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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Singapore government announced a strengthening of the Safe Management Measures (SMMs) in schools on Tuesday, 4 May 2021. The requirements for schools can be found in the link below:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/20210504-strengthening-safe-management-measures-in-schools-and-institutes-of-higher-learning>

I am writing to inform you of the steps taken by ACS (International) as a result of these strengthened measures.

SMMs – Student compliance

Students have been reminded through Tutors of the requirements placed upon them in relation to SMMs. This includes the need to wear a mask, to maintain good personal hygiene, to follow all SMM directional signages and to socially distance. Our desire is that students will understand the need to comply with these for the good of the community. However, if a student repeatedly fails to meet these requirements, they will be subject to disciplinary action.

Sickness – Students

Do not send your child/ward to school if they are unwell or displaying COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms. If anyone in your household is displaying any of these symptoms, you should keep your child/ward at home.

Please give enough time for your child/ward to recover if they have been away due to illness. Please do not send them back to school until they are fully recovered.

Home Based Learning

Our hope is that Singapore schools will not have to enter a period where they move to Home Based Learning (HBL). Our policy in relation to this is that we will only move to HBL mode if required to do so by Ministry of Education, i.e. a nationwide circuit breaker or a mandatory requirement to do so by the Ministry of Health.

For more information about the SMM and HBL procedures at the school, please visit the school's website under [Life at ACS -> HBL & SMM](#).

SafeEntry Check In (TraceTogether)

Upon arriving at the school, students will be checked in using their TraceTogether app/token and have their temperature checked. Please ensure that your child/ward is using the TraceTogether app on their phone or has a working TraceTogether token.

Exam-Style Seating

For classrooms where it is possible, desks have been orientated to exam-style seating.

Canteen Seating

Canteen seating has been brought into line with the 5 persons per table requirement. Each table has a sign that indicates the maximum capacity, and seats that students are not allowed to sit on have been taped up.

CCAs

CCAs will continue to run but will be limited to a total capacity of 50 students, with only groups of 5 permitted. Our school will cease activities involving CCAs with other schools, e.g. sports fixtures. CCAs which occur offsite will need to be moved onsite e.g. Athletics.

Excursions

All excursions are suspended. This includes curriculum and House excursions, e.g. House charity events, as well as excursions planned out-of-school hours, e.g. evenings and weekends.

General Office

The General Office will operate from 7:30am to 4:30pm (instead of the usual 5:00pm).

Staggered Start and Finish Times

The school is going to further stagger the arrival and dismissal of students. From Monday 10 May until the end of Term 2, the school will revert to the following schedule. If you pick your child/ward up in a car, please adjust your schedule to pick them up at their dismissal time.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tutor Time	Junior Division (1, 1B, 2, Pre-IG)	8:00am Pastoral Programme	8:30am	8:20am	8:00am Tutor Time	8:00am (eChapel)
	Middle Division (3, 4, Pre-IB, FIB)	8:00am Tutor Time		8:00am Pastoral Programme	8:20am	
	Senior Division (5, 6)	8:20am		8:00am Tutor Time	8:00am Pastoral Programme	
Dismissal Time	Junior Division (1, 1B, 2, Pre-IG)	2:45pm				
	Middle Division (3, 4, Pre-IB, FIB)	3:00pm				
	Senior Division (5, 6)	3:15pm				

We would like to thank our school community for their support throughout these difficult times.

If you have any questions about any of these details, please feel free to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal