

Community of Learners SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

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https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/covid-19/information/covid-19-safe-schools

COVID-19: safe schools

To help schools reopen and stay open and safe, teachers, school staff, parents and students should follow the 'do it all' approach to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission:

- Maintain a distance of at least 1 metre
- Keep hands clean
- Wear a mask indoors, and outdoors when physical distancing isn't possible
- Cover coughs and sneezes when not wearing a mask
- Open windows and doors to ventilate classrooms and common areas
- Get vaccinated when it's your turn
- Remember to stay home when you are feeling unwell.

Everyone can play their part to keep schools open and safe.

These are the guidelines of the World Health Organization (WHO) in regard to keeping school safe at this time when Covid 19 is still a major health risk for all.

We fully support the "do-it-all" approach and we can only do so successfully with your cooperation.

Here are our guidelines and rules as our way of implementing the WHO guidelines:

It begins with prevention and preparation:

- 1. Keeping children at home when they are not feeling well, have colds and cough and a fever
- 2. Keeping children at home when someone at home is sick or has been exposed to a close contact

For #1 and #2: Please inform your child's Homeroom teacher preferably the night before or in the morning at least an hour before classes begin. Please remember the teachers are not attending to phones during class hours. Depending on the age, attending online classes may or may not be an option. There are no zoom classes



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for Lower school, 6s7s and special education classes whenever they must stay home due to #1 and #2.

For older middle school to high school, the instructions for zoom classes will come from homeroom and/or subject teachers. The decision to open zoom sessions for a specific class and its composition (on site vis a vis online) is to be made by individual teachers based on their assessment of what works best for each class on that particular day. They may assign asynchronous work/tasks for those working at home. Credit for attendance is given based on student submission of work done during the assigned period. Homeroom (google classrooms) may contain announcements also from both homeroom and subject teachers regarding instructions for those who are online for health reasons.

 Their daily essentials for school should include the following: Face masks (at least one extra clean one in the bag), hand sanitizer, tissue or wipes Extra T-shirts (one is the CoL Tshirt) Eating utensils (fork and spoon) properly labelled in their own containers

Water jugs and bottles

For the younger age group please refer to the list of supplies for the extra set of clothes and underwear left in school.

Indoor footwear:

For the Lower School to High School: indoor footwear and extra socks to be left in school

Clean footwear strictly worn only inside the school premises should be left in school or brought daily. Clean socks are always required because they will wear socks inside certain classroom. Shoes will be left outside the door to minimize dirt and bacteria.

4. We are committed to disinfected, sanitized classrooms and toilets at the start of each day and maintained throughout the day. Your children will be involved in keeping the classrooms and shared spaces clean.

It continues throughout the day in school:

- 1) Staggered schedules for arrival in school and entry to decongest.
- 2) Masks on at all times except during mealtimes.
- 3) Every classroom will strive to be a C-19 safe bubble and space. .
- 4) Classroom ventilation is assured.



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- 5) Meals will be eaten inside their own classrooms. This allows teachers to closely monitor safe eating practices.
- 6) Food Service will be brought to Lower and Middle school classes. All children must bring their own utensils from home.
- 7) For this schoolyear, on-site inter-class interaction will be done in an outdoor context or the biggest rooms with group size planned for.
- 8) Hand hygiene will be promoted as a habit because this has been proven to be one of the most effective practices. Supervision for this will be a priority.
- 9) All students will be taught about these safety and health practices all day, every day until habits are well internalized.
- 10) At the end of school day, students will go directly to their vehicles or the school bus.

Friday online for Gr 2 to SHS will be be our "extra disinfecting day" in the premises.

Vaccination Policy:

1) We strongly encourage all parents to have children aged 5 and above vaccinated.

It has been shown to be protective.

We will require all vaccinated students to email screenshots of vax cards to be included in their files as health records.

- 2) Those who are not vaccinated must inform us in writing that your child is not vaccinated.
- 3) All staff members are vaccinated.