



SANTA MARIA INTEGRATED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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Dated.....28/5/12.....

Dear Madam,

The Santa Maria Integrated Learning Environment – S.M.I.L.E. (St. Mary's Nursery School) was started in a rented building in 1966. The school was shifted to a farm house in Vasant Kunj in 1999, within the permissible area for an institution as per the Master Plan of 2021. The school offers a quality 3-year pre-school programme, where children from Khushi Home, Kilkari Aman Ghar & Umeed, the Homes recognized by the Department of Women & Child Welfare are admitted under the economically weaker section (EWS) category. Further, the school also admits challenged children from the Jeevan Jyoti Orphanage run by the Missionaries of Charity. The school is an inclusive school; so we also admit children with special needs under this scheme.

2. As per the previous Master Plan, Nursery schools/play schools were permitted to run from private residences as long it was not a green area. This allowed children of a neighbourhood to attend a pre-school within walking distance from home. By omitting this category from the hierarchy of schools in Chapter of Social Infrastructure, several Nursery Schools operating in Delhi will be ignored in the Master Plan for Delhi 2021

3. Further, keeping in mind the Government's effort to extend the Right to Education to children in the 0-6 years category, the necessity for more pre-schools/play schools and Nursery schools, becomes very important. We would request the Review Committee to consider positively the incorporating of **“Pre-schools/play schools/Nursery schools be permitted to function from residential as well as from areas earmarked for public/semi public facilities”** in the Master Plan 2021.

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4. It is further requested that the Pre-schools/Play schools/Nursery schools should be added in the Category of Education facilities in Chapter of Social Infrastructure again as was done in Master Plan 2001.

We shall also request you to earmark and show the Pre-schools/Play schools/Nursery schools running in the area at the moment.

We shall be grateful if our request is considered favourably.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely



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