

## **What is Kamalalayam?**

Kamalalayam is a non-profit trust that seeks to offer a home in a family-style environment to children who have lost their parent / parents or can no longer live with them. A Care giver for every ten to twelve children would be a Mother figure, providing physical, emotional and mental support until the age of 18 or till she becomes independent.

Kamalalayam has its own building in Manjakudi, Tiruvarur dist of Tamil Nadu and has seven children living under its care.

### **Which children are eligible for admission to the chatralaya?**

Every effort will be made to ensure that the children placed in Kamalalayam are those who are going to benefit most from its care. Only those children who are in need of a new home in a permanent family environment and for whom a more suitable care placement cannot be found will be considered for admission into the Chatralaya. Generally speaking, children up to the age of ten can be admitted. When a group of siblings is admitted, group members' ages may, however, vary.

### **Who decides whether a child is admitted or not?**

The members of Kamalalayam Trust will define the criteria of admittance within the scope of the guidelines set up by the Trust and according to the economic, social, and legal requirements. Swami Dayananda Education Society will make preliminary selection and after due process of interview and ensuring that the child is really in need of a home, admission will be given. Physical and mental fitness would also be considered before taking in a child.

### **How many children will Kamalalayam Chatralaya have?**

Kamalalayam plans to accommodate upto 30 children and will in no event exceed 40 children at any given time.

### **When do children leave the care of Kamalalayam Chatralaya?**

There is no specific age at which children will leave the Chatralaya. Usually, they will stay in the care of the Trust until they are capable of looking after themselves; until they have completed their education or vocational training and can make a living on their own.

### **Will children get a vacation to visit their relatives?**

Depending on the need of the child, a written agreement with the guardian would allow a child to go on leave during summer vacation.

### **What kind of food will be served for children?**

Wholesome vegetarian food, milk and porridge, fruits and snacks are served for children both at Kamalalayam and for school. Besides, multivitamin supplements are also given to ensure balanced nutrition.

### **Who takes care when the child is sick?**

There is a sick bay where the child gets to rest. A doctor at Kodavasal will also be at hand. In case of serious ailment, the child may be sent to his/her guardian for further treatment.