



KOWLOON
JUNIOR SCHOOL
九龍小學

Success for Every Child



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Dear KJS Families,

It was lovely seeing the smiling faces of many of our students this morning, so I would like to expand a little on KJS' stance on mask wearing after the removal of the mask-wearing mandate.

While there is no conclusive evidence at this stage that mask wearing impedes language and social development in children, research does show that mask wearing makes it more challenging for children to read social and emotional cues. Additionally, masking wearing makes it more difficult for students to communicate verbally and non-verbally.

I respectfully ask that you consider the abovementioned information if you have decided to continue to send your child to school wearing a mask. As stated yesterday, I acknowledge your right to make a choice, however, I think that it is important that you have enough information to do so.

Please rest assured that we will support our students in terms of good hygiene habits and the potential fear associated with mask removal through a social-story approach. Also, if you would like additional support for your child, then please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher directly.

Kind regards,

Dr. Jamie Schmitz

Acting Principal

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