

Security Guidelines / Protocols for Adopted School(s)

In view of the tragic incident at APS Peshawar, the security of schools became a major concern for all the stakeholders of education sector. In particular the Adopted Government Schools present a more diverse stakeholder composition as compared to other Government Schools which can make these schools more vulnerable to security threats.

Hence, following are the Security Guidelines / Protocols for School Stakeholders for compliance:

1. The main gate of the Schools should be kept closed and should only be used as and when required but with prior confirmation of use by concern authorities.
2. The boundary walls of the schools should be at least 10 feet in height with installation of barbed wire on the top edges.
3. The entry and exit points of a school should be limited to ONE or at max TWO while only one entry and exit point should be allocated for common use and should be clearly marked.
4. The common parking area should be kept out of the school boundary with a safe distance/zone kept as a buffer.
5. No individual(s) should be allowed to enter school premises without proper authentication of identity.
 - a. In the case of any concern personnel representing the School Adopter(s), the school Head Master/Mistress should be informed prior to the arrival of such entity.
 - b. A 'Visitor Register' should be maintained at the gate to keep a log of entry and exit of individual(s).
 - c. A 'Visitor Card' should be provided to any authorized visitor at the gate for prominence and should be returned on exit.
6. In areas of high vulnerability/serious threats, a Security Personnel should be deployed on the rooftop of the school building or any vantage point in order to keep a check on movements.
7. Parents/Community Members/School Stakeholders should be kept in the loop and updated with the steps taken towards ensuring Security of the students, teachers and the school in general.
8. The gate keeper(s)/ guard(s) should be alert and on-duty ensuring full vigilance at all times but especially at the time of School opening/assembly and School off time. A night watchman should also be deployed for duty at the school.
9. The carts and mongers should not be allowed inside the school premises and should be at an adequate distance from the school boundary/vicinity.
10. The material transport in and out of the school boundary should be checked thoroughly (canteen/cafeteria material, boxes, equipment etc.). A gate pass should be issued accordingly.
11. No unauthorized vehicle should enter the school vicinity at any point of time without prior approval of the concern authority.
12. No unauthorized activities may be conducted inside the school premises (e.g. political gatherings, public or private events, commercial activities etc.)
13. NO FIREARMS should be allowed inside the school premises.
14. An evacuation and emergency exit plan should be developed, documented and practiced by all students as well as school staff.

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15. The School HM should identify at least TWO School personnel responsible to call / contact Emergency Numbers (15, 1122, 1021 etc.) in case of any subsequent emergency.
16. Security protocols may be visibly hoisted/circulated with all stakeholders for necessary actions.

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