

SINGAPORE AMERICAN SCHOOL

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Dear Parents.

I hope you are having a restful break and enjoying time with family, friends, and loved ones, whether you are in Singapore or abroad.

We are excited to welcome your children back to campus in two weeks. Our plan is to start in person on Monday, January 17, unless there are changes in Singapore Government rules.

Recently, Singapore announced the rollout of vaccinations for children ages five through 11. We are excited to see this step forward and strongly encourage students in this age category to be vaccinated. We had requested the Singapore Government ensure that students aged five through 11 in international schools be prioritized as part of this process, and we are grateful to see that this has happened. Children who are ages **nine through 11 may register now** and children ages **five through eight** may register beginning on **Thursday, January 6**. You may register via this <u>link</u>.

The Singapore Government has been increasing the series of vaccine-differentiated safe management measures for both students and adults. We expect this trend to accelerate, such that vaccination status will play an important role in the ability of students to participate in an increasing number of activities. We will keep you informed as we learn more about how these vaccine-differentiated measures will impact our students and the activities they are able to participate in.

Classes resume for all students on **Monday**, **January 17**. As a reminder, our safe management measures in place before winter break will resume when we return to campus. Outlined below are several important items to note:

- All individuals on campus must wear masks at all times (except when eating/drinking).
- If your child is sick, please do not send them to school. If they have Covid-19 symptoms specifically, please follow the <u>guidance shared by the Ministry of Health</u> for individuals who are unwell. Please note that if your child is sent home from school, you will need to take your child to a doctor and follow our return-to-school process.
- If your child tests positive on an ART or PCR test at any time, please email <u>covidreporting@sas.edu.sg</u> as soon as possible.
- We will continue to send a notification email to individuals who have potentially been in close contact with an individual who has tested positive.

If your child is still overseas or on stay home notice on Monday, January 17, please contact your homeroom teacher (elementary school) or counselor (middle and high school), and arrangements will be made to ensure your child is kept up to date with classroom learning and assignments.

If you had your child vaccinated while traveling during the winter break, you will need to update your child's vaccination records in Singapore's National Immunization Registry. More information can be found here (please scroll to the second section, "Recognising Overseas Vaccinations").

In order to ensure a safe start to the semester, we ask that all **students of all ages complete an ART the day before they come back to campus on Monday, January 17**. All educators will also be testing on that Sunday.

We will continue to keep you updated as we learn more.

Enjoy the remainder of your winter break!

Best,

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