



Dear Parents, Guardians and students,

On Sunday, the PM announced that Malaysia is in recovery mode from the Covid-19 pandemic, and extended the RMCO till 31 Aug, with physical and social distancing rules still in place. We were hoping that some information would be given about opening of schools but none has arrived thus far. So, I am writing to you today to inform you that we have taken the difficult call of not having any face to face lessons on campus till the end of this academic year. We made this decision based of the facts listed below:

- The Ministry of Education has yet to come up with any clear guidelines as to when schools should reopen and for which levels.
- The survey sent last week to parents showed very clearly that, about 70% of the parents were unhappy with the thought of students being back in school.
- We are almost at the end of our academic year with just over 5 weeks left for this academic year.

This would effectively mean that if all goes well and the situation improves, we will meet in person and face to face in AY 2020-21. We are in the process of fine tuning our new academic calendar and it will be sent to you in the next newsletter.

### **Term III Exams**

This would essentially mean that our Term III transcripts will be based on the results of end of term online assessments, attendance during lessons, attitude and quality of work submitted by students thus far.

We are hoping that all online teaching and learning can be over by 30 June. **We will start our online assessments for all classes from 1 July till 10 July**. An examination schedule will be given to all students in secondary classes whereas the primary teachers will follow their own class time for the online exams.

I would request all parents to ensure that their child is sitting in an exam like setting as much as possible while at home. Running of the tests in a fair manner will not be possible without your help. If for any reason there is an internet or power outage or any other technical glitch, please contact your teacher or the school as soon as you can.

We will need the following from you to run the tests fairly;

- No interaction with anyone else will be allowed during the exam session.
- A suitable device (Desktop PC/Laptop/Tablet)
- An Internet connection with at least 256kbps speed
- A functional webcam and a mic with the webcam on for the teacher to see.
- In some cases, the teacher might ask for the question paper to be printed. The student may write the answers on it as they do in an actual exam. Then they are to scan and send back the papers within the given time frame. If you don't have a printer, you may type out your answers on word or google document and send it back to the teacher.

### **Parents Teachers Day for Term III**

Teachers will use the last week of this academic year to mark and prepare the term III transcripts (from 13 - 17 July). Hence no online lessons will be held unless specifically mentioned by a teacher.

We are hoping that we may be able to have staggered Parents-Teachers Day the following week (from 20 - 24<sup>th</sup> July). We may run it over several days to minimise contact depending on the RMCO rules then otherwise the transcripts will be emailed to you.

That is all for today.

Best Regards,

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