

SJIIM Weekly Update

13 March 2020



COVID-19 Virus Update

SJIIM would like to express solidarity with, and to offer our support to, all those who have been infected with the COVID-19, and their families, not just in Malaysia but in countries across the world. We also remember the many healthcare personnel and other caregivers who are offering essential service and care for those infected, even at the risk of their own health and wellbeing. We hope for quick containment of the outbreak in Malaysia, which has seen a spike in new cases over the past few days. We encourage everyone to remain compliant with health and safety procedures, avoid unnecessary exposure and act responsibly to reduce the risk of spreading.

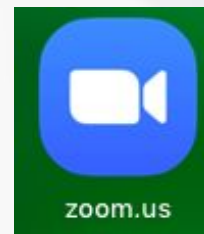
Our thoughts are, of course, predominantly for our two SJIIM families who have been directly affected by the virus. We have been touched by the many kind words and messages of support which we have passed onto the families directly. Please do continue to keep them foremost in your thoughts and prayers.

Finally, we would like to assure you that we are doing everything possible to continue to keep our community safe. To this end, we are continuing with our safety precautions. Please find a further list of FAQs received from parents during this week.

What are the remote learning plans, should the system be needed?

In the Elementary School there will be different platforms and plans for each phase. We will send out details of these along with online safety declarations on Monday. In the meantime, it would be useful if parents could download the app **ZOOM Cloud Meetings**.

Many of you have already done so and are already using it successfully- thank you.



In the High School we have set up a virtual school learning environment. This is based upon previous experiences and other international schools around the world. It is based on the use of google drive and will include daily lesson plans, use of google classroom and video conferencing. Should the school be closed, students will receive an invite to their class folder that will contain sub folders for all their subjects. They will also receive a detailed instruction document outlining how Virtual School will operate.

This will be a new way of teaching and learning for the majority of the community and we would ask for your help and understanding especially during the first days if Virtual School is needed. If we are closed for up to 2 days we will use Google Classroom to post work as we are currently doing, if the closure is for longer, then Virtual School will be activated.

Will sports fixtures be returning next week?

We have withdrawn from all sports fixtures and tournaments for the remainder of Term 2. AIMS Sport and KL Sports League fixtures & tournaments have been postponed until the situation eases and restrictions are lifted.

Will swimming lessons be taking place next week?

Curriculum swimming will not take place next week. Lessons will resume after the end of Term 2. Squad swimming is continuing, but it is optional.

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Will CCAs be taking place next week?

In the High School next week, school-based CCAs will run as normal. CCAs held at external venues will NOT take place next week. This is due to a directive from the MoH received today.

There are no planned CCA's in the ES next week.

Are screening checks still in operation?

Yes, we will check temperatures and supply hand sanitation for all who enter the building until the end of term 2.

Will assemblies and group gatherings be resuming next week?

No, assemblies and group gatherings will not resume this term, this includes planned parent sessions and meetings. Please contact the relevant office if you would like to make an appointment to meet a staff member.

Are visitors allowed to enter the school site?

We understand that there are some meetings which are essential. We are therefore designating the rooms in the Admin office next to Mr Kingsley Francis Charles office as visitors' rooms. This way we will be able to maintain a rigorous daily clean. All visitors will be scanned and passports checked to ensure no-one on the site has recently visited affected countries.

Have any students or staff tested positive for the virus?

No students or staff have tested positive for the virus.

Note to Members of the Parent Partnership Group

We have been unable to hold our monthly meeting since the outbreak of COVID-19. We understand that there may be issues which parents would like to raise but have not had the forum to do so. We therefore invite parents to inform the parent representatives of any concerns and we will open a document for questions and respond to them as quickly as is possible.

End of term - Friday 27th March

Early Years - 12:30pm dismissal

KS1 & KS2 12:45pm dismissal

High School 1.00pm dismissal (no lunch)

Message from PSG - cancelled events

PSG Coffee Morning March 19 & 20

2 Day Virtues Workshop with Sahana Fried and Chris Woodhams.

Kindly take note that the above events will be postponed to a later date as everyone's safety takes priority in this situation. We thank you for your kind understanding and hope to resume in Term 3.

