



Dear parents and students,

This email is a follow up to the SOPs that was sent out along with the Newsletter on 11 Aug 2020 about the reopening of our school. Public schools in Malaysia have been open for a month now with no significant increase in the spread of Covid -19 infection. Other International schools too are in the process of reopening for students in their new academic year after being closed since the middle of March. While we worry of infection spread, research is also now coming out on the effect of missed lessons on children.

We have an eye on the rate of spread of infection in the country and if we see it rising again, we are ready to close again and go back to online lessons.

A virtual meeting was held on Thursday to understand and address some of the concerns that parents have about their children being back in school. Some of the matter discussed were as below;

1. **Wearing of Mask** - Students are required to wear masks when coming into class or moving around. But when seated in class and when the teacher is teaching, they can take out if they feel uncomfortable. If a mask is found on the floor, it will be immediately discarded. Please send a spare mask in a pouch in your child's bag.
2. **In the Class** - Seating in classrooms has already been arranged. Teachers will assign desks to the kids with labels. MOE has already approved of seating arrangements. Kids remain in class at all times, movement will only be for language classes, PE, music and art in the secondary classes. Students will bring colouring material from home to minimize sharing.
3. **Timetable** for the class will be put up by the teacher on Teamie. Students have already been allocated their classes on it. New students will get their log in ID when they are in school next week.

4. **PE** – Students may come in their PE uniform the day they have PE lessons and they may change into their school uniform only if they wish to.

5. **Swimming** – Once we start with swimming lessons around the middle of Sept. we will ensure that student's clothes and towels don't mix in the changing rooms.

6. **Washroom** – Each class will be issued a bathroom pass for students to go to washrooms. When kids are in the bathroom, they hang the pass outside so someone outside will know that there is already a kid inside. Only two students are allowed in at one time.

7. **Food** – A new cafeteria operator is taking over the Watersides café. A separate email is being sent to your children's tanarata.net login IDs introducing the operator and the contactless operating system. While the systems are being put in place, please send food with your children for a week atleast. Hopefully all systems will be good to go by Friday. The students will be eating in the classroom itself in the presence of their class teachers. If the teacher is absent, replacement teacher will be arranged for.

8. **School Work** - All school work will be on Teamie. Real time lessons for our learners who are not in school is not possible due to poor internet connectivity. We will either record our lessons or take pictures of the work done on the board to put on teamie. This will be done on a regular basis.

9. **Temp Check** - Take your child's temperature before you send them to school. Important especially for the children who are using the school bus or van. If your child is having fever, keep the child at home. A thermal scanner will be in place to measure each child's temperature. Should we see that a student has an elevated temperature, he or she will be immediately isolated and parents will be called to take the child home.

10. **Parents who have been exposed to Covid- 19** – There was some concern raised during the meeting that perhaps some parents have tested positive for the Coronavirus and even though may now recovered, their family members may still be asymptomatic carriers. In that case, please do follow the recommended quarantine period of self-isolation and do keep the school informed.

11. In-case it Rains during drop off and Pick up – If the skies open during the morning drop off and afternoon pickup, then you will be allowed to drive up to the school foyer. Primary students to be dropped off at the Primary school foyer and secondary students at the secondary school foyer. If you have children at both levels, then please drop or pick them up near the secondary foyer.

12. Water Cooler – Please ask your child to carry a water bottle which may be refilled at the tea room/staff room or office. We will turn off the water fountain as small children may bring their mouth close to the tap.

Start Times during the first week in AY 2020-21

A recap from the previous email...Even though our academic year begins on 24 Aug, please follow the start schedule as below. We are testing the new thermal scanner and will need a little time to adjust.

As students come into the campus, they will be greeted by some teachers who will be on duty there. Then, they will be escorted to their classes in groups.

24 Aug (Monday Onwards) – All classes in the (Year 7-11) secondary to be in school by 7:50 am.

25 Aug (Tuesday Onwards)

Year 7-11 to be in school by 7:50 am

Year 3 - 6 to be in school by 8:20 am

26 Aug (Wednesday onwards)

Year 7-11 to be in school by 7:50 am

Year 3 - 6 to be in school by 8:20 am

Year 1 - 2 to be in school by 9:00 am

27 Aug (Thursday onwards)

Year 7-11 to be in school by 7:50 am

Year 1 - 6 to be in school by 8:20 am

If you have a child in primary and secondary class each, they may be dropped off together before 7:50 am. Your children will be supervised in their classrooms till the rest of the students arrive. New students in all class groups will follow the timings as mentioned. We will follow the start time as above only for the first week. If we need to extend this further, we will update you accordingly. I am quite positive that things will fall into place within a few days and we can have all students in class by 7:50 am from week 2.

School ending time remains the same at 1:50 pm. All students will be brought down by their teachers to the car park area. Please be patient and I sure if everyone cooperates dismissal will be smooth.

That's all for now.

Regards,

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