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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Malaysian Government's current response to Covid-19

- On 15 June 2021 a National Recovery Plan was created by the Government using a four-phase strategy to normalize the country as the Covid-19 pandemic is brought under control. The various phases would see districts and states evaluated with regard to the number of new daily Covid-19 cases reported, hospital facility capacity and the percentage of the local population being vaccinated, all with a view to gradually easing MCO restrictions.
- Sadly, at this point in time, new daily case numbers remain well above 10,000 for the nation as a whole and hospitals are struggling to cope with the influx of patients. This is despite the recent acceleration of the country's vaccination programme.
- Therefore, Selangor, KL and most other parts of the country still remain under MCO albeit with some travel restrictions eased and more businesses able to operate.
- Furthermore, in response to this latest surge in cases, the Ministry of Education announced on 17th July that all schools would **remain closed until 1st September 2021** and that a return to F2F lessons would only be conducted in phases beginning with public exam Year Groups as a priority. The phased return was also subject to the overall Covid-19 situation across the country.

Sri KL's current response to the Covid-19 situation

- To date, there have been no further updates from the Ministry of Education (MoE) but it is our view that the September 1st physical return to school now appears more unlikely than likely. However, we remain hopeful that the situation will change for the better.
- In the meantime, on-line classes for both Primary and Secondary School continue for all Year Groups until further notice.

Year 11 IGCSE candidates

- The MoE has previously advised that students would be allowed to sit for IGCSE exams after September 1st. A student vaccination programme was also discussed and the School was requested to supply the names of all our Y10 and Y11 students. We are still waiting for further news on the progress of this programme.
- The IGCSE exam season is scheduled to begin in the third week of September with the practical paper for Art and with the bulk of exams to follow in October and November.
- **We remain confident that the exams will take place and advise all our candidates to prepare accordingly.**

In loving memory

Last Saturday, we were sad to announce the passing of teacher Ms Jasinta Subramaniam after a brave battle with Covid-19. The outpouring of grief over social media from colleagues, friends and students past and present for this truly dedicated and inspirational teacher is a mark of how well Jasinta was loved and respected. Sri KL will always remember her contribution to the success and well-being of our community and our deepest condolences go out to her family.

Ms Jasinta becomes the second teacher to be taken from us after the late Mdm Ho Bee Geok who passed on in May this year from a brain infection. Her premature parting is a painful and deeply sad reminder of the lethal effects of this terrible disease.

Support for the nation's fight against Covid-19

SriKL humbly believes that it is part of our responsibility to contribute where we can to help the nation in its efforts to overcome the Covid-19 pandemic. As such, the School has been able to make modest donations of equipment and supplies to the following organizations using funds retained by our foundation.

- Sungai Buloh Hospital
- Klang General Hospital
- MAEPS Covid-19 Quarantine Centre
- Uncle Kentang
- Tuanku Mizan Military Hospital (delivery pending)

Towards these efforts we wish to recognise and thank YB Hannah Yeoh, Lush Malaysia, Tesco Malaysia, Diagnotrade Systems Sdn Bhd, the Sri KL PTA and staff and all our selfless parents who have contributed to these efforts and so many others in support of the brave and extremely overworked Malaysians helping to keep up the battle against Covid-19.

We would also like to thank Klinik Dr Siva for their work in getting Sri KL's staff on waiting lists for unused vaccines and for the excellent vaccination work they continue to do for the community at large.

A big Thank you to all of you. It is our sincere hope that everyone here fighting so hard each day will be able to take a long holiday once this is all over. For most of these wonderful people struggling to make ends meet, it is unlikely to be a trip to France, but wherever it is, it will be a vacation well and truly earned. Thank you.

Fee rebate for Second Semester 2021

- **Due to the continued delay in students returning for F2F classes at Sri KL, the School wishes to inform parents that a 5% rebate on Second Semester School Fees for 2021 will be given to all our Year Groups. The rebate will be included in the next invoice for First Semester 2022.**
- **We would also like to reconfirm that there will be no increase in school fees for 2022 as previously indicated.**
- **It is also hoped that the rebate will help those parents facing continued cash flow issues. As such, affected members of the community are reminded to contact the School if they are facing serious difficulties with school fees so that we might assist them with a payment plan.**

In conclusion

This is a crucial time in the fight against the pandemic. New variants circulating and the severe strain being put on our health services make it vitally important that we all do our part to minimize infections and to keep each other safe.

The tough choice between economic considerations and maintaining the ability of our health services to serve the needs of Covid-19 patients and other ill members of the community is a truly difficult one. The cure cannot be worse than the illness. Only vaccination of the wider community can save us from having to choose who survives financially and who goes bankrupt, and sadly, who lives and who dies. Therefore, it is so important for the safety and recovery of our country that we get ourselves and our loved ones vaccinated as soon as we can.

To anyone in the Sri KL community who has not yet registered to be vaccinated and who does not have any extra risk factors precluding vaccination, we strongly urge you to review the current data regarding the risks and efficacy of vaccination in the fight against Covid-19 in a rational and clear-headed manner free of the disinformation currently circulating. Please vaccinate.

Thank you and stay safe.

The Board of Management of Sri KL