



Newsletter 6 2020-21

Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents and JIS community

We are almost there – the students are coming back to school next Wednesday!

Friday Challenges have been getting everyone out and about last few weeks. Many thanks to those who have got involved. Here are a few responses from Reception class:



JIS - starting school again - final update

The school office has sent out a Health Declaration Form (thanks for completing) and temperature recording sheet can be accessed here, if you have not received one:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sVoVkUPmcQRX-Cga7vx_q0fYqKXmLjvZ/view?usp=sharing

A final few notes to help everyone prepare for school resumption:

- Friday assembly presentation (Google classroom / Class Dojo) this morning has some videos and also some photographs to allow students to become familiar with the routines of starting back at school.
- Friday assembly also included a poster designing suggestion if students want to get creative and help decorate their school with important information, when they come back
- All students must have completed an up to date health declaration form (mandatory) and a temperature check sheet to be completed daily before entering school. Students must not have been in contact with a confirmed

COVID 19 case and should have been in Hong Kong for at least 14 days to complete HK Gov't regulation quarantine, before they can return to school.

- Parents are advised to make sure they have a reliable thermometer at home for daily checking and to remember to sign the sheet before their child sets off for school.
- We need students to have their own stationery set/pencil case for personal use
- A spare mask or two in a clearly labelled bag is needed. Ziploc bags are fine – one labelled clean masks and one labelled used masks. (We do have some spare masks stock in school to ensure all children can be safe).
- As before, face masks will have to worn at all times during the school day – except for vigorous exercise.
- We will utilize our safe distancing policies and routines and all cleaning routines are clearly established.
- We have employed extra cleaning staff to support the school environment from now on.
- Bins for the safe disposal of masks are also available in all areas in school.
- Sanitiser dispensers are located all around the school and classrooms have individual stock for their use
- Classroom layout will be fully utilising our large classrooms to enable safe practices and movement.
- All students will be reminded of these routines in the first days of school resumption

Important logistics information: in and out of school, please read carefully.

Arrival at school:

- All students and visitors to the school building will enter through the main school entrance only. There they will be temperature scanned and checked by JIS staff
- School buses will drop students off at the main entrance only
- Students will wait carefully, socially distanced, to take their turn to enter the school building
- Students who walk or arrive to school by public transport for the afternoon should enter the school when they arrive through the main front door. Please do not arrive too early – doors will open at 12pm
- Students who arrive by car should also enter through the main front door - ***Drivers and parents are requested to stay in their cars, allow children to leave and then drive off as soon as possible.*** Please do not park to drop off your child - keep the flow of traffic going by sending only the children out of the car.
- Parents for the next few weeks, please only visit the school building if it is essential to do so. Your temperature will be taken at the entrance and you will be asked to sign in

End of school: (11:15a.m. or 3:15 p.m.)

- School buses at 11:15a.m. will collect students from the main entrance only. JIS staff will ensure students take the correct bus.
- Students leaving at 3:15p.m. will be leaving through the main front entrance and through the back gate area. P4, 5, 6 students will leave through the main entrance and Rec, P1, 2, 3 will leave through the back gate area. Any students in P4, 5 and 6 with younger siblings will wait with younger brothers or sisters (R, P1, 2, 3) and leave through the rear gate.
- Parents driving cars are requested to drive slowly and watch out for students moving in the car park and to arrive close to the time they are needed, not too early.
- At lunchtime our students need to be in school before 12:15pm – we recommend an arrival time of 12:00- 12:10pm. Japanese Section buses (x9) will fill the car park from 12:15pm onwards.
- The car park may be busy, so please be patient and listen to guidance from Mr Lun (security guard) where it is needed.

