



A NOTE FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICE

Dear Middle School Parents. Lot's happening these days and there is activity out at Science Park again. Maintenance is busily cleaning, sterilizing, weeding, painting and repairing stuff in anticipation of kids' returning. Kerry Timmerman and I will be heading out there every day starting on Monday and there is much to do before kids arrive. As you might imagine, school will look quite different than that to which we have become accustomed, and will be highly regulated in terms of how we operate. Lots of new procedures and regulations, and it will definitely be a challenge to implement. We'll get there though. News this week.....

Opening School – The plan as of today, is still to open for 8th and 12th graders on April 27th and begin a staggered opening for other grades on May 11. Although we have not received a final word from the Guangzhou Education Bureau regarding when international schools may open, we are moving ahead as if this date is April 27 because we need to be sure we are ready if indeed that proves to be our opening date. As noted above, there will be some significant differences in our operation. Specifically:

- Our online program will continue in a similar to the past 10 weeks. Students certainly have the option to simply continue with online learning.
- Temperature checks of all students will occur twice/day.
- if a student registers a fever during school, the School is required notify the health authorities and isolate the student immediately.
- Due to the small numbers of students who will be present in the initial phase of reopening, we will not be providing bus service, so AISG families will be responsible for transporting students to and from school until bus service resumes.
- Students must bring their own masks (at least 2/day as they should be changed every 4 hours) though AISG has a backup supply if masks are damaged or lost. Masks must be worn throughout the day except when eating/drinking.
- Social distancing of 1 meter minimum must be maintained at all times throughout the day.
- There are no after school activities scheduled and students must leave the campus at the end of the school day.
- The cafeteria will be open, but options will be limited. There will likely be pre-packaged options only to avoid cross-contamination on plates, silverware, cups, etc. The Café

will be closed.

- Students will receive training on safety and hygiene procedures during the first days of school, in addition to attending their classes.
- Due to government regulations, no parents/guardians are allowed on the campus.
- Because we are operating without all of our teachers being present in school, instruction will be a combination of in-person teaching, recorded lessons and live online lessons (teacher present virtually).

There are still many details to work out, but we'll be ready when the time comes to open.

Progress Reports – I have been in contact with lots of parents and students this past week, some of whom are concerned that their progress report was not as strong as they had hoped. I have reassured students that there is still lots of time to improve their grades. We will accept late assignments from students who failed to submit them earlier in the semester and there will be numerous additional assignments that can raise grades if the student puts forth a strong effort in the remaining weeks.

For 8th Grade Parents – You will be receiving a brief survey later today asking your intentions regarding whether your child will be returning to the campus when it opens. The GEB is requiring us to get an accurate number of students who will be on campus, so your prompt attention to the survey will be greatly appreciated.

Those are the major items for this week. Enjoy the weekend everyone!

Regards,

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