one bench. We will have to wear masks.

Social distancing norms and restrictions will have to be followed in the school as well. We will not be able to have fun like before in the class, no chi-chat with our friends. I think this is how the scene in our school will be post lockdown. Stay safe and be alert.

**Student: Sundari Thapad**

**School :Ravtychapada Ashram school**

**Std: 6<sup>th</sup>**

I study in Ashram School. So we do not have any other vacation or holiday other than, Diwali, Holi, Ganapati or Summer vacation (May). We had new vacation – CORONA vacation - for the first time. In the beginning we were happy as we had this new vacation. But it' has been more than three months now.

We are under lockdown and stuck at home. My father is a daily wage labour but he is not getting any work due to lockdown. Mother says school will reopen only after corona is gone.

I pray to God that this pandemic should get over and my school should reopen. Once the school reopens, we will follow all the instructions given by our superintendent sir, as he is our local guardian and takes care of us like our parents would. We will be sitting one student per desk, we will wear masks, use sanitisers and wash our hands as much as necessary.

## ***Manthan Program***

**Name :Gulafsha Modh. Usman**

**Std. F.Y.D.El.ED**

**College : R.C. Imamwada**

March 2020 will forever be known in the education community as the month when almost all the schools, world over, were closed. On March 16 government institutes nation-wide announced school closure due to the deadly corona pandemic, and by the end of the month 185 countries had closed down, affecting 90% of students all over the world.

The prompt closure of educational institutions and move to distance online learning has allowed little time for planning or reflection regarding both -potential risks that need safeguarding against and possible opportunities that could be leveraged.

With every crisis comes deep challenges as well as opportunities for transformation. Past education crisis have shown that it is possible to build back better,. To help me reflect on what some of these challenges and opportunities may be.

**Name : Aashna Chaudhary**

**Std. F.Y.D.El.ED**

**College :Anjuman Khairul College, Kurla**

CORONA, CORONA, CORONA, I don't think this word would be unknown to any- in this world, as it has become a major crisis for the entire world today. When the pandemic hit us hard all over the world, lockdown was seen as the only reliable solution and even in our country, lockdown was imposed. The world kind of froze! It adversely affected the lives of daily wagers.

Even my family and friends had to face many difficulties due to pandemic and lockdown. For instance, financial difficulties, being forced to stay inside the house, non-availability of devices for online classes, problems regarding internet access and range etc. But the only positive in this situation was the help extended by relatives despite their own hardships.

There were constant directives from the government to remain indoors and follow lockdown restrictions. Most of the people observed these, but some didn't which led to pandemic spreading in the entire country and people had to face other issues like losing their livelihood leading to survival issues.

As teachers, we have to inculcate in the minds of our students, the importance of social distancing, following lockdown directives, taking a bath daily, washing hands often, helping others, etc.

It is our responsibility as teachers to ensure our students also learn to be responsible citizens.