



“Success for Every Child”



Date: 11 Nov 2020

Dear Y1-3 Parents,

Further to recent communications, you will be aware that the cases of Upper Respiratory Tract Infections (URTIs) have been on the rise in Hong Kong and the same is the case at KJS. The Health and Senior Leadership teams have been working closely with ESF and the Centre of Health Protection (CHP) to consider the most appropriate steps to maximise student wellbeing and safety and support the continuity of learning.

Today we recorded an increasing number of student absences from school due to illness, especially in Years 1-3, with symptoms associated with an upper respiratory tract infection (URTI).

We have been advised by CHP to suspend classes for Years 1-3 for three school days. This is to interrupt the transmission chain.

The decision to move to distance learning for Year 1-3 has been taken in the interests of the safety and wellbeing of students and staff. Additional deep cleaning and disinfection work will take place in the school during this time.

We will resume online learning for your child starting tomorrow, and continue that until we welcome them back to school on Tuesday 17 November 2020.

We will continue to monitor the situation for the other school classes, which are showing fewer numbers of students absent with symptoms of URTI.

CHP has advised that they may be offering our students and teachers in Years 1-3 the chance to do a simple spit COVID-19 test, as a precautionary measure. However, we will update you when we have further information.

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A further app message will be sent today by teachers regarding learning arrangements for your child. In order for us to reach all families simultaneously, all communications will come via the app - please continue to check this platform.

Thank you for your understanding and support. I will be in touch with you again in the days ahead with any additional information and updates.

Kind regards

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