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Travel Advisory Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The school has just been informed that Entry Approvals for Student Pass holders are being reduced in number and the government is advising that all students should remain in Singapore as far as is possible. Please find the statement from the Ministry of Education below:

*In view of Phase 2 (Heightened Alert), Singapore will further tighten border measures for travellers with recent travel history to higher-risk countries/regions and reduce entry approvals for international students (i.e. Student Pass Holders and Dependant Pass Holders) **with immediate effect**. (Note: for information on which countries/regions have been assessed to be higher-risk, please refer to this ICA Safe Travel Office page – <https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/files/SHN-and-swab-summary.pdf>)*

*Your school should strongly encourage international students who are currently in Singapore to **remain in Singapore, as far as possible**. Those who travel overseas must obtain entry approval via the SafeTravel application portal (<https://eservices.ica.gov.sg/STO>) before they can return to Singapore. If your students are unable to find an entry date in the portal, they may have to defer their return to Singapore until the next available date.*

Border/health control measures may change at short notice, depending on the COVID-19 situation overseas, and the assessed risk of importation from arriving travellers. Travellers with prior entry approval may still have their approvals rescinded, depending on the prevailing COVID-19 situation; in such cases, affected travellers will be contacted and refunded the fees paid (for their Stay Home Notice accommodation and PCR swab test). They may re-apply for entry into Singapore on a different date, or defer their travel plans until the situation has stabilised.

We understand that some children have already left Singapore, and some are leaving in the next week. We would ask you to carefully consider the advisory above as you decide whether your child should remain in Singapore or not.

Please note that if ACS (International) has face-to-face classes in Term 3 and 4 online Home Based Learning (HBL) will not be provided to students who are in other countries.

The school will assist those children who have left Singapore and wish to return as much as we are able.

Yours sincerely,

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