

Can my child still go to school?

The vast majority of students are still attending school. Students who are not at school are the following:

- Students issued with a LOA, SHN or QO.
- Students living in a house with a resident on a QO.
- Students who display flu-like symptoms or have high temperatures.
- The school has requested families to keep home students who live with a person who has been issued with a SHN due to travel to the UK\US.

Should I send my child to school?

We have had a number of parents asking the school this question. As you consider your answer to this question we provide the following information as a guide to help you. The school is following all government advice and regulation related to control COVID-19. We are outworking all reasonable measures in order to minimize the risk to our school community, while also continuing to operate as normally as we can. While the school is open the focus of our teachers will be on their regular face-to-face classes, with absent students having access to the resources and work that is gone through in class.

Is school carrying on as normal?

Classes have been carrying on as normal while following all MOE, MOH and MOM guidelines. There have been some changes though to normal events:

- All CCAs are suspended until further notice.
- All large-scale school events have been cancelled.
- All overseas trips have been cancelled.
- Finish times have been adjusted for each Division: Juniors: 2:45pm, Middle 3:00pm and Senior 3:15pm. Students engaged in formal support (prearranged supervised time with a teacher after school) must leave as soon as it finishes.

There have been adjustments to the way that some procedures work, see Social Distancing question below.

What advice is the school following?

The school is following all advice from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower. The school is in consultation with other international schools in order to share policies and procedures. We are also listening to staff, parent and student feedback to help put the best measures in place for the health and safety of our community.

What social distancing methods are in place?

Every classroom has been setup with exam style seating in order to provide more separation between students as per MOE guidelines.

Each year level has been allocated an area where they must go for lunch in order to reduce the number of students in each area. Additional areas have been opened up as dining areas in order to increase distances between students. Distances between students in queues is set to a minimum distance of 1m. Service times of food from the vendors is staggered for year levels in order to reduce the size of the queues.

In multi-storey buildings one set of stairs will be marked as the "Up" direction and one side as the "Down" direction. We ask that students respect this in order to manage student movement through these areas.

Will school have to move to a Home Based Learning model?

The school will follow MOE schools in regard to this, starting with every Wednesday in Term 2 2020 being a Home Based Learning Day. If MOE moves to additional days ACS (International) will as well.

What can I expect from Home Based Learning?

For absent students the school will provide the following in the way of eLearning:

- Teachers will share class resources, content and work in the eClassroom, so that students can keep up with classroom activities.
- Teachers will provide online support through email or other chat facilities.
- Students can submit their work and have it returned to them with feedback.

In the case of a student-wide move to a HBL the school will enhance its eLearning facilities and will outline what parents should expect.