Elementary School Update



Sign up for term 3 CCA

Sign-up for Term 3 CCA opens tomorrow, 14 March (open at 10am) - 20 March (close at 5pm).

All CCA sign-ups for Term 3 must be completed via Schools Buddy.

Please click on the link to view our CCA information site which will show which CCAs are available on each day.

[CCA Term 3 Information site](#)

Events

The following events have been postponed or cancelled under current measures:

- ES class swimming - cancelled, children will have two PE lessons instead
- ES Parent Teacher Consultations 17 & 18 March - postponed until Tues April 14, Wed April 15 & Fri April 17 (5J appointments to continue next week)
- Virtues Parent Information Session and PASS Information Session 19 & 20 March - postponed
- Yr 4 & 5 Camp Parent Information Sessions March 24 - postponed
- Art workshop for Yrs 3 & 4 March 25 - postponed
- Yr 2 trip to Royal Selangor March 26 - postponed
- Easter Paraliturgy March 26 - students & school staff only

Please can we remind parents not to accompany the children to their classrooms. We are continuing to try to reduce the risk of contamination. Early years and year 1 staff will be on hand to support the children into class. Thank you for supporting the school's procedures during the screening time.

Parent Teacher Conferences (PTC)

You will have received an email today regarding the Parent Teacher Conferences. As we are postponing our PTC meetings, the children will bring home a reflection sheet they have completed with their teacher next Friday. Please do share these with your children and discuss what they have written. The teacher may also refer to this reflection sheet at the conference after Easter.

World Book Day April 24

Our annual World Book Day celebration will take place on April 24. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on this day.

As part of these celebrations, we have arranged for a published author, Soo Sian Lim, to visit SJIIM on Monday & Tuesday April 27 & 28 if possible. Please see some information about her at the link [here](#). Details on how to order her book, should you wish to do so, will be shared with you nearer to the date of Soo Sian's visit.

Bottle tops & Ring pulls

Thank you to our families who have been collecting bottle lids for our school mural which Ms Windley is organising. Please do continue to collect bottle lids/caps as well as can ring pulls. Currently Jaime are winning with the most ring pulls collected for the Upskills Project in the Philippines.

High School Update



Events

The following events have been postponed or cancelled under current containment measures.

IBDP and IGCSE Options Information

These events have now been cancelled, due to restrictions to visitors and parents visiting in school for the remainder of this term. For IBDP queries, please contact **Mrs. Fitzgerald** at mfitzgerald@sjj-international.edu.my, and she can arrange a telephone or Skype call to assist whereas for IGCSE queries please contact **Mr Anton Bush** at abush@sjj-international.edu.my

High School Sports Day

St Joseph's Institution International School Malaysia (SJIIM) will be rescheduling the **High School Sports Day** (21 March 2020) to a later date, **25 June 2020**. This event will be held at SJIIM. Further details will be sent to students and parents nearer the time.

NOTICE FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:

Dear Parents,

It is with sadness that I announce that I will be leaving SJIIM at the end of this academic year. I have enjoyed every moment that I have spent with the students and staff in this wonderful school. Many thanks to all the parents who have shown me such warmth and support over the last four years. I hope to get the chance to thank you many of you in person during the next few months.

Warm regards,
Dr Nicola Brown.

Useful Links



[ES Student Absence Form](#)
[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[HS Parent Calendar 2019/20](#)
[ES Parent calendar 2019/20](#)



[HS Staff Email 2019/20](#)
[ES Staff Email 2019/20](#)



[March menu](#)
[Term 2 meal charges](#)



[Update from University & Career Counselor](#)



[PSG update](#)
[PSG & Service CCA](#)



[Music Website](#)



[Sports Website](#)



[Epurse \(Top up credit\)](#)
[Tapestry \(For ES\)](#)
[Parent portal \(For ES\)](#)



[CCA \(Schoolsbuddy\)](#)
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