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## GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION, JAMMU Muthi Camp, Jammu -181205 \*\*\*\*\*

Sub: Age criteria for admission of students in class 1<sup>st</sup> academic session 2024-25.

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A number of representations have been received from parents of some students stating that their wards are being denied admission in class 1st by the respective schools for the reason of being less than 06 years of age and hence ineligible for admission as per the National Education Policy 2020. The issue has also been projected by some schools.

The matter has been examined and it is felt that strict implementation of these provisions will lead to loss of academic year for some students who have already been admitted in pre-primary in the preceding year and therefore the request merits consideration. However, an upper ceiling has to be fixed and the relaxation cannot be unending. It has accordingly been decided to gradually implement the NEP and relax the age criteria for admission to class 1<sup>st</sup> for the academic session 2024-25, in view of the transition period. Besides, similar relaxations are being extended by some other states also.

In the above backdrop, it is brought to the notice of all concerned that as a one time exception, the students who shall be completing 06 years of age in the next 6 months (i.e. students completing 06 years of age upto 30th September 2024) from the start of academic session shall be allowed admission in the first class in the academic session 2024-25.

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- 1. Secretary to Government, School Education Department Civil Sectt. Jammu/Srinagar for kind information and confirmation of the action taken.
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