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To,

The Managers and Heads of CBSE Schools
participating in Digital Mode in SAFAL KSA 2025-26

Subject: Structured Assessment for Analyzing Learning (SAFAL) KSA 2025-26 in Digital Mode- Reg

SAFAL: Structured Assessment for Analyzing Learning (SAFAL), a competency-based Key Stage Assessment (KSA) as per the recommendation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 at para 4.40, was launched by CBSE in its affiliated schools in July, 2021. As part of our continuous efforts to enhance the quality of education and foster competency-focused learning, SAFAL KSA 2025-26 is being conducted (digital mode) in November-December 2025 for the registered students of grades 6 and 9 of schools affiliated to CBSE. The detailed schedule of assessment in digital mode is given in Annexure – 1.

The Schools participating in SAFAL KSA 2025-26 in Pen-Paper mode may note that assessment schedule for Pen-Paper mode will be informed shortly.

The following points should be noted for effective conduct of this assessment:

1. SAFAL KSA is a diagnostic assessment aimed at assessing the achievement of competencies by learners. This is neither a competition nor a qualifying/certification exam. The primary purpose of SAFAL is to diagnose the areas where more efforts are required for quality teaching-learning in the school.
2. As SAFAL is a competency based assessment, no extra class or specific preparation is needed. Classroom teaching that is competency focused and learner centric is sufficient.
3. Only the school-level competency reports will be given to all participating schools. Schools will be able to see only their own report without comparison with any other school.
4. The school level reports of SAFAL assessments will not be made public and will not be shared with any other school. This will be done to ensure that the results remain confidential and the school is able to extract maximum benefit from the results and feedback provided through the SAFAL reports.
5. Thus, SAFAL is a tool for assessment of the teaching-learning practices at schools and should be taken with this spirit only.

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6. It is the responsibility of the school to ensure that the SAFAL KSA assessment is conducted in their schools with utmost sincerity and integrity, as per standard operating procedures, proctored by school authorities.
7. It is highlighted that the technical foot-prints will be on record during the administration of this assessment and data scrutiny will be carried out.

We look forward to your continued support for this prestigious project.

(Dr. Praggya M. Singh)
Professor and Director (Academics)

Copy to the respective Heads of Directorates, Organizations and Institutions as indicated below with a request to disseminate the information to all the schools under their jurisdiction:

1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18 Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi-16
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida-201309
3. The Secretary, Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.
4. The Secretary, Sainik Schools Society, Room No. 101, D-1 Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
5. The Chairman, Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan, N-1/9, Near Doordarshan Kendra, PO Sainik School Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odhisha-751005
6. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110 054
7. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh-160017
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9. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar –791 111
10. The Director of Education, Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair – 744101
11. The Director of School Education, Ladakh, Room No.101-102, Ground Floor, Council Secretariat, Kurbathang, Kargil – Ladakh
12. The Director of School Education, Andhra Pradesh, 3rd Floor, B block, Anjaneya Towers, VTPSRd, Bhimaraju Gutta, Ibrahimpatnam, Andhra Pradesh – 521 456
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14. The Additional Director General of Army Education, A –Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi-110001
15. The Secretary AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar (Near APS), Delhi Cantt-110010
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17. Secretary/ Controller of Examinations/ All Directors, CBSE
18. All Regional Directors/ Regional Officers of CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions
19. All Joint Secretary/ Deputy Secretary/ PPS/SPS/Under Secretary/Assistant Secretary, CBSE
20. All Head(s)/ In-Charge(s), Centre of Excellence, CBSE
21. In charge IT Unit with the request to put this Circular on the CBSE Academic Website
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Annexure- 1

SAFAL KSA 2025-26

S. No.	Details of the Assessment	Subject	Timeline
SAFAL KSA Assessment for English Medium Schools in Digital Mode			
1.	Grade 8 (Students who are currently in Grade 9)	Language	10 th November 2025 (Monday) 11 th November 2025 (Tuesday)
2.		Mathematics	12 th November 2025 (Wednesday) 13 th November 2025 (Thursday)
3.		Science	17 th November 2025 (Monday) 18 th November 2025 (Tuesday)
4.	Buffer Days (Grade 8)		19 th November 2025 (Wednesday) 20 th November 2025 (Thursday) 21 st November 2025 (Friday)
4.	Grade 5 (Students who are currently in Grade 6)	Language	24 th November 2025 (Monday) 25 th November 2025 (Tuesday)
5.		Mathematics	26 th November 2025 (Wednesday) 27 th November 2025 (Thursday)
6.		EVS	1 st December 2025 (Monday) 2 nd December 2025 (Tuesday)
7.	Buffer Days (Grade 5)		4 th December 2025 (Thursday) 5 th December 2025 (Friday) 6 th December 2025 (Saturday)



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