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The Clavis Chronicle

GETTING BACK TO NORMAL (...ALMOST)

Dear Clavis Community,

We really cannot say enough about how wonderful it has been having our students with us again at school. Though we would like them every day, the staggered start has allowed for a manageable transition back to school and our daily routines. We remain hopeful that the numbers of people contracting the virus will decline across the country so that it is safe to have schools open to capacity again soon.

In this week's Chronicle, please read through some of the important updates on page 2 about Parent-Teacher Conferences, School Shop reminders, and wearing appropriate clothing for students.

As things continue to change depending on information from government ministries and what is happening across the country, we are trying to adapt as well and as quickly as we can. We have updated our calendar to confirm the holidays and some events between now and the end of November. You will find this on page 4. It is unlikely that any of the holidays will change unless the government mandates it; however, it is possible that events might need to change depending on future recommendations to schools and how we can open (or not).

Finally, you will find some information about how changes to our arrival and dismissal have been going. Overall, we are very pleased with the process but there are a few reminders and requests we have for everyone. Please see this information on page 3 and 5.

Sincerely,
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Primary Years
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WHAT'S COMING UP?

- **26 July - 13 August:** End-of-Term Break, no school
- **16 to 19 August:** 1-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Zoom)
- **16 August:** Pre-Rec /Rec Parent-Teacher Conferences (Zoom), **no school**
- **23 August:** Report cards available
- **10 September:** School holiday for upcoming Ganesh Chaturthi celebration
- **30 September:** Sports Day
- **1 to 5 October:** School holiday (mid-term break)
- **1 to 5 November:** School and public holidays (All Saints, Arrival of Indentured Labourers, Diwali)
- **10 November:** Student-Led Conferences

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT CLAVIS?



Shuttle Bus to Bagatelle - The resumption of the after-school shuttle to Bagatelle has been working great this past week; however, with the staggered learning days, traffic has also been lighter during dismissal. When we return to full days and LBIS is back in session, please contact Naseemah Sumodhee at naseemah.sumodhee@cips.me if you are interested in using this helpful service.



Parent-Teacher Conferences / Reports - Information about sign-ups and timings for PTCs will come out on 23 July. Conferences will be over Zoom on Monday to Thursday, 16 to 19 August, on the distance learning days of the students (eg, Years 4, 5, and 6 will be Monday and Wednesday during their home days, and Years 1, 2, and 3 will be on Tuesday and Thursday). The only exception to this will be that Pre-Reception and Reception who do not have days at home; therefore, we are currently planning for Monday 16 August to be a home learning day for these year levels and PTCs will take place throughout that day. Reports will be issued after conferences on Monday 23 August to all students



School Fees - The accounts department will be available at school to accept cash/cheque payments every day next week. Please email Gail at gail.rault@cips.me to set up an appointment in this regard. Please double check that your standing orders are up to date and most importantly, that school fees are not in arrears. Thank you for your usual co-operation.



School Shop and Vaccination Cards - Please ensure that you have an appointment before visiting the school shop at this time. When you have an appointment, you will be admitted on campus only after showing your vaccination confirmation (or negative PCR test result). Additionally, in an effort to be more environmentally friendly, we ask if you can bring your own bag to carry away any items purchased.



Wet weather and appropriate clothing - Weather is unpredictable and, as we saw this week, can be wet at times. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing and/or an umbrella to keep them dry, particularly for the walk to and from class during arrival and dismissal. Additionally, it can get cold during the day, even in class. Students should be dressing warmly and have a jacket or jumper to wear. Jackets and jumpers that students are wearing throughout the day at school should be Clavis uniform clothing. It is also important to keep in mind that clothing and personal effects often get forgotten or lost. Accidents do happen. Please ensure your child's name and class are clearly labelled on all items and, whenever possible, avoid sending any expensive items (toys, clothing, or otherwise) that do not need to be at school.

PICK-UP & DROP-OFF & PARKING & TRAFFIC

Traffic has been one area that has been going very well this past week. It is amazing what a difference not having three year levels at school makes! As you have noticed, staff are stationed at the parking gate by the field to help with the transition and safety protocols in the morning. All Pre-Reception and Reception students must come through this gate for teachers to bring those students up to class. Older students can be dropped there or at the security gate to go to class on their own.



