



Re: Safe Management Measures Update

28 March 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Thursday 24 March the Singapore Government announced a series of updates to the Community Safe Management Measures (SMMs). A summary of these changes can be found [here](#).

Over the weekend the school has been considering these updates, and received direction from MOE, about how to implement these updates at ACS (International). Please find below a summary of changes that will occur at the school from Tuesday 29 March.

School Finish Time

There will no longer be a staggered finish time for year levels. All year levels will finish school at 3:00pm from Tuesday 29 March.

Support Time

Support time on Tuesdays and Wednesdays will revert back to the original times of 3:05pm to 3:35pm.

Face Masks

Face masks will be optional in outdoor areas of the school. Outdoor areas are defined as the following locations:

- Basketball Court (outside Library).
- Tennis Courts
- School Field
- Entrance\Exit road.

All other areas, including Canteen, Student Centre and Science Terrace, are considered indoors which is consistent with the national guidelines.

Lunch Procedures

Students will eat their lunch in their designated areas. When they have finished eating, they may choose to move and sit at the basketball court, tennis courts or school field in groups of 10, with 1m spacing, if they wish to. Mask wearing is optional in these areas.

Students will be permitted to play games at lunchtime in the Sports Hall, Basketball Court, Tennis Court and School Field. However, as 1m distancing cannot be enforced, students will need to wear masks when playing.

Congregational Singing

Singing the Singapore National Anthem, ACS School Anthem and other songs is now permitted with masks on.

Assembly, Chapel and House Meetings

The school will recommence in-person Assemblies, Chapels and House meetings, with a maximum of two-year levels, or equivalent together. A roster is in place to rotate students through these meetings over the term.

Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)

CCAs have largely recommenced with each CCA taking guidance from the national guidelines of how to operate. CCAs that require unmasking, such as singing, playing of brass\wind instruments and indoor sports, require unvaccinated students to perform an ART prior to the CCA. The results must be shown to the teacher in charge. Students must provide their own ARTs.

Sickness

If your child has COVID-19 symptoms they should remain at home until they are well. Students should follow the [Singapore 1-2-3 Protocol](#) for COVID-19 management.

The school will adopt these measures and monitor their impact, and make any adjustments as necessary.

The school thanks you for your support over the past few years, and we hope that these updates will be a positive change for our students.

Yours sincerely,



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