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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I wish to give you an update of where we are currently and our intentions for opening on August 23rd. These are the conclusions from the school's Leadership Team after careful review of the available information from the authorities and of our students' learning needs.

Our aim and preference for the new school year is to open in an as normal as possible manner with in person learning. However please note that this very much depends on the MOE and CECC directives expected to be announced later this month. We will continue to update our community as and when there are updates.

Considering the fact that the majority of our student body is not yet vaccinated, we have developed the following program with the goal to mitigate the risk of virus spreading into our community and to prevent the spread in case there is an unknown source. These provisions are designed taking into consideration the best practices of other schools, as well as the government's current guidelines given to kindergartens which are allowed to open right now. We feel confident that our COVID-19 prevention measures will maintain a safe learning environment.

We ask that you read the following information carefully and fill out the [Statement of Intent](#) for your child. **We kindly ask that parents advise the school of your child's intended return date to school**, so the necessary provisions can be made accordingly to support our learning community.

COVID-19 Vaccinations & Regular Screening

- Over 80% of our staff and subcontractors have been vaccinated at least one dose for over 14 days.
- All of our staff and subcontractors will be screened (performed by DIANTHUS Clinic) or have done a PCR during the week prior to school opens.
- Throughout the school term while in level 2 alert, all staff will be screened weekly.

Campus Access

- TES campuses are open for students and faculty only. All other entries must be for essential business purposes and by prior appointment only.
- Temperature will be checked for all individuals upon entry. Anyone with a temperature of 37.5 Celsius and above will be denied entry.
- Anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms will not be permitted to enter the campus.
- Anyone or anyone with a member in the same household under quarantine or self health management is not permitted to enter our campuses.
- Hand sanitizing is required of everyone entering the campuses. Additional automatic hand sanitizing and temperature check machines have also been installed at every classroom for more frequent checking of temperature.
- Mask wearing is required at all times while on campus except when eating in designated areas where partitions are in place.

Pick-up and Drop-off

- We are currently looking at staggering pick up and drop off and control measures to mitigate large gatherings of parents outside the school. The exact provision will be announced closer to school opening. We do kindly request parents to minimize your stay, avoid crowding and socializing with other parents at the gate.

Activities and Sport





- All activities requiring the removal of masks or taking place outside of campus are suspended, including swimming and the playing of certain musical instruments.
- All activities involving non TES staff are suspended, including outside guest speakers and peripatetic teachers.
- CCA is temporarily suspended.

Lunch

- The acrylic tabletop partition in the cafeteria will continue.
- To support that all students are properly social-distanced while eating, additional outdoor eating spaces have been created at both campuses with sun/rain shields installed.
- Special seating arrangements/rotations will be in place to support fixed seating at lunch.
- For ESC, we will temporarily suspend High School students' permission to go out to the village for lunch. All students must remain on campus throughout the day until the end of school day. We ask that parents either book the school lunch or prepare home lunch for your child. The vending machines in both Phase 1 and Phase 2 will also provide limited quantities of light lunch options such as sandwiches, bread, milk and juice.
- Fixed seating and served individual lunch are the recommended measures for safety reasons. As such we can only take fixed term orders for the time being to plan seating accordingly. We kindly request parents to either book the school lunch for the fixed period or prepare home lunch for your child.

Bus

- School buses are arranged with lower capacity to allow the necessary social distancing between each bus rider, with the exception of siblings.
- Bus riders' temperature will be checked prior to entering the bus.
- Masks must be worn at all times while on board.
- School buses are disinfected thoroughly prior to students' boarding.
- When weather permits, windows will be partially open for better ventilation.

Hygiene

- Adjustments have been made to the cleaning crew's routines to increase the cleaning of all common areas, including the frequently touched surfaces such as the rails, door handles and surfaces in the toilet facilities. All surfaces will be cleaned with chlorine dioxide solutions and the floor with diluted bleach.
- On top of the cleaning and disinfection routine on the objects and floors, additional electrostatic spray disinfection will be performed daily. This would attract any virus laden water droplets.
- All classrooms are equipped with a temperature scan and hand sanitation station.
- Disinfecting cleaning wipes are available in all classrooms.

Ventilation

We have looked at getting the correct airflow in all classrooms and common spaces in order to minimise risk. Teachers will all be given instructions about how to maintain the correct airflow which is different in each building. All air conditioning units and ventilation systems were sanitised and serviced over the summer break. We will also be performing a weekly cleaning of filters and vents in line with government advice.

Space Management

Our preference is to have face to face learning on campus for all students. However we need to monitor the situation closely and adjust accordingly to the government directives and actual school situation. This will very much depend on the space and seating recommendation from the authorities. More information will be announced closer to school opening.



Mixing of Students

There will be changes to some operations as we are looking at ways to reduce mixing of classes to a minimum. This precautionary measure is considered to allow for tracking of student movements while on campus and will allow the school to remain open as much as possible even if there ever were a case at school. Provisions for lunch, breaks and play are all considered when keeping the size as small as possible.

Learning Provisions for Students Learning from Home

We will be supporting all students learning while they cannot get entry to the school. It is in all of our interests to keep all of our students up-to-speed so that lessons can progress normally when we get together. We realise that this will take extra effort all around and that the learning experience will not be the same as being in school but we hope that all of our students can get back into school as quickly as possible.

The provisions for each section and each age group will be different because of the different learning needs and your section will inform you of the exact provisions that we can provide. Teacher planning meetings start on August 16th, after which we will be able to give more detailed plans.

Teachers not on Island

Unfortunately, due to Taiwan's border control, we have a few teachers that have not been able to obtain visas to come to Taiwan yet. For the classes affected by this, lessons will be delivered during the designated regular schedule with the lesson taught by these teachers online with additional in-class support and supervision.

We will continue to update and reassure you with details about our preparation to open safely. Please follow this link to complete the [Statement of Intent](#) so the necessary provisions can be made accordingly to support our learning community.

We thank you for your patience and support in advance as we navigate through this new school year with new measures. As we are busy getting ready to welcome our students back to school, we hope that your family is also enjoying the remainder of the summer holidays. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the section offices or the CEO office. We look forward to seeing you all back to school soon and thank you for your continued support to Taipei European School.

Best wishes

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CEO