

## Mount Kailash School Report 2021

Mount Kailash School is a non – profitable Tibetan school run by Snow Lion Foundation. It is established in 1963 with the sole aim to provide quality education to the Tibetan Refugee children.

The Snow Lion Foundation has been providing the teacher salary (except Nursery teachers). They also help the students in finding sponsorships. They have also been supporting the school miscellaneous expenses and the school hostel expenses.

Mount Kailash School has been receiving students not only from the Settlement (Tashi Palkhiel) but also from the rural Himalayan Regions where Tibetans are scattered. We have students from different Rural places like Manang, Mustang (Lo-Tserok), Dhorpatan and other nearby communities.

The school has been following the Basic Education Policy drafted by the Central Tibetan Administration, Dharamsala.

### School Features

#### 1. Teaching and Non – Teaching Staffs:

There is a total of 8 teachers at the school and 3 at the kindergarten section (kindergarten school falls under the **Settlement Office**). We have 1 peon and 3 other non teaching staff (Cook, Cook helper and a hostel).

#### 2. School Population:

Total of 104 students are presently studying at our school (including Nursery Students). We have classes from Nursery to class VII. Among them 49 are girls and 55 are boys. 71 students are Tibetan, 18 Himalayan and remaining 15 are the Nepalese students. Student's age ranges from 6 to 15 years old.

#### 3. School Hostel:

School hostel was built by American Himalayan Foundation in 1993. The sole objective was to provide the shelter for the Tibetan students from remote places who come to study here far from their parents. Snow Lion Foundation has been looking after the hostel by providing all the necessary requirements and the expenses. The school hostel has been accepting Tibetan students from remote places. And at present year we have total of 53 students. Students are from Manang, Mustang and Dhorpatan. They are provided with food and lodging by Snow Lion Foundation.

The school hostel consists of a Dining Hall, Kitchen, Boys Room, Girls Room, Dispensary Room, Store Room. The Hostel had Boys and Girls Bathroom with toilets attached.

This year in 2020, TFH (Tibetan Family Help) supported us with the installation of Hot Solar Panel for the hostel bathroom. The students were not able to take bath during winter because of the cold weather but now we are very happy that the students are able to take bath with the installation of new solar heater.

#### 4. School Uniforms:

Students must have to wear their school uniform during school hour. The uniforms are grey trouser, white shirt, a tie and a blue sweater for both boys and girls. On every Wednesday, all the students including teachers wear Tibetan Traditional Dress ( Chupa ) in order to observe Lhakar. The students also wear their houses track suits on every Friday.



#### 5. School Examinations:

Our school is taking three Terminal Examinations in a year. But from this year we have decided to take two terminal examinations. We have half yearly examination and the final.

With this the teachers also take monthly test and use other methods to evaluate student performance in their studies.

#### 6. School Co- Curricular Activities:

In our school we have different co- curricular activities. We have a Literacy Committee who carries out activities like Poem Recitation, Spelling Contest, Quiz Contest, Drawing Essay and Competition. We have different games and sports like Basketball, Football, Badminton, Table Tennis and the Annual Sports Day which usually held on November.

Preserving our traditional and cultural values, the school students had always been participating and performing the Tibetan Cultural Dances and Music in and around community during all the festive and other programs. Each class have dance and music period included every day.

#### 7. Other School Activities:

The school always believes in the holistic development of the child and the school has always been welcoming and participating in different other activities which are not in the school curriculum. The school is able to participate our students in locally organized school wise drawing competition, public speaking competition, football tournament, poem recitation competition and vice versa.

The school also focuses on the Early Grade Reading Program. All the classrooms are equipped with Classroom Reading Corner and we have managed one period of Library for all the classes in a week.

The school observes Wednesday as a Lhakar Day celebrating it with wearing traditional dress by all the students. We organized a Tibetan circle dance during the day participated by teachers and students.

Each Friday the school observes DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) program to encourage the students and the staffs in reading.

With this each Tuesday we observed YOGA Day and the classes starts with half an hour of Yoga session instead of Assembly.

DOE has been providing us with the Supplementary Diet Program and the school has been conducting the program by 4 quarters in a year.

#### 8. School Rules and Regulations:

Our school administration has been following the rules and regulations provided to us by the Snow Lion Foundation.

#### 9. Child Club:

Since 2016, the child club of the school has been carrying different activities at school. With that the child club has been participating into the community works within our settlement.