



“Success for Every Child”



Date: 20 Nov 2020

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, the Education Bureau (EDB) announced today that it will suspend face-to-face classes for all students in Years 1- 3 for two weeks, starting Monday 23 November 2020. At the end of this closure period, the government will assess the situation and determine when classes can resume.

This decision was taken in response to a serious spike in locally transmitted COVID-19 cases and the continuing Upper Respiratory Tract Infections (URTIs) outbreak at the lower primary sector. Statistics show that younger children are more susceptible to URTIs and nearly 70% of the URTI outbreak has been amongst young children (Year 3 and below). While the URTI cases at KJS were declining, unfortunately, across Hong Kong this outbreak is rapidly increasing. Hence, the need for immediate action that the EDB has taken.

The EDB will continue to monitor the situation on whether there is the need to further extend suspension of classes and we will relay the information as it comes to hand.

Accordingly, we will resume distance learning for all students impacted by the closure on Monday. **Year 4-6 will commence the planned full days on Monday** and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children. We will be especially vigilant with our **3M's for success**.

We fully appreciate that the suspensions are not what any of us had hoped for, especially as we are resuming full-day teaching onsite on Monday. However, we must comply with the decision made by the EDB and will do everything we can to ensure continuity of learning during this challenging time.

Teachers will be connecting with families via the class and year group websites with zoom links and timetables very shortly.

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In addition, for children who did not get to take their school photos, there will be a make up day in Term 3 later in March 2021.

Kind regards
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