

March 5th, 2020, 7:00 AM

Dear MYIS Community

We are wanting to update you on the latest impacts of the CoVID-19 virus, please read below for all of our latest updates:

- France, Germany, Japan, and Singapore have been removed from the list of **high risk countries** by The Ministry of Public Health. This means that students who have been on self-quarantine as a result of travel to or transit through France, Germany, Japan, and Singapore may come to school as of today (Friday 6th March).
- There is still a requirement (by the government) that anyone who has travelled to or transited through mainland China, Hong Kong, Italy, Iran, Macau, South Korea, and Taiwan undertake a **self-quarantine** period of 2 weeks (14 Days) from their return date to Bangkok. This quarantine also remains for anyone who has been in close contact with people who have visited or transited through mainland China, Hong Kong, Italy, Iran, Macau, South Korea, and Taiwan.
- The Ministry of Education's updated guidelines to help control the spread of COVID 19 include restrictions on **events** where: "*any activities with crowded meetings or gatherings that may affect directly to the spread of COVID-19 must be postponed or cancelled*". Unfortunately, due to these factors, we must cancel the school events for the month of March. We will reassess the situation for April when we are closer to the time depending on the directives we have received. The events directly impacted are:
 - Book Week
 - Sports Day
 - Parent Partnership Meeting
 - PWG Meeting

- Grade level assemblies (rescheduled for April)
- We have also made the decision to close the **swimming pool** for the month. We believe this will further increase our level of protection of the children against the unnecessary spreading of germs.
- Our annual school **musical** has been postponed to next year due to the restrictions on public gatherings. We know this is disappointing for our students and community, so planning is in progress on an alternative music performance that will be undertaken in groups of 2 homeroom classes. The details and dates of performances will be shared on Monday the 9th of March.
- Our **resident goats** have been staying at the farm they live at when school is not in session and yesterday two new baby kids were born! This is an exciting event for the school and one that usually is a cause for celebration, unfortunately, due to the directive from the Ministry regarding exposure to farm animals our students are not able to see them during the day, however, we are in discussion with our teachers regarding ways we can bring some of the excitement into the classrooms (such as through videos and photos).
- We have been happy to see how well the students in self-quarantine this week, have been adapting to **Distance Learning**. Distance Learning is an important endeavour that is important for the whole family to be involved in. This is not something that the students, especially the younger students of the school (Grade 2 and younger) can undertake independently. Part of the agreement with self-quarantine is that students will be marked as "present" on these days of self-quarantine. In order for this to happen, we need to be certain that the home learning is happening. Below is an outline of what will be happening starting Monday the 9th of March, this will continue to be the process should we need to close the school:

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1. The headteacher will post a short morning message and greeting video on Seesaw that includes a task or question that the student needs to respond to. Students have to then send a response to the message back to school. This response is the indication to the school that the student is 'in attendance'.
2. The children open Seesaw, listen to the video and then must post a response back to the teacher.
3. Teachers take attendance based on the responses by 8.30 am. Students who have not posted their response by 8.30 will be marked as absent.

- Finally, over the course of this week, we have been transferring our information regarding the CoVID-19 virus onto our **website**. On the [MYIS website](#)'s homepage, there is a button that when clicked, will take you to our information page. This information page contains advice from WHO, websites of interest, a live map with virus information, ALL previous emails sent to the MYIS community and the question and answers that respond to questions received by from the community. Please visit this website should you have any questions!

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Kind regards,

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