Around school:

- We shall be following all guidelines from EDB and CHP to the very best of our ability. We aim to keep the students and staff as healthy and safe as possible

- Students will be hand washing (See the Mr Walton video sent out today in Friday challenges) regularly and will have access to hand sanitizer when needed
- Students and staff will be wearing face masks at all times within the school building
- Please make sure your child has 2 or 3 spare masks in a ziplock bag for their use if needed. A ziplock bag to dispose of used masks is also a very good idea. School does have stock of spare masks for those students who need emergency stock. Please use a permanent marker pen to name the ziplock bags. We do also have mask disposal bins around school
- All classrooms have been adapted to fit with CHP guidelines. We will have students occupying a single desk area of their own.
- Students will eat their snack (but no lunch) in their classrooms at a safe distance from their class mates. There will be a morning break for session 1 students and an afternoon break for session 2 students
- We shall be operating an adapted timetable but it allows for all students, both a.m. and p.m. to have the same programme. Students will also be given activities to do either before or after they attend school to give the idea of a school day. Classroom assistants (E.A.'s) or teachers will meet with students as often as possible when they are at home.
- In order for all safety precautions and classroom adaptations to be completed the class based on-line learning for P5 and P6 will not happen on Tuesday 22nd September. There will be usual morning assembly on this day, with Mr Walton and some creative activities to do for 'Terrific Tuesday'

Tuesday 22nd September: 'Terrific Tuesday' no class based lessons

In order to allow all JIS staff to thoroughly prepare for the arrival of students on Wednesday morning, there be NO class based online learning on Tuesday 22nd. Instead there will be an assembly at the usual time of 8:30 a.m. for P4, 5, 6 students and then at 8:50 a.m. for Reception, P1, 2, 3. Some activity options will be shared with all the students for the day ahead. Can we ask that all students have a cardboard toilet paper roll tube (or 2/more) as part of one of the main activities to be shown.



We aim to get the students designing, creating and using their imaginations on 'Terrific Tuesday'. Full details in the assembly on Tuesday morning.

School uniform shop: Opening hours for next week and beyond.

In order to get ready for school the school uniform shop will open at school on the following days:

- Mon 21st and Tues 22nd September 10a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Wednesday 23rd September – 8:30 – 3:30pm
- You can visit the company shop in Jordan at any time and arrange orders through online shopping and home delivery - <https://www.jis.ufsonline.com.hk/> to contact the uniform supplier

Update from Jenny Procter (Student Support Department):

SPOT presentation – 'Many thanks to those families who attended the SPOT Children's Therapy Centre presentation on Wednesday. Abi and Emily shared what they do and how they can support our students in school and beyond. Parents of students already working with Emily and Abi, will be able to make arrangements with me very soon. Opt in or out screening forms for P1 and Reception class students will also be sent out soon, alongside an explanation letter. For further information, please contact me, Jenny Procter at school or on jprocter@es.jis.edu.hk.'

Ms Yuki De Long – school counsellor on personal leave

Ms Yuki will be taking some personal leave this term to spend time with her family in Bangkok. She will discuss with the school her situation in December, ready for term 2.

In the meantime we are delighted to welcome Ms Ashima Sharma to our school to work alongside our Student Support Department. Ashima is currently working part time at ICHK and another international school and has a spare day to offer to the families and students of JIS on a Friday. She is a fully qualified Educational Psychologist with extensive experience in counselling and other areas of student diagnosis and support. She will begin working alongside Jenny Procter and Vikki Rixon from the end of September.

Plastic free snacks at school – eco warriors

It has been really great to receive some student ‘no plastic’ snack menus this week (from Wk 4 Friday Challenges) and some posters about persuading us all not to use single use plastic.

When we start back at school we are aiming to go ‘single use plastic free’ for our snacks.

This has the benefit of encouraging positive eating habits (fruit, vegetables etc.) as well as training the students for positive action on the environment. The JIS Student Council and Environment Ambassadors will be sharing ideas with all of us in the weeks ahead.



Curriculum news:

Our final library home delivery went out yesterday. A big thanks to the library staff and also Ms Miyajima and Mr Yu (driver) for managing this for us for the last few weeks. All students, both a.m. and p.m. will be having a library session starting from next week in school.



ICHK Newsletter

Each week we share the newsletter from ICHK to keep our community informed of the news from our partner secondary school. All students at JIS have the option for an automatic place at ICHK for secondary schooling.

To access this week’s newsletter click: (the newsletter this week was related to start up logistics for existing ICHK students only, so is not attached today)

In the meantime, should you need any support I can be reached on: s-walton@jis.edu.hk or by phone JIS office: 2834 3531.

Wishing everyone a very pleasant weekend.

Simon Walton
Principal

Note: Remember to pull off the straps from your disposable masks when not needed. Too many wildlife and birds are being killed or strangled by straps of thrown away masks!! Dispose of them thoughtfully.

