



2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPLE –SCHOOL UPDATES FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021

Although we always remain cautious and consistently avoid complacency, we are delighted to be in the final preparations to reopen school to all students on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2021. Staff are continuing to deliver lessons online and will be in school at the end of this week to prepare classrooms and the school will be fully sanitized on Friday and Saturday.

***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 for the first week and perhaps the second week of school. 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; during inclement weather we will usher students to the school Hall or directly to classrooms.

*Please note that students who arrive via privately arranged buses must contact their provider to ensure that social distancing is maintained on the journeys to and from MIGS. I am sure we all wish to keep our students and community as safe as possible and also avoid the difficult, but necessary decision, to refuse entry to the private buses who have too many students inside.*

*From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2021 the dismissal times and exit routes will be as follows: -*

The General flow of students will be to leave school through the **dining hall** (with the exceptions of Early Years and Year one who will go via the main entrance)

All the students below will use the *languages corridor* (passing Ms Asma's and Mr Yap's rooms) and cross the basketball court and not use the main entrance as an exit - the space in the corridor between principle office and admin/the nurses station will be closed off to students. This will reduce the numbers of students passing in this relatively small space and avoid students congregating at the main entrance. As always all new procedures will be monitored and reviewed on a weekly basis.

- **Years 2-4** will cross the basketball court and go initially to the Dining Hall
- **Years 5-6** will go to the grandstand until called by a member of staff to enter the Dining Hall and then to the front porch



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- **Years 7-9** (applying the staggered finish) will follow the same route as Years 5-6 (approximately 15-20 minutes behind) heading to the grandstand until called by a member of staff to enter the Dining Hall and then to the front porch
- **Years 10-12** will go to the Dining Hall until parent cars arrive and **will not go through** the main entrance

Dismissal Times from	Year Group(s)	Monday to Wednesday*	Thursday (if we have CCA)	Friday	Waiting Locations
<b>8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 until further notice</b>	Reception	12:00	12:00	12:00	Priority passes for Friday dismissal
	Year 1 - Priority pass gate open from 14:00	14:15	15:20	12:00	To wait on the <b>outside Benches</b>
	Years 2-4	14:25	15:30	12:10	students are to wait in the <b>Dining hall</b> until parents arrive or space has been created on the outside benches
	Years 5- 6	14:30	15:40	12:20	students to wait on the <b>grandstand</b>
	Years 7-9	14:45	16:00	12:30	students to wait on the grandstand (not in corridors)
	Year 10-12	15:00	16:00		

\*When no CCA activities Thursday will also follow the Wednesday schedule.

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 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. Passes can be collected from the Administration department on Monday morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> of March.

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.

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, after a brief wait, please do take 'another round' or park in the temporary spaces on the right hand side parallel to the school building.



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## **Junior Breaks**

First break will be at the usual time (09:30-10:00) second break (12:00-12:30) food will be served in the Dining Hall for 1 to Year 4, and Year 5 and Year 6 will again eat in the School hall as last term.

## **Junior school updates**

EYFS have recently enjoyed a separate dining's space in the dining hall, from Monday the 8th of march they will take their break and snacks in the room adjacent to their classroom.

The first break and second break will be at the usual time (1<sup>st</sup> 09:30-10:00 and 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:00-12:30) The usual second break (12:00-12:30) food will be served in the Dining Hall for Year 1- 4. 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 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2021.

## **Senior School updates**

Senior School breaks will follow the same procedures as last term, with strict social distancing in place. All Senior school students will exit school via the languages corridor, passing through the dining hall.

***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