29th August 2021

Dear Parents

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you and your child to St. Christopher's for the 2021/22 Academic year. It is very disappointing for us all that we have to begin the new term online. However, having returned from the UK, where the COVID restrictions were lifted, people enjoyed freedom and opportunities to return to everyday life. I feel optimistic that with the current vaccination programme happening across Malaysia, we will also see the easing of the MCO, including returning to school.

The school's purpose is to promote the love of learning, and this will be our focus when the children start the new term online. Our other priority will be Wellbeing, where we will explore the different emotions and experiences the children will have had during the holiday period. We will also establish the essential routines and structures that may have been lost or forgotten to ensure the children feel safe, secure and stable. I am confident that they will settle quickly and enjoy making or rebuilding those positive relationships with teachers and other children. This will help them engage fully in their learning.

You will shortly receive a welcome email from either Mr Samuel Hird, Head of Early Years and Infants or Ms Sarah Green, Head of Juniors. They will share the specific Home Learning Booklet for your child's year group. This document has all the critical information you need to go online and includes timetables and expectations for learning at home.

I am pleased to announce that the new teachers and teaching assistants have been inducted into the school, and they are excited to meet the children and become part of the SCIPS family. So, despite not being in school, everyone is busy organising and preparing their google classroom ready to welcome the children on <u>Wednesday 1st September</u>.

You can learn all about the new staff and read their profiles along with the rest of the team on the school website. <u>Click here</u>

Parent Handbook and School Policies

The Parent Handbook and School Policies are on the school website. These documents will answer your questions about the school and the expectations of both you and your child. As we will be online, there may be some changes or adaptions, so please contact us if these are unclear. <u>Click Here</u>

Parent Contact Information

As we start the new academic year, can I remind you that if you have made any changes to your contact details over the summer, please inform the school? This is vital so that we can contact you should the need arise.

School Website and Social Media

You can find lots of helpful information on our website. www.scips.org.my

We post the numerous and varied events that we run in school on our Facebook page. Unfortunately, due to the MCO, we have not been able to post as often as we would like. <u>Click Here</u>

School App - Skoolbag

We have a school app - **SKOOLBAG**, and this is our main line of communication to update all parents. All important notices and specific information for the different year groups will be sent out through this app.

Download the app, register and select your child's year group to begin receiving all the school news.

Annual Academic Calendar 2021/22

The school's term dates, public holidays and when the school is closed are attached to this email and available on the website. Click Here

Term 1 Curriculum Booklets

The Term 1 Curriculum Booklets will be on the school website shortly. In this document, you will find all the information you need relevant to the academic and curriculum provision offered at the school for your child's year group. Click Here

Welcome Parents Information Evening

Typically we would hold an Information Evening in the first week of the new academic year. However, this year, we will be sending out a video presentation rather than inviting parents into school. In the presentation, the teachers within your child's year group will introduce themselves and explain the curriculum for the coming year. If, after the presentation, you have any further questions, your class teacher would be delighted to connect with you directly.

Regards

Martin Towse, Principal