

Dear Parents and Students,

I have received several emails from parents expressing their worries and concerns about the increase in the number of cases in Malaysia. A significant number of parents have requested us to close physical school and switch to online learning. While I appreciate that not all students have the same level of immunity, the school cannot close unless it follows the specified guidelines.

The decision to close school and switch to online lessons will be based on any of the factors listed below:-

1. School closure as directed by MOH/MOE.
2. If a student or staff has been identified as close contact of a Covid-19 positive patient. In that case the school might close for a few days for sanitisation and deep cleaning as directed by MOH.
3. If the daily attendance in classes is below 50%, we will have no choice but to switch to online lessons.
4. The daily increase is very high in Selangor/KL/Putrajaya. Currently, the increase nationally is high but regionally the numbers are under control.

But in any event, the final decision on whether to keep your child at home is your prerogative as parents/guardians.

Our teachers will definitely go the extra distance and support your children by posting all lessons, learning materials, homework etc. on Teamie. Where possible online Meet sessions may also be scheduled depending on Internet connectivity in school.

Finally, based on what the Director General of Health, Dr Noor Hisham said yesterday, if we are not careful, the number of daily cases will only go up. We have to be careful, but continue on. The situation is not going to get better anytime soon.

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2020/10/06/dr-noor-hisham-shares-worrying-stats-on-10-month-mark-of-pandemic>

On a related matter, it has been brought to our attention that some families are continuing to travel across state boundaries. I do understand that lockdown fatigue has set in most of us and we crave to be outdoors and a change in environment from time to time. But please be careful and try to minimise such outings especially to high risk areas. Remember your home and then the school have to be kept the safest places for your children.

Let's be safe and beat the pandemic together.

Best Regards,

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