

Dear Parents and Students,

In the recent days we have noticed the daily cases of Covid-19 are on the rise again, both in the state and nationally. It is a matter of grave concern for all of us. I have noted your distress through the emails received directly as well as via the TCC exco members. This email is in response to those concerns.

You may have heard that MOE via a media statement has asked all national type schools to be closed after Hari Raya for two weeks. There are no directives for International Schools to comply to this order. The link to the statement is as below, in case you missed it.

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2021/04/27/home-based-learning-for-two-weeks-after- raya-break>

National type schools work on a different School Calendar. They are approaching their mid-year break while we are in our Term III, almost at the end of our academic year. We also have our students in Year 9, 10 and 11 who would be sitting for their IGCSEs that begin next week.

We have been advised to close only a particular class level for two days for sanitisation purpose *if there is a suspected case or a close contact* and request others to go for screening test.

Moving forward, this is what we intend to do...

- continue with physical school till we close for Hari Raya on 11th May. (We have decided to extend the break by one extra day). The **Raya holidays will now be from 12th May till 16th May**.
- Should we see that the number of cases are still continuing rise during this 5 day Raya break, we will inform you via our newsletters and switch to online learning.

As I have always said earlier, the prerogative to keep your children at home is yours. No two families are in the same situation. We have some parents who have requested the school to remain open for several reasons and are not in the favour of the switch to online at this point in time. The teachers are here to support you whatever your decision.

Please do keep safe and refrain from unnecessary trips to crowded areas. All of need to play our part in stopping the spread.

Best Regards,

Barnali Guha

PS: To all parents and students in Year 9, 10 and 11 -Your IGCSEs will continue as per the timetable sent earlier even if the school closes.