



COMMONWEALTH SECONDARY SCHOOL
Nurturing Champions of Today and Leaders of Tomorrow

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Further measures to manage 2019-nCoV

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has stepped up the risk assessment of 2019-nCoV from DORSCON Yellow to Orange on 7 Feb 2020. In tandem, MOE has introduced further measures on top of stepped up measures already in place since 5 Feb 2020 (travel declaration and temperature taking of all visitors). These measures aim to ensure our schools remain a safe environment for our students and staff.

With effect from 10 Feb 2020, we had undertaken the following measures:

External School Activities

All external school activities (e.g. learning journeys), and inter-school activities will be suspended until the end of the March school holidays. This is to minimise exposure of students to crowds and avoid mixing of students across schools.

Co-curricular activities (CCA)

CCAs will continue and will be conducted in smaller groups. The National School Games have also been suspended and all external performances or scheduled external engagements by our CCAs have been put on hold till after the March holidays.

Internationalisation Trips

The Internationalisation Trips for our Secondary 3 students during the March and June period will be deferred to November. Information pertaining to the trips will be disseminated to our Sec 3 students and parents when a decision has been made.

Additional Temperature taking for after school activities/proprogrammes

Your child/ward will be required to take their temperature to ensure that they are well before they can participate in after school activities e.g. CCA, remediation, Trailblazer Thursdays, etc. Rest assured that the teacher in charge of the CCA/programme/activity will monitor the temperature taking process.

Recess/lunch breaks and seating by class/levels in Asgard (canteen)

We have staggered student queuing for food at the Asgard by levels to reduce the risk of virus spread across different levels. We have also arranged for class-based seating during recess and lunch breaks to facilitate contact tracing, if needed.

Air-conditioning in the Honour block

We will cease the use of air-conditioning in Honour block to ensure our learning spaces are well ventilated and reduce the risk of spreading of virus.

United we stand, divided we fall. As part of our national Psychological Defence, we will must strengthen our discipline and tenacity when we are facing ambiguity or challenging situations. We encourage the family to stay positive and trust that MOE and the school are doing our best to balance your child's safety and quality of life. We urge the family to rely on official sources of information and not to circulate any unconfirmed information; do not succumb to paranoia and over-react to create panic in others.

As part of our national Social Defence, we encourage our students to show warmth towards one another. Our students must look out for one another, care for schoolmates who may have fallen ill especially during this period of time, and show appreciation for attendants who step up cleaning efforts in school and frontline workers in hospitals.

We will continue to remind our students to observe good personal hygiene practices and to see a doctor if they are unwell.

Thank you for partnering us in making our school safe and healthy for our students and staff.

Yours sincerely



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