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CEO Weekly Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Tightening up our COVID-19 Controls at TES

I hope to offer more explanations to the additional preventative measures on our campus access provisions. Our goal is simple and that is to mitigate the risk so we can ensure a healthy and safe learning environment for the students in our care.

There have been recent on island developments which give us some causes for concerns. Over the last month there have been cases in Taiwan that have tested positive after the self-health management period, some asymptomatic. The reasons for this are currently unknown or not sufficiently researched. There are also world-wide concerns about the behaviour of the mutations of the disease. Further, as the island recently received more inbound travellers, more than 20,000 last week alone. Under these circumstances, we want to take extra precautions.

In my [letter of Wednesday](#) I outlined the adjustments, primarily the necessity of providing a negative RT-PCR report following the period of Self-health management (21 days).

To simplify things for families, there will be 2 categories in use for access to the campus as regards students / staff / visitors (essential entry only).

1. 'Recent traveller status' - the completion of mandatory 14 days quarantine is followed by 7 days Self-health management and then a negative RT-PCR report required.
2. 'Non-recent traveller status' - been on island for 28 days or longer. No requirement for report.

In such a case as a 'Recent traveller status person' delays entry till 28 days are completed they would join 'Non-recent traveller' status and the report would not be required.

All these protocols are applicable to campus access from January 28th moving forward until it is seen to be safe to return to the previous Campus access Protocols - certainly this is a desired situation.

New Website - sneak peek

As mentioned in previous CEO newsletters (before Christmas) we are in the final stages of preparations to launch our new website after Lunar New Year. Please see a short [Screencastify video](#) from Mr Nockolds showing you a sneak-peek of what it will look like.

The Parent portal side, which is where our community will spend much of their time - as a one-stop



information hub - will be introduced by Screencastify video next week.

Last but not least, we would like to ask that all community members to be vigilant in respect to preventative measures, wash your hands frequently, ensure to wear a mask where possible, and be sensible and mindful of possible transmissions when joining a gathering. If there is any recent traveller in your household, please make sure an updated declaration is made.

Again, we thank you for your patience, understanding, and support as we work together to keep our learning community safe. Compared with the rest of the world where education is largely at a standstill we are in a very good position, we do not want to jeopardise this privileged position. The revised precautionary measures are in place to ensure that we can provide a safe and healthy environment to allow our students to learn and flourish.

Sincerely,

David Gatley
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