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Dear Parents/Guardians,

MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19 IN SCHOOL

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Singapore is now in the midst of an Omicron wave. In recent weeks, the daily numbers or cases are increasing and may go up even further.

1. In our school, the daily numbers of students with PCR+ and Ag+ are currently not increasing at an alarming pace. We are monitoring and managing the cases daily to prevent any possible spread. To ensure our students and staff continue to teach and learn in a safe environment, we would need all parents to partner with us during this period by observing vigilance and continue playing our part by being socially responsible.

2. As Singapore transits towards the endemic stage, right sitting care towards primary care and self-responsibility will become the new default mode of recovery. With effect from 21 Jan 2022, for Individuals on Protocol 1 and are in Community Treatment Facilities (CTF) or on Home Recovery Programme (HRP), or individuals on Protocol 2 (Primary Care):

- i. No Isolation Order would be issued; and
- ii. Individuals **may self-exit via negative self-administered ART after 72hr** or until **time-based discharged at 12pm on D7 (fully vaccinated and children <12 years) or D14 (unvaccinated/partially vaccinated aged ≥12 years)**, whichever is earlier. D1 is taken to be the day of receipt of positive healthcare administered PCR/ART test results.

3. A summary of the new Healthcare Protocols is provided below. For more information, you may visit <https://www.covid.gov.sg/>.

Protocol	Description	Treatment
*Protocol 1	For unwell individuals	<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Individuals should visit a doctor who will offer a healthcare-administered ART. If positive and condition assessed to be mild, they will be treated under Protocol 2 (Primary Care).ii. For those in CTF or on HRP, they would be treated similar as those under Protocol 2 and Protocol 2 (Primary Care).
*Protocol 2 (Primary Care)	For individuals assessed by a doctor to be low-risk and with mild symptoms, and tested positive with a healthcare-administered ART	<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Self-isolate at home for 72 hours.ii. MC issued if doctor has assessed individual to have mild symptoms.iii. After 72 hours, individual can exit with a self-administered negative ART result.iv. Fully vaccinated individuals and children below 12 years can automatically be discharged on D7, 12pm.v. Partially vaccinated/unvaccinated individuals aged 12 and above can automatically be discharged on D14, 12pm.
Protocol 2	For individuals who are well and self-tested positive (i.e. did not see a doctor)	
*Protocol 3	For close contacts of COVID-19 cases	<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Close contacts of a COVID-19 case will be served a Health Risk Warning (HRW) SMS for 7-day ART monitoringii. They are legally required to self-isolate immediately and take an ART self-test within 24 hours. If negative, they can continue with normal activities for the day.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. For the rest of the 7-day ART monitoring, they may leave the house with a negative ART.b. A final ART on D7 is required to resume normal activities.

*ART self-test kits would be provided by MOH and can be collected from vending machines at selected venues

4. If you or any member in the family is on Protocol 1 or Protocol 2 (Primary Care) or Protocol 2, please update the CCAP and ensure that your child conducts an ART and receives a negative result before coming into school.
5. If your child is issued a Health Risk Warning (HRW), please update the CCAP and ensure that your child conducts an ART and receives a negative result before coming into school.
6. If your child exhibits any Acute-Respiratory Infection (ARI) symptoms (e.g. flu, fever, sore throat, cough, runny nose and shortness of breath), please visit a doctor and observe the self-isolation order issued by the clinic. Please allow your child rest at home so that he/she can recover well.

Weighted Assessments (WAs)

7. We understand that there are the WAs scheduled these few weeks until the end of Term 1. A letter dated 21 January 2022 was sent via Parents Gateway to inform parents/guardians about how student's absence from WA will be accounted for. Please refer to the summary table shown in **Annex A** on the last page.

8. **[NEW]** In addition to Annex A, the school will now accept a parent's letter explaining the child/ward's absence for WA if it is due to any of the ARI symptoms, as mentioned in paragraph 6, but is deemed manageable at home with self-medication. Please indicate this clearly in the letter for your child/ward to bring back to his/her CCAP. This is an interim measure during this period of increased cases and to refrain from adding to the load of our primary healthcare clinics.

Conclusion

9. We would like to assure you that the safety of our student and staff are of utmost importance and we will do the necessary to ensure that all the precautionary measures are taken to safeguard their well-being.

10. Thank you for your partnership.

Mdm Rasidah Bte Rahim

Principal

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Annex A

Extracted from school letter to parents/guardians dated 21 January 2022

Possible Situations	School Processes & Parents/Guardian's support needed
a. A student misses WA because he/she is on Ministry of Health's Health Protocol 1 and 2 as part of Covid-19 measures.	<p>Parents/Guardian should contact the school general office to inform us. Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. your child/ward's name, level and CCA;2. Start date and estimated end date of self-isolation. <p>The school will recognise the absence as a valid reason.</p> <p>Upon return to school, your child/ward will be given the WA as a practice paper for learning and feedback. It will not be counted towards his/her overall results.</p>
b. A student misses WA because he/she is unwell and sees a doctor.	<p>A medical certificate will be issued by the doctor.</p> <p><u>Please email your child/ward's CCAP and the subject teacher with an image of the medical certificate. Alternatively, your child/ward can show the medical certificate to both teachers upon return to school.</u></p> <p>The school will recognise the absence due to medical leave.</p> <p>Upon return to school, your child/ward will be given the WA as a practice paper for learning and feedback. It will not be counted towards his/her overall results.</p>
c. A student misses WA without a valid reason	<p>He/she will be assigned an Absent grade, which counts as zero marks, with impact on his/her overall results.</p> <p>Upon return to school, the student will be given the WA as a practice paper for learning and feedback.</p>