



# PODAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, DAVANAGERE

## CIRCULAR

**Date: 11 April 2026**

**To: All Parents (Nursery to Grade 10)**

**Subject: Important Update Regarding Grade 1 Admission Age Criteria for Academic Year 2026-27**

Dear Parents,

We would like to bring to your kind attention an official notification from the **Government of Karnataka (Order No: EP 54 PGC 2026)** regarding the age eligibility for children seeking admission to **Grade 1** for the upcoming academic year **2026-27**.

### Key Highlights of the Government Order:

- **Standard Age Requirement:** As per the Right to Education (RTE) Act and National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the standard minimum age for admission to Grade 1 remains **6 years** completed as of June 1<sup>st</sup> of the academic year.
- **Special Relaxation for 2026-27:** For the academic year 2026-27 only, the Government has invoked **Section 20 of the Karnataka Education Act, 1983**, to provide a specific relaxation for children who narrowly miss the June 1<sup>st</sup> cutoff.
- **The 60-Day Grace Period:** Children whose birthdays fall within **60 days after June 1<sup>st</sup>** (i.e., up to and including **July 31<sup>st</sup>**) will be deemed **eligible for Grade 1 admission** for this academic year.

### Summary of Eligibility for Grade 1 (2026-27):

Criteria	Cut-off Date
Minimum Age	6 Years
Applicable Relaxation	Up to 60 Days
Final Eligibility	Child must complete 6 years on or before 31 July 2026

### Important Notes for Parents:

1. **SATS Integration:** The Student Achievement Tracking System (SATS) software is being updated by the department to allow these admissions.
2. **Strict Compliance:** This relaxation is specifically mandated for the 2026-27 session to support children transitioning from pre-primary to primary education.

3. **Documentation:** Parents seeking admission under this relaxation must ensure all birth certificate details are accurate as per school records.

We request parents of our younger cohorts (Nursery to UKG) to keep this criteria in mind for their future academic planning. For any further clarifications regarding your child's eligibility, please feel free to reach out to the school administrative office.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in maintaining educational excellence.

**Warm regards,  
Team of Podar International School, Davanagere**