



Queensway Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Like most of the world, we are watching the development of the 2019–Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV). At our school, we have been paying attention to put in place safety measures that would help us keep the possibility of infections at bay. I am thankful for the support of parents, students and staff in the various processes we have put in place.

For instance, you would have noticed that at all 4 entrances to the school, teachers have been manning them to ensure that students who look unwell are screened-off to have their temperature taken. Students are told to report to their classes immediately to reduce mixing of students and teachers are also present in class before the start of school to visually scan that students remain well. Immediately after the singing of our National Anthem and taking the pledge, all students will use their personal Oral-Digital Thermometer (ODT) to take their temperature and any student with a fever will be required to seek medical attention.

I am grateful that parents/guardians have been supportive in reminding your child/ward to bring their ODT each day. In addition, we have been reminding our students to make a habit of regularly washing their hands and to cover their mouth/nose should they cough or sneeze and to wash their hands immediately. I have also been glad to see students wearing a mask when they have a slight cough or cold. Such socially responsible action is very commendable.

As we are unsure how long the 2019-nCoV would last, we will continue with these measures and where necessary, step-up on measures as advised by MOE. From today, all visitors, including parents/guardians will be required to complete a contact tracing form and have their temperatures taken before being allowed to enter our school. Those who have been to China in the last 14 days or have a fever will be denied entry into the school.

Suspension of Sec 1 Swimming Programme

In line with the enhanced effort to reduce students and staff coming into contact with crowds, we will be suspending our Sec 1 swimming programme till further notice.

Cancellation of Sec 3 Outward Bound Camp and Sec 2 Adventure Camp

You may be aware that the Outward Bound School is currently used as a quarantine centre, thus the Sec 3 OBS Camp will be cancelled. Likewise, MOE has advised schools that the MOE Adventure Centres will not be conducting camps during this period and the Sec 2 Camp will also be cancelled as it will not be possible to reschedule another period for these camps.

Sec 3 Meet-the-Parents (MTP) – Friday, 7 February 2020

As schools have to begin contact tracing and temperature taking of all visitors to our school, we are postponing the Sec 3 MTP to a later date subject to the development of the situation. Likewise, the Breakfast with Parents will also be re-scheduled when it is less administratively cumbersome to conduct such mass events.





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Sec 3 Overseas Trips

We had initially planned for all our Sec 3 students to have an overseas learning experience in the last week of Semester 1. However, with the current 2019-nCoV situation, we are suspending the trips and will determine at a later date if it would be feasible to have the trips later in the year.

Conclusion

Meanwhile, all CCAs and learning activities will continue as per normal. We will review programmes involving students outside of school and make necessary changes to not compromise the learning experience for our students.

Please be assured that our school is prepared for any contingency matters. While we hope that all staff and students continue to stay healthy, in the event of any disruption to learning we are prepared to continue to engage any affected student in alternative approaches to ensure that their learning is not disrupted.

Meanwhile, I urge for your support to do the necessary to help maintain a healthy and safe social environment. For instance, should you or any member of your family feel unwell, they should seek medical advice and rest at home. Should the unwell person need to commute using public transport, it is socially responsible to wear a surgical mask. Also, do follow the medical advice given.

We will be making use of Parents Gateway to share helpful video clips and advice that you can share with your family members and friends. Some parents have said that they did not know that notifications were sent. I urge that you remember to switch on the "alert" for notifications in your smartphone so you will receive all letters and notifications.

Wishing everyone well. Drink lots of water and stay healthy!

Yours sincerely,

Peter Tan Chong Tze
Principal

