As at 27 Feb 2022

# **Covid RED** Information for Parents & Caregivers

# When There is a POSITIVE Case in the School

The school will notify all families via email.

### **UNWELL CHILDREN/ STAFF**

#### **CHILDREN**

We are trying to keep everyone as safe and well as possible at school.

- It is important that children who are unwell stay at home.
- If a child comes to school unwell or becomes unwell during the day, caregivers will be contacted to pick them up.
- Please follow Ministry of Health guidelines for anything Covid related

### **STAFF**

- Staff are expected to stay at home if they are unwell.
- Ministry of Health guidelines will be followed for anything Covid related
- Classes with absent teachers will be covered by-
  - → Relievers (if available)
  - →Part-time teachers/ management
  - → Splitting the class across the syndicate or Yrs 1-4/ 5-8 (in the event of many teachers being absent)

# **CHILDREN ARRIVING AT SCHOOL**

#### NEW ENTRANTS

- NE children are able to be accompanied by a parent into their classrooms for the first 2 weeks, then to the classroom door for 1-2 weeks, building the ability to walk in independently.
  - (this will no doubt vary from child to child)
- ENTRY: via the main small gate
- Parents are asked to:
  - ⇒ scan in
  - → observe 2 metre social distancing
  - → avoid lingering

# **●** YRs 1 - 8 CHILDREN

Parents are encouraged to say goodbye at the gate



- The Principal, DP or AP will greet children at the gate and offer support as needed
- Late children still report to the office

### CHILDREN LEAVING AT THE END OF DAY

- NEW ENTRANTS & YEAR 1 CHILDREN
  - At 2.50pm NE & Yr 1 children will be
     →dismissed to an adult in the staff car park
    - **⇒EXIT:** via the **vehicle gate** beside to bank
  - Parents coming into the car park are asked to
    - ⇒ scan in
    - → observe 2 metre social distancing
    - ⇒ avoid lingering

# **4** YRs 2-4 CHILDREN

- ⇒EXIT: via the small car park gates
- **◆ YRs 5-8 CHILDREN** 
  - **►EXIT:** via the bottom court side gate

Older children picking up siblings can exit the most convenient gate.

### **FACE MASKS**

- Face masks (surgical grade) to be worn by
  - teachers/ Teacher Aides of Yr 4-8 / yr 4-8 children whilst inside
  - yrs 1-3 optional
  - · parents anywhere in the school grounds

#### Mask Breaks

· Regular breaks outside will be offered

### **1** Teachers will

- model correct and safe use
- · check masks are clearly named
- organise a safe place to store masks
- Spare masks will be available for children
- Exemptions: chn with specific needs/ disabilities/ etc will not be expected to wear masks

### HAND SANITISING

- Sanitiser Stations
  - at all internal classroom doors
  - beside alarm key-pads
  - photocopier room
  - reception
  - staffroom
  - meeting room
  - spaces used for Learning Support
- Teachers will promote use throughout the day

### **SURFACE WIPING**

## Cleaning Surfaces

 Teacher/ children to take responsibility for wiping classroom surfaces and door handles



Caretaker to wipe reception area door handles twice a day



# PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- nil: No physical distancing within classes/ syndicates
  - Large groups of children should not be brought together indoors
- **1 2 metres:** Parents/ caregivers



- **1 metre:** Singing outside
  - Between groups (if the school is divided)

### **SAFE HYGIENE PRACTICES**

- Children will be reminded and shown how to-
  - → wash / sanitise hands
  - → cough/sneeze into elbow or tissue
  - → refrain from touching face
  - → alternatives to handshakes, hugs & high fives
  - be far enough away so they are not breathing on or touching anyone

### **VENTILATION**

- Indoor spaces need to be well-ventilated
  - open windows, doors as much as practical while in class and also during breaks



### **DOORS**

**External doors** to each block will remain latched back/ wedged open to reduce contact

### **EVENTS - GATHERINGS**

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- Singing, dancing, congregating need to be outdoors with distancing
- (EOTC) activities, including overnight trips may go ahead, but will need careful planning & consideration around safety.

Parent helpers must be fully vaccinated.

 After school Sports practices with parent coaches (must be fully vaccinated.)

#### POSTPONED

Large parent gatherings/ events

#### PRESENTED IN A DIFFERENT FORM

- Parent Info Evening → Meet the teacher
  - → 4 families at a time 10 minute bookingMasks 2 m distancing
- Term 1 Learning Conversations
- → nature of these yet to be determined

### **TUTORS/ SUPPORT SERVICES**

- Learning Tutors and personnel from support agencies are able to come on-site to work with staff and children providing they-
  - → are fully vaccinated
  - ⇒ wear a medical grade face mask
  - ⇒ scan in
  - → observe the school protocols
  - ➡ provide a copy of their service protocols (these will need to align with school expectations)

### **NOT YET AVAILABLE/ CLOSED**

- LIBRARY closed for class visits at this stage
  - → Teachers will take out class sets of books

#### **OFFICE**

- Closed for face to face with parents at RED
- Parents can phone/ email office for uniform orders & pay online
- Students Leaving Early
- → Parents can phone office and we will arrange for the child to be collected at the top gate
- Drinking Fountains closed
   Children are to bring their own named bottle.
- ← Class Toys going into homes (not yet)
- Limited face to face parent meetings Only for issues that are urgent or cannot be effectively managed through a phone call or Zoom.

### **DISTANCE LEARNING**

- All children should be attending school unless they are unwell or self-isolating.
- (and teachers are still in classrooms)
  - ➡ will be provided to children who are unable to come to school due to self-isolating
  - ⇒will offer links to learning & educational websites
  - ⇒will not involve zoom/ google meets
- ◆ Distance Learning if school is CLOSED
- →online will be available for all students
- →level of teacher interaction will be determined by wellness of staff and their families



### **HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS** (as at 25/2/22)

- You are a Household Close Contact if you live with a person who has COVID-19
- Your child must stay at home
- Please notify the school

Please follow MOH Guidelines around isolating and Testing before a safe return to school.



# **CLOSE CONTACT WITH NON HOUSEHOLD**

- If your child or a household member spent time with someone who has Covid-19-
  - → Your child is able to attend school if they are Well
  - → Monitor symptoms
  - → If symptoms develop, get a test

Please follow MOH Guidelines

