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Dear Parents & Guardians,

COVID-19 SITUATION

UPDATE No. 30

Following the announcement of a 14-day Movement Control Order (MCO) for Selangor and other affected states by the Prime Minister, a proclamation by DYMM Yang Di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah has now imposed a State of Emergency on the country until 1st August 2021. New SOP guidelines were also issued by the Ministry of Education regarding the return of students to school.

It is our view that none of these developments have any material effect on our decision to remain closed until after Chinese New Year.

CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 AT SRI KL

To date, we have the following confirmed reports of positive Covid-19 test results in our immediate community:

- 1 Year 11 student
- 1 Primary School teacher

It is hoped no further infections will be reported, but the likelihood of further cases continues to increase.

Sri KL's response

- Prior to the above cases emerging, the school campus was already closed to students and the majority of teachers. As such, only a few staff members and no students were in school on the day the affected teacher was on campus.
- Nevertheless, as a precautionary measure, sanitization has been performed at Primary School areas recently visited.
- Other members of staff who were in close proximity to this individual have been instructed to self-quarantine and take a Covid-19 test as soon as possible.
- The roll-out of online classes remains unaffected by the above action.

For the future

- As per previous requirements, all staff and students are currently required to inform the School immediately on testing positive for Covid-19.
- However, a **Covid-19 Declaration Form (DF)** will be issued to all staff and parents prior to the official return to school date. **The DF will require them to confirm that neither they nor any household member (and in particular, children who are students of Sri KL)**
 - have been in close proximity to anyone found to be infected with the virus;
 - have tested positive or are showing any symptoms associated with Covid-19 infection;

- have been instructed to self-quarantine or report to a health facility as a result of contact tracing by the health authorities.
- In the event that they cannot confirm any of the above requirements, staff and students covered by the DF will be required to take a Covid-19 test and show a negative result not more than 48 hours before they are due to return to school.
- **IMPORTANT:** Any staff member or parent found to have knowingly made a false declaration will face disciplinary action.

Planning for physical return to school

- It is our view that the need to physically reopen Sri KL to students wishing to return will soon outweigh the need for keeping our campus closed.
- As such, based on our current evaluation of the situation, **Sri KL will physically reopen on the 17th of February as planned for all students who meet the requirements of the DF outlined above.**
- However, it cannot be made compulsory for students to return to school until the pandemic is truly under control.
- Therefore, the School will most likely adopt a hybrid approach. This may involve some students remaining at home to log into classes and, in some cases, affected staff members giving virtual classes from home to students in school.
- We will update parents once details of the hybrid solution have been firmed up.

Dealing with subsequent Covid-19 infection after physical return to school

- In the event of a Covid-19 infection occurring within the Sri KL community after school has physically reopened, we shall make every effort to avoid a full school closure unless absolutely necessary.
- Likewise, the length and extent of any closure will be kept to the minimum allowed by the authorities.
- Details of the School's various response levels will be issued to parents closer to reopening.

LAST YEAR'S YEAR 11 (CLASS OF 2020) SITTING SPM WRITTEN EXAMS

- The delayed 2020 SPM exams for *BM* and *Sejarah* are still scheduled to be held in February this year and more details of the time-table will be issued to candidates over the next few days.
- Candidates are advised to prepare to physically sit the exams at Sri KL but with a strict SOP in place. Details will be released as we receive updates from the Ministry of Education.

THIS YEAR'S YEAR 11 (CLASS OF 2021) TAKING IGCSE ORAL EXAMS

- IGCSE Bahasa Melayu and Mandarin oral examinations are now rescheduled for the second week of March. This will allow students time to perform practice orals in school prior to the actual exams.
- Personal protection equipment (PPE) including separation screens will be used during the oral exam sessions.

Despite renewed concern over the pandemic, we are hopeful that relief for our parents and students is in sight as plans for a national vaccination programme continue to take shape. However, until the situation significantly improves, we urge caution and vigilance by everyone in the Sri KL community.

Finally, may we take this opportunity to wish all our students a safe and successful virtual return to school tomorrow. At the same time, we really look forward to seeing you back at Sri KL as soon as it is safe and practical to do so.

Thank you.

The Board of Management of Sri Kuala Lumpur