



Newsletter 10 2020-21

Friday 30th October 2020

Dear Parents and JIS community

Whole day schooling for everyone at JIS!

Great news! We did it! After submitting a revised school plan document accompanied by lots of emails and discussions we have been able to get approval from our local EDB office for us to go full day at school!

There are lots of logistics and rules that we have to follow but we are confident that we can do this safely and sensibly to enable all the students to come together for a normal school day.

All classrooms will be required to have perspex screens placed between students whilst they are seated at a desk for extended periods of time. This means we have ordered screens which will be delivered and installed in 10-12 days.

For school lunches we will be using a variety of rooms and spaces as the students are not allowed to eat lunch (removing a mask for extended periods of time) in their classrooms. We shall therefore be using the first floor art room, large multi-purpose room and the outdoor picnic tables area for school lunches. These areas will also have to be screened off and perspex screening has been ordered for these spaces too, cubicle style like in many HK restaurants. It is the only way that we can gain approval, and as we all want the students to return for a full day at school we will comply.

Our target date of whole school and whole day is Monday 16th November – full details of all aspects of the arrangements will be shared with all of the community in the coming days ahead. This date will allow us to make sure all screening arrangements are in place and that revised hygiene and safety routines will have been shared with the students, so everyone can stay fit and healthy.

Around school:

Halloween Day at JIS - today

Many thanks to everyone who got dressed up and came to school in their chosen Halloween outfit. On arrival at school we managed to have a 'Halloween Parade' so that everyone got to see each other's costumes.







HK Government Student Health Service – vaccinations this week

A group of our P1 and P6 students had vaccinations on Thursday this week as part of the service offered by the Student Health Service in HK. Some brave souls took it all well – some not so well, but they were comforted by their friends.

Parent Teacher interviews – November 10th and 12th

Appointment booking is now closed and schedules for meetings will be shared with everyone next week.

Outdoor classroom day and week – next week at JIS

As mentioned before the holidays, we will be participating in world ‘Outdoor Classroom Day’. Throughout next week classes will be taking their curriculum outside and finding ways to utilise our outdoor environment as much as possible in new ways. Obviously if we go beyond the school campus we are currently restricted to the group of 4 rule within Hong Kong, but with some extra staffing we feel we can get the students back in to the country park along our road.

School uniform shop: Opening hours – open 21st October, if needed

In order to get ready for the cooler autumn weather the shop will continue to be open on Wednesdays

- Wednesday – 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

Parents / community members in the school building

Can I please remind all parents that the school is still under COVID-19 procedures and as such we are limiting access to essential visits only by parents or community members. If you are waiting for a child attending an after school activity, please wait outside by the main entrance. Anyone who needs to enter the

school should do so through the main entrance only, wear a face mask, sign in and get temperature checked and leave as quickly as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

ICHK Year 7 deadline for priority applications

Year 6 parents are reminded that the deadline for their priority place at ICHK for next year will cease at the end of October. Parents will be able to apply after this date but they will also have to compete with families that are from outside our ICHK – JIS school association, beyond November 1st.

ICHK Weekly Bulletin:

For this week's news from our partner secondary school please click: [here](#)

Hong Kong Community Chest Dress Casual Day

Many thanks to everyone who donated for our dress casual day – both sections of the school together raised \$10,160 for the HK Community Chest.

Wishing everyone a very enjoyable weekend ahead.

Simon Walton
Principal