



**23 Nov 2020**

Dear parents and students,

The ONE question on everyone's mind at this point in time is, **'Is 2020 over yet?'**

This has truly been a year that has tested our flexibility, our faith, our compassion, and patience. I just want to say that I'm very proud of our extended family and community here at Tanarata for persevering through this pandemic and virtual learning.

We are truly in this together. Remote learning as well as teaching has not been easy on any one; be it students, teachers or parents/grandparents.

Please do communicate with your teachers if you are facing any challenges while learning remotely from home. Simply staying away from class does not help anyone.

I want to reiterate that as a school we are committed to serving our students' academic as well as social emotional needs the best we can at this point in time.

The announcement by the two pharma companies of an effective vaccine for Covid-19 has come as a welcome break and hopefully by the third quarter of 2021 we should start seeing the world returning to some form of normalcy.

According to MOH's present directive CMCO is due to be over on 6 Dec. There are indications from MOE that International Schools may reopen after that even though Public Schools have been directed to open on 20 Jan. We have not taken any decision on this matter as yet. If the CMCO is called off and the number of Covid-19 cases recede in KL and Selangor, we may consider reopening as per our academic calendar for Term II on 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021. We will keep you updated via our newsletter.

### **Term I Exams**

Next three weeks before the school closure for our end of term break will be used for Term I assessments. This would essentially mean that our Term I 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. Exam timetables for Secondary classes have been sent out already. Our students in primary classes will be assessed by their teachers during their regular lessons.

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. You might be asked to scan the environment to ensure no one is sitting beside you to help you.
- \* You might be asked to share your screen at any point in time during the exam.
- \* 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.

### **Term II Fee Invoice**

Your child's fee invoice for TERM II is due to be sent out during the first week of December. Please look out for email. We will not be able to give the MCO rebate that was given for school closure in April.

### **Christmas Online Assembly**

Let me begin by first congratulating all the students who sent me such wonderful artistic expressions for Deepavali on such short notice. Parents, without your support, your children would not have been able to put up the performances. We, the teachers and I were very happy with what we saw.

We have decided to have our **Christmas Online Assembly on 21 December**. This would give the students enough time to collaborate, plan and execute. Your music teachers will be speaking to you on this matter. We are looking forward to seeing some amazing performances again. Please like and subscribe to our fb as well as YouTube channel. It would be great if you could encourage the students who are stuck at home and battling lockdown fatigue just like us.

That is all for now.

Regards,

**Barnali Guha**

## **Calendar**

*Dates to Remember !*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec - Term I Exams commence
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - Selangor Sultan's Birthday
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec - Term I Holidays
- 21<sup>st</sup> Dec - Christmas Online Assembly
- 25<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas



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