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Safeguarding Students and Safeguarding Learning

Dear Parents / Guardians,

As Covid-19 continues to be a concern for schools, we would like to remind parents **not to send their child to school when he/she is unwell, or when a household member is unwell with flu-like symptoms.**

In addition, we would like to highlight the situations where your child will be placed on Approved Absence (AA):

- **Students staying in the same household as individuals (6 years and above) with flu-like symptoms** (e.g. running nose, cough, sore-throat, fever) **should not come to school.** The unwell household member should see a doctor and get a Covid-19 Test (Either ART or PCR). **Student can return to school once the household member's test result is negative.**
- **If students or their household members are required to undergo mandatory Covid-19 testing due to a Covid-19 cluster, they should not come to school until the test result is negative.** This does not apply to situations involving Rostered Routine Testing (e.g. healthcare workers, F&B workers who have to do a fortnightly swab).
- Students who have been on **MC due to flu-like symptoms** and are **unable to produce evidence of a negative Covid-19 test result** (ART or PCR) by the end of their MC **should not come to school until 5 days later from the date of expiry of their MC.**
- **If a student receives a Health Risk Warning (HRW) SMS from MOH,** the student cannot come to school until the student receives a negative result for his/her exit PCR swab test.
- **If a household member of the student receives a Health Risk Warning (HRW) SMS from MOH,** the student cannot come to school until the household member's entry PCR swab test is negative; and the household member is well.

Please also contact the school for further guidance for any of the following situations:

- Student or household member tests positive for Covid-19
- Student or household member receives a Quarantine Order from MOH
- Household member placed on SHN in the same place of residence as the student

We have attached a comprehensive **Covid-19 Status Summary** for your easy reference and the situations your child should not be in school.

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Safeguarding Learning during Absences

The school is committed to **ensuring our student continues to learn even when they are away from school** due to Covid-19 related reasons (i.e. MC, Leave of Absence, Quarantine Order, Approved Absences).

Parents should **inform their Form Teacher of any such absences as soon as possible.**

To ensure students continue with learning, the Form Teacher will:

- Coordinate with the English, Mathematics, Science and Mother Tongue subject teachers to make the arrangements for student learning to continue.
- Contact you by the next day (e.g. via Classdojo, Whatsapp, call) to provide further instructions on how students can access learning away from school.
- Check with you on whether your child needs to loan a computing device (e.g. Laptop, iPad) from the school. Parents will be required to make your own arrangements to collect the device. If there is difficulty in making such arrangements, please contact the school.

We would also like to remind students to observe the following etiquette when attending Live Lessons:

- Attend the English, Maths, Science and Mother Tongue Live Lessons according to their usual timetable.
- Be properly attired (i.e. school uniform / PE T-shirt and PE shorts)
- Be punctual for the lessons (to be online by 7.35am)
- Turn on the camera of their computing device
- Have their learning materials ready (e.g. books, writing materials)
- Pay attention during the lessons

The Covid-19 pandemic is an ongoing challenge for all of us, but with your understanding and assistance, we will keep the school a safe place for our students and ensure learning is not disrupted.

Regards,

Mrs Lee Hui Feng
Principal



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Covid-19 Status Summary

Category	Description
Unwell with flu-like symptoms	1. For <u>unwell student with flu-like symptoms</u> : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> See a doctor and get tested for COVID-19. Student can return only after the MC period, and if a COVID-19 test returns negative (if a PCR test was done, it must return negative). If unable to produce evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result (ART or PCR) by the end of their MC, student will be placed on Approved Absence (AA) for a further 5 days after the date of expiry of their MC (refer to Approved Absence section below).
Approved Absence	2. For students staying in the same household as <u>individuals (6 years and above) with flu-like symptoms</u> . <ol style="list-style-type: none"> They will be placed on AA and be required to stay at home until the unwell household member's COVID-19 test result (Antigen Rapid Test (ART) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Test)* is reported to be negative.
	3. For students, if <u>they or their household members</u> have to undergo <u>mandatory</u> testing due to a COVID-19 cluster. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> They will be placed on AA and required to stay at home until the individual's COVID-19 test result (ART or PCR)* is reported to be negative. This does not include students with household members who are healthcare workers and other sectors who undergo rostered routine testing.
	4. For students who have been on MC due to flu-like symptoms and are unable to produce evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result (ART or PCR)* by the end of their MC. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> They will be placed on AA for a further 5 days after the date of expiry of their MC.
Quarantine Order (QO)	5. For students on QO: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school. Observe QO closely.
Leave of Absence (Quarantine Order)	6. For students staying in the same household as <u>individuals on QO</u> serving QO at their place of residence, for the duration of their QO. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> LOA (QO) will not be issued to students if their household member on QO is not serving their QO at their place of residence. For students staying in the same household as individuals who are awaiting transportation to GQF, until the PUQ <ol style="list-style-type: none"> moves out to serve the QO at the GQF; <u>and</u> tests negative for COVID-19 entry swab test; <u>and</u> PUQ remains well

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Health Risk Warning /Alert	<p>7. <u>Health Risk WARNING SMS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Persons identified to be a casual contact of a COVID-19 case, or have visited specific higher-risk hotspots on the same day as a COVID-19 case may receive health risk warning SMS. b. If <u>student</u> receives this SMS, student will be placed on AA and may return to school after exit PCR swab result is negative. c. If <u>household member</u> receives this SMS, student will be placed on AA and may return to school after entry PCR swab result is negative and if household member is well. <p>8. <u>Health Risk ALERT SMS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Persons identified to have visited hotspot areas or their vicinity may receive the health risk alert SMS. b. If <u>student</u> receives this SMS, student is strongly encouraged to be tested and monitor their own health. While allowed to return to school, they are advised to minimize their social interactions for the duration specified by MOH. c. If <u>household member</u> receives this SMS, student can return to school.
Phone Surveillance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. MOH may place casual contacts of a confirmed case on phone surveillance, and may conduct a mandatory swab test at the end of the phone surveillance period. b. If <u>student or a household member</u> is placed only on phone surveillance (<u>without mandatory testing</u>), student can continue to come to school. c. If <u>student or household member</u> is required to take a <u>mandatory swab test</u> at the end of their phone surveillance period, student will be placed on AA until the test result is negative.

**Parents may refer to the following link <<http://flu.gowhere.gov.sg/>> for a list and map of clinics and medical groups that provide PCR tests for adults and children.*

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