



Newsletter 5 2020-21

Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents and JIS community

We are still awaiting confirmation from HK EDB that our school resumption plan has been accepted and that we can start on 23rd September. We are planning for this date and hope it can all be approved soon. As soon as we have news, we will pass it on. Please be aware of things to prepare at home – a list is included below.

Around school this week!

Big thanks to the staff who got some library books and resource packs ready for delivery yesterday.



A few happy faces collected their goodies! Please remember to book your delivery or contact your bus company if you need library books – link to order is below.

Meet the Teacher – part 2 – Thursday 10th September – 6pm and 6:45pm – via link

Many thanks to the families who logged on last night for us share some of the ideas and innovations happening at the school in the coming weeks and months. It is important for us to share with the community the directions of the school as we want to work closely with you all in designing and creating the best opportunities we can for the students.

The presentation link is here for those who wish to read it at their own pace or who were unable to join us:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1QgHmSYDxCDiiD8MAQ95kQgcQbHH0y7e144ZVfJ6Dmsg/edit?usp=sharing>

I.B. Evaluation for JIS 7-9th October 2020

As mentioned last night in the presentation the school has its 5 year Evaluation with the I.B. from 7- 9th October. This has been rescheduled from May 2020 but due to ongoing issues with the pandemic it will be a virtual/online evaluation. During these days there will lots of online conference meetings and videos made in order to give the I.B. Evaluation team an overall understanding of the school. A huge amount of information was shared with the I.B. before May 2020, so a lot of the work is done but it will be a busy time as we strive to give the best impression of our school. More details later.

School uniform shop: Opening hours

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

Hong Kong EDB – starting school again - update

The school office will email out a Health Declaration Form and temperature recording sheet on Monday 14th September. A few notes to help everyone prepare for school resumption:

- Prior to the return of school we will have to send all students a health declaration form 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 your child sets off for school.
- 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.
- We need students to have their own stationery set/pencil case and a spare mask or two in a clearly labelled bag. Ziploc bags are fine – one labelled clean masks and one labelled used masks. (We do have some stock in school to ensure all children can be safe).
- Bins for the safe disposal of masks are also available in all areas in school.
- 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

Update from Jenny Procter (Student Support Department): Presentation by SPOT Children's Therapy Centre on Wednesday 16th September

As some of you may know we have developed a relationship with SPOT Children's Therapy Centre where they provide Occupational Therapy (OT) and Speech & Language Therapy (SLT) to students at JIS where needed. At the beginning of the academic year we offer screenings for both OT and SLT but before this Emily Nguyen (Occupational Therapist) and Abi Chan (Speech & Language Therapist) are offering a parent information session where they will talk about the early intervention services they can provide. This session will be online next Wednesday, 16th September, 3.30pm-4.15pm. The Google Meet link for this meeting is <https://meet.google.com/aud-hqco-nav>. If you have any questions prior to the event please contact Jenny Procter. Emily and Abi will take general questions at the end of the session and will share their contact details with you should you have questions particular to your own child. In the meantime you can read about spot <http://www.spot.com.hk/>

Plastic free snacks at school – eco warriors!

You may have noticed that the themes for our Friday assembly challenges have been linked together through our world and the environment and this week we have included some of the work and suggestions from our Student Council on single use plastics.

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:

Library update from Ms Wan and Ms Anna:

We hope you have all received your books for this week. Our school driver, Mr Yu, and Ms Miyajima will deliver on a weekly basis on **Thursdays**. This Thursday, 17th September should be our last delivery – if we get approval for starting school from EDB. The link for the library books is here:

<https://forms.gle/xPBYWMhTggvgT4D18>



This is the schedule, for delivery:

1. Every Friday, you will receive the book order form (link above). Please submit your requests for this week **by 8am Tuesday 15th September**.
2. On the order form, you can choose whether to:
 - Collect your books from JIS anytime from the following Thursday, midday onwards
 - Collect from Sai Kung Golf Course Car Park on the following Thursday 12:30 - 12:50pm
 - Collect from Hung Hom: Kowloon Ferry Pier on the following Thursday 1:40pm - 2:00pm
 - Collect from Gold Coast: Immigration car park on the following Thursday 2:45pm - 3:00pm
 - Arrange delivery yourself through school bus services. This is for families who have paid for school bus services only. If you would like to use this service, please contact the bus service yourself to arrange. The books will be available for the bus driver to collect from JIS any time from the Thursday midday onwards.

Use of codes for Google Meetings

Over the last few weeks we have taken many extra precautions to keep our students safe and the online environment we use with them as secure as possible. Our use of Google Meets as part of our private Google Suite allows us to make secure connections for our lessons, activities and assemblies. Please support us in not allowing your children to use or share these codes for purposes that are not directly related to their school work or JIS. If a JIS staff member is not present we do not wish for there to be unsupervised activity or meetings. Thank you for support.

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: (not available this week at time of newsletter completion)

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.

