



ST CHRISTOPHER'S INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal's eNews

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Dear Parents,

This week has been tough for everyone in the school community as the COVID virus spreads rapidly throughout Malaysia. I was in an Association of International Malaysian Schools (AIMS) Heads meeting yesterday. All schools reported the numerous challenges of maintaining school operations as staff and children test positive for the virus. It is reassuring to note that most schools have the same SOPs in place and are following the PKD/MOE guidelines regarding the closing of classes to break the transmission.

And so, what we have experienced this week is most certainly going to be the norm, and we have to accept that cases in the school community will continue for some time ahead. No one wants to contract this disease, so it is important to remember that it is no one's fault when cases occur.

Understandably, some of you will remain anxious about this situation and choose to keep your child off school because of family circumstances and concerns. We will continue to post daily tasks in Google Classroom; however, class teachers can't deliver live learning to those who choose to remain online, as they will be teaching in school. We are looking at ways to open up a daily 'help desk' for all children online, whereby a teacher or assistant will be available at a given time to support any questions the children may have about the tasks posted. Details of this will be shared via Skoolbag and in the Google Classroom.

Despite this demanding situation, the children remain engaged in their learning, and we continue to post and celebrate their success. Please remember to sign up for [Skoolbag](#), as it is the simplest way for us to connect with you and our community. In addition, we are posting more on our [Facebook](#) page, so please do take a look.

Testing

Thank you to all parents who have supported the Random Weekly Testing, which is a requirement of the MOE for schools to remain open. Staff have also started random testing this week.

For children who have had to stay off school due to the 3-day class closure, it is also an MOE requirement that they record a negative result on a self-test before returning to the school. If you are in this position, you will receive an email the day before and an online form to fill in the test result.

After School Activities (ASA)

It is wonderful to see the children enjoying the after school activities again after not running them for two years. It is hoped that in the coming months, we will be able to expand the offering in the coming months and bring back the external providers.

Half Term Break

Please note that the school will be closed on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th March for the half-term break.

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