



PODAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, DAVANAGERE

Circular: Grades 1 to 10

Date: 26 May 2026

Subject: CELEBRATING STUDENT BIRTHDAYS WITH PURPOSE

Dear Parents,

Birthdays are milestones of growth, and at **Podar International School, Davanagere**, we love to celebrate these special days with our students. To ensure that celebrations remain inclusive, meaningful, and non-disruptive to the academic environment, we have updated our birthday guidelines.

Our goal is to celebrate the child without creating a financial burden on parents or an environment of unhealthy competition.

1. Meaningful Contributions (Optional)

If a student wishes to mark their birthday with a gesture of sharing, we recommend the following:

- **The Gift of Knowledge:** A student may choose to **donate a book** to the School Library. This is a wonderful way to leave a lasting legacy for their peers. (This is strictly voluntary).
- **Staff Appreciation:** A child may distribute sweets/chocolates to the school staff members as a small token of respect. (This is optional).

2. Classroom Distribution Guidelines

To maintain hygiene standards and be mindful of students with food allergies, the following rules apply:

- **No Eatables:** The distribution of any food items, including cakes, sweets, or chocolates, to classmates is **strictly prohibited**.
- **Stationery Gifts (Optional):** If a child wishes to give a small return gift to their classmates, they may only distribute simple stationery items like a **pencil, pen, eraser, or sharpener**. We request parents to ensure these are modest and **not expensive**.

3. Celebrating Our Teachers

We understand that students often want to show their love for their teachers. To keep our focus on gratitude rather than material gifts:

- **No Gifts or Cakes:** Students and parents are requested **not to donate any gifts** or organize cake-cutting ceremonies for teachers' birthdays.
- **Handmade Tokens:** We highly encourage **handmade greeting cards**. A card created by a student is the most cherished token of appreciation a teacher can receive.

4. Birthday Dress Code

- Students are permitted to wear **civil clothes (decent casual wear)** on their birthday. Please ensure the attire is comfortable and appropriate for a school environment.

We thank you parents for your continued cooperation in helping us foster an environment **where every child** feels **equally special**, regardless of the scale of the celebration.

With Warm Regards,

Principal