



1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Students,

Following the decision made by the Education Ministry, we look forward to seeing our students and teachers back on campus, ready for face-to-face learning on **8 March (Monday)**. We will continue to work together with you to ensure that all the students and staff remain safe by following all the SOPs laid down by the MOH. These will be along the same lines as it was when we reopened at the beginning of the academic year. (Please see attachment).

### **Absence from School from 8 March**

As educators we are all eager to come back to school to see our learners face to face. I do understand that some of you may have worries, as the number of COVID-19 cases in Malaysia continue to be high. Please inform us if your child will be absent from school for physical learning so that the teachers are aware. Please email the admin office and indicate the reasons for the absence, as well if,

- if your child is out of the country
- if your child is in quarantine
- If your child is in self-isolation due to Covid symptoms
- Any other reasons

Online learning support will be provided if required, and you will be contacted regarding the arrangements by the teachers using teamie. I have mentioned in my previous emails that it may not possible to have the webcam on in all the classes simply because the internet may not be able to support it 100% of the time. Priority will be given in those classes where students are overseas and are unable to come back to Malaysia. Meanwhile all lesson resources and activities will be posted on teamie as usual. All written work may be submitted to the teachers via teamie as well.

### **Term II & Trial II Examinations**

We intend to run our Term II and Trial II for the Year 11 students as per our schedule physically in school. Any student who is absent (except those overseas) will graded based on the classwork as well as assignments done thus far. Online exams will be organised by the teachers only for those students who are overseas. Exam schedules will be sent in due course for this.

## Outdoor Activities and ECAs

We will begin our PE as well as swimming lessons in a phased manner. Students having PE may come in their PE attire and remain in that outfit till the end of the day without changing. We will not commence any physical ECA lessons for contact sports as per the MOE directive. These may continue online until further notice.

## Some FAQs

1. Inter District and Inter State travel ban still exists in Malaysia. But, as per MOE, no letter is needed to cross districts to reach the school. The students are to be in school uniform though. It might help if they carry their student ID card along with them.
2. Please fill in the Student Health Declaration Form to the best of your knowledge as we begin preparing for physical school. [Heath Declaration Form](#) available here.
3. If a situation arises that we have a student who is displaying symptoms of COVID-19, that child will be immediately isolated and parents informed. We will then follow MOH directive and ask the class group to be quarantined for the stipulated number of days. *So, in the interest of everyone, please do not send your child to school if he or she is feeling under the weather.*
4. We will be speaking to all our *transport operators* to ensure that they scan the temperature of all students too. Students should be wearing their masks at all times in the bus.
5. Please bring in your own water bottles as we would like to minimise the unnecessary movement of students.
6. Pre-packaged, pre-ordered food will be available using the **fri app** for the cafeteria. This will be delivered up to the classrooms. You may bring in your own home cooked food.

## Staggered Dismissal

**Primary Classes (Year 1-6):** Students in these classes will be dismissed at 1:30pm. They will walk to the carpark with their teachers and they may be picked up by their parents between 1:35pm till 2:00pm.

**Secondary Classes (Year 7-11)** Students in these classes will be dismissed at 1:50pm. They will walk to the carpark with their teachers and they may be picked up by their parents from 2:00pm onwards.

If you have a child in primary and secondary class each, they may be picked up together after 2:00pm. Primary students with siblings in secondary classes will wait in the cafeteria for the secondary students to come down. They will be supervised by a teacher in the cafeteria.

We are now in the process of printing and laminating your child's name on a placard. This has to be displayed when you come to the campus to pick up your child. This will help in teachers identifying the car and directing students.

It is advised that you don't enter the campus grounds before 1:30pm unless you have some work in the office or bookshop. We need your patience and cooperation in ensuring a smooth dismissal.

Best Regards,

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