

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Thank you for your patience while waiting for further information on reopening of schools. The government has now published more guidance and we summarise what we know so far below.

Over the coming weeks, we will implement detailed reopening plans to safely welcome back CISM community.

Precautions measures we will be undertaking include:

- 1. Allocating students to different sessions:** We may only be able to offer your child a half day timetable. This means that Secondary Students attend school in the morning and Primary Students to the afternoon. This is because we do not have enough classrooms to accommodate for many small groups at the same time. We may also need sufficient hours for regular deep cleans between two sessions.
- 2. Limiting class sizes:** In school, your child will be taught in a small group. Each group is likely to have eight students and one teacher.
- 3. Providing new learning approach:** Students will follow a well-planned curriculum that incorporates digital and online learning. However, it is as broad and balanced as usual, and likely to emphasis on more core subjects than enrichment programme and extracurricular activities.
- 4. Increased cleaning:** Within each classroom, hygiene will be the highest priority. Your child will be instructed to wash and sanitise their hands regularly. School cleaners will be on site throughout the whole school day and will regularly and repeatedly clean anything that is touched frequently such as surfaces and door handles.
- 5. Social Distancing:** Students will be kept at distant as much as possible from each other, but it will not be possible for strict social distancing to be maintained within school premises. Our behaviour management policy will be adjusted to make clear to children what the new contact rules are. Children will be praised and rewarded for keeping the rules, but sanctions for breaking the rules. The sanctions will be enforced strictly and diligently for everyone's safety, and in extreme cases, these sanctions could result in exclusion.
- 6. Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off times:** Students' movement in and around school will be severely limited. They will eat in their classrooms or designated area in the cafeteria. No lunch will be available, but children may have a school packed lunch or bring their own packed lunch. They should also have name on water bottles which will never be touched by any other person. They will have outdoor breaks, but will be kept separate from all others. They will not be allowed to visit the toilet frequently, but must wait for their allotted time.

Arrival at and departure from school will be staggered. It is essential that your child arrives only at their allotted time so that they do not have contact with students from

other sessions. When collecting your child from school, you must wait in the car. Any failure to keep these rules could limit your child's access to school for a period of time following the violation of school rule.

- 7. Making appointment:** Parents and other visitors will not be allowed on school premises without an appointment. We are, as always, available to talk to on the telephone. In the exceptional event of a meeting being necessary, an appointment should be made, and strict social distancing rules will be applied throughout the meeting.
- 8. Keeping students and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home:** If your child, or anyone else in your household, shows COVID-19 symptoms (high temperature, coughing or lack of smell or taste), you should not send them to school, but should instead follow government guidance related to testing and isolation. You should call us at school for advice. If your child develops symptoms at school, they will be sent home immediately and school will follow procedures from the authority.

If you have any queries please call us at school.

Thank and we appreciate your co-operation.