

# MUTIARA INTERNATIONAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL SDN BHD (391277-M)

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL - SCHOOL UPDATES

We are in the final preparations to reopen school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2021. Yesterday morning all our staff completed the COVID-19 test and the school will be fully sanitized at the end of this week as staff have worked from home to deliver lessons via the remote learning platform.

# When we return to school students please ensure you have completed the self-declaration form shared via the Nurse's Office recently.

We will continue with the staggered departure or dismissal times and currently there will be no CCA activities or Elective Activities after school in January 2021. An alternative CCA programme (following the MOE/MOH guidelines) will be shared with you from the PE department in the near future.

#### Students arrival

Our procedures remain the same as during our most recent opening where students in the Junior School will assemble on the grandstand if the weather conditions are suitable and in the school Hall should it rain.

From Monday 11th of January 2021 the dismissal times will be as follows: -

Dismissal Times from  11 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Year Group(s)	Monday to Thursday	Friday
	Reception	12:00	12:00
	Year 1	14:15	12:00
	Years 2-4	14:25	12:10
	Years 5 & 6	14:30	12:20
	Years 7-9	14:45	12:30
	Year 10-12	15:00	

For our new students and our Year One Group, they will also notice on the timetable it would appear that the school day ends slightly later on a *Friday*, please note that the school day will still conclude at *the usual time of 12:30*.

Year One will continue to have a priority access pass and the gate will be opened for those cars displaying this permit at **14:00** and parents and or drivers will be requested to park in the bays at the front of school. All other parents please begin to arrive approximately 5-10 minutes ahead of your child's dismissal time.

For Junior students may I also take the opportunity to remind everyone that the ASC timetable software doesn't allow us to change the break time on the master schedule for a single day, hence the second break still appears on the schedule on Fridays, even though the school day actually concludes at 12:30

We have also reminded students and staff that during inclement weather students will be directed to the dining hall during the dismissal time.

Please also join the staff and I in reminding your sons/daughters not to enter the hatched yellow box to cross the road, this will hopefully reduce the crossing risk and assist the 'second lane' traffic. Please do continue to drive through our campus cautiously.

Unfortunately, during pick-up time there may well be occasions when parents, guardians and drivers will arrive at the front of the queue and their children are not yet ready. To keep the traffic flowing, please do take 'another round' or park in the temporary spaces on the right hand side parallel to the school building.

### Junior school updates

First break will be at the usual time (09:30-10:00) and in order to maintain social distancing, from Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of January a 'snack box' will be delivered to Junior classrooms. Students can then go outside for fresh air and use the washrooms and stay in the new block area without coming down to the dining of school halls. The usual second break (12:00-12:30) food will be served in the Dining Hall for Reception to Year 4, and Year 5 and Year 6 will again eat in the School hall as last term. If your son/daughter has a particular food allergy, please update your class teachers on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of January.

# Senior School updates

Senior School breaks will follow the same procedures as last term, with strict social distancing in place. Year 11 students have recently received some IGCSE Mock examination details and also entry information for the may/June Series. Please complete this in a timely manner and submit it to the school office or our Examinations Officer Mr Shahul Hameed. Please check that all information is accurate and up to date.

Finally, should we be required to postpone the opening of school following any Government led announcements, we will naturally revert to utilise our Remote Learning Platforms.

I trust this finds everyone safe and well as we continue to navigate this ever changing landscape.

Best regards,

JOHN P Birch

Principal