

13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

We are aware that there are many questions that you may have regarding operations at our school amid the public health impacts of the novel Coronavirus. This is a rapidly changing and unprecedented situation that requires coordination with the Ministry of Education and Health. We have to protect the health of our students, faculty and staff; to help slow the spread of the virus because it will spread from what we are noticing around the world.

We have just been informed via an email directive from the Ministry of Education, in gist as below:

*Referring to a Media Statement issued by the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) calling for all mass gatherings to be postponed to prevent the possibility of COVID-19 infection, the MOE hereby decides that all programs involving public gatherings such as sports programs and co-curricular activities for March 2020 will be postponed to a later date.*

*MOH also advised to postpone travel abroad especially to regions or cities that are currently experiencing the outbreak of COVID-19 infection as informed by MOH.*

*Good personal hygiene should also be practiced by all parties at all times and in the event of symptoms of infection, please contact the nearest District Health Office or the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Center (CPRC). The latest developments on COVID-19 infection can be obtained through the official MOH website.*

With this compliance, we have cancelled all inter-house games scheduled to start from 14<sup>th</sup> Mar till 18<sup>th</sup> Mar 2020. All our field trips as well as the morning assemblies pertaining to Earth Week had been planned much ahead in time but we have no choice but to cancel them. I can understand the disappointment that you may feel but let's not take any chances.

We have increased the frequency of disinfecting our classrooms and common areas when we first heard about Covid - 19. We have also been trying out Google Meet in school with our students should the need arise to close school. This along with Teamie will then be used to deliver lessons online. Let's hope that we do not reach that situation but we have to be prepared. Our term break starts on 3rd April according to our calendar with the Term II exams being held just before school closes.

Till then continue to monitor your health and your child's. Please use your discretion and common sense when and if you need to public areas and crowded spaces. There is no need to panic but we need to stay safe to keep your community safe.

Thank you.

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