



# QUEENSWAY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Since my last letter on 10 May 2021, the COVID-19 situation has become a greater concern and our Government has stepped up measures to foster a greater need for social responsibility from all citizens and residents. These measures will hopefully dampen the community spread to hasten a return to normalcy in daily life.

Likewise, in QSS, we are also taking the following measures to ensure a higher level of safety for our students and staff.

## **Responsible Personal Measures**

I have regularly reminded our students on the following. Please help us remind your child/ward and check that they are doing the necessary:

- Proper wearing of face mask that should cover their nose and mouth
- Take their temperature before coming to school. If they have a temperature of 37.6 degrees or higher, they should not come to school.
- They must have their Oral Digital Thermometer with them when they come to school
- Wash their hands regularly with soap and water
- Wipe down their desk after use

Currently our students are already sitting in examination seating format and the practice will continue. The following are changes that will take place for the next 2 weeks or until further notice as the objective is to cohortise students and reduce mingling among students from different classes.

## **CCA**

- All CCA sessions will pivot to using virtual platforms. CCA teachers will inform students about this.

## **Recess Time**

- Unstructured Play, which is held on Wednesdays, will be suspended. Students will have their recess only at the usual recess time.
- During recess, students will be reminded not to talk when they are eating or drinking. After they have consumed their food or drinks, they should wear their face masks before talking.
- Students will be required to sit 1m apart during recess time.
- All sports and play activities during recess will be suspended.

## **Remedial Lessons**

- The Sec 4/5 Mother Tongue Intensive Programme will continue as planned.
- Remedial sessions for Sec 4 Normal students, not taking the GCE O-Level Mother Tongue will continue with their remedial sessions.
- All Sec 1 – 3 remedial sessions will be suspended for the next 2 weeks. Students can arrange for consultation sessions with their teachers on a needs basis. We will advise further on remedial sessions when Semester 2 begins.

## **Talent Development Programme**

- The programme will be suspended for the next 2 weeks and students will be advised when Semester 2 begins.



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## Mid-Year Post Examination Programme

We had originally planned for post-examination activities on the last week of the term. These have, however, been cancelled due to the challenges of ensuring the tighter required Safe Management Measures. Normal lessons will continue in its place.

## Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM), 28 May 2021

As earlier advised, PTM will go on as planned as it will be held via Zoom and your child/ward would be able to join us, whether sitting with you at home or they can sign-in themselves.

## Conclusion

One year ago, Singapore went through "Circuit Breaker", catching many by surprise and we were uncertain how to deal with the challenges. Though we have gone through a period of easing of Safe Management Measures, many of us would have seen the signs that tightened measures would probably kick-in sooner or later with the rising community cases, some of which are unlinked.

As parents/guardians, it would be helpful to engage with your child/ward about the learning that we can make from the current situation. You may wish to consider engaging them with the following questions or thoughts:

- What signals from the weeks leading to these tighter SMM did we observe?
- Did we prepare ourselves well individually and as a family?
- What can we do better for ourselves and our family in the future?
- What are some learning points I can take for the future?

In life, it is more than going through situations or circumstance. We can always take each situation to see what we can learn from it. Sometimes there are things that happen to others that we can learn from. Sometimes, things happen to us personally. It is learning from the different situations that help us to be more responsive and adaptable in the future. When we are more alert and better prepared, we would be able to manage better in our lives.

COVID-19 is not going to go away quickly. A recent news report stated that the virus has mutated over 6000 times in the past year. If the virus can be so adaptable and responsive, we too can learn something from it. Let's not be too fixated on what is familiar and comfortable but always be ready for a change. Scientists and doctors are doing their best to find a way to beat the virus. The job cannot be left to them alone. Each of us doing our part to keep to safe management measures and be socially responsible will contribute to making a difference in the fight against COVID-19.

Meanwhile, stay healthy and keep safe. Let's not be daunted. If all of us are diligent about our efforts, then we will certainly find success and have our lives return to a newer and better level of normalcy. Prior to last year, many of us did not know much about Zoom and virtual tools. Now almost all of us know a lot more about technology to enhance our lives and learning because we have been diligent to learn, grow and develop ourselves. Indeed, we will find "Success through Diligence" just as our motto states!

Yours sincerely,

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