There has been a few tears with our youngest students being handed off in the morning, but students have been seen to settle in right away once they get to class with their peers. Thank you for being clear and consistent with the expectations for student handover. The quicker the handover without any fanfare or prolonged good-byes, the quicker students settle in and are ready in the classroom.

One big change that we have noticed that has helped traffic and parking problems is that parents are not filling parking spots for long periods. Families are arriving and immediately picking up or dropping off without parking and walking up to the classes or socializing on the decking. This has hugely helped with traffic flow and parents are not waiting as long for a spot and no traffic is along the road. It was been great to see and so we are looking at what we will continue to do after the staggered days finish and we are back with everyone again.

A request that will really help to keep things running smoothly is that Pre-Reception, Reception, and Year 1 are the only families who should arrive before 14:15. Ideally, they are there and ready to collect Early Years students from 14:00 onwards. Year 2 to 6 families should only begin to come after 14:15 - not before. And, finally, for the benefit of your child and to respect our staff's time, please do not be late. We are very happy to supervise for a short time beyond the end of the day due to many unforeseen circumstance that come up suddenly in our lives; however, "Sorry, I forgot" should not be one of them. Thank you! ☺

	Arrival / Drop-Off – AM (Monday to Friday)	Dismissal / Pick-Up – PM (Monday to Friday)
Pre-Reception and Reception	08:00 – 08:25 Parents must accompany children to parking gate where staff will bring students to their classrooms. All students must be temperature-checked and get hands sanitized. Masks are not required for students.	14:15 Students will be brought as a class to a waiting area beside the field for collection. Students riding the bus or who have a sibling in Years 2 to 6 will remain in class until 14:45 when they will be brought to the bus or to their older sibling.
Year 1	07:45 – 08:00 Students can be dropped at the security or parking gate and students will go to the assembly terrace. All students must be temperature-checked and get hands sanitized.	
Year 2 to Year 6	08:00 – 08:25 Same as above but students will go straight to the classroom. Masks are required for students (please send extra).	
		14:45 Students will be brought as a class to a waiting area beside the field or on the wood steps for collection at the gate. Students riding the bus will be brought to the bus.

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	In school 5	In school 6	In school 7	In school 8	In school 9	10
	Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6	Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3	Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6	Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3	Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6	
11	In school 12	In school 13	In school 14	In school 15	In school 16	17
	Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3	Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6	Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3	Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6	Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3	
18	In school 19	In school 20	In school 21	In school 22	In school 23	24
	Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6	Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3	Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6	Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3	Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Holiday – School Closed until August 13		Holiday – School Closed until August 13		Holiday – School Closed until August 13		Holiday – School Closed until August 13

UPDATED CLAVIS CALENDAR JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

July		August		September		October		November	
1		1		1		1	Mid-term break School Holiday	1	All Saints' Day
2		2	School Holiday	2		2		2	Arrival of Indentured Labourers
3		3	School Holiday	3	12:30 Student Dismissal	3		3	School Holiday
4		4	School Holiday	4		4	Mid-term break School Holiday	4	Diwali
5		5	School Holiday	5		5	Mid-term break (World Teachers Day)	5	School Holiday
6		6	School Holiday	6		6		6	
7		7		7		7		7	
8		8		8		8	12:30 Student Dismissal	8	
9	14:15 / 14:45 Student Dismissal	9	School Holiday	9		9		9	
10		10	School Holiday	10	School Holiday	10		10	Student-Led Conferences
11		11	School Holiday	11	Ganesh Chaturthi	11		11	
12		12	School Holiday	12		12		12	
13		13	School Holiday	13		13		13	
14		14		14		14		14	
15		15	Assumption Day	15		15	12:30 Student Dismissal	15	
16	14:15 / 14:45 Student Dismissal	16	Zoom PTC 4, 5, and 6, Pre-Rec and Rec (no school for Pre-Rec and Rec)	16		16		16	Year 6 Graduation
17		17	Zoom PTC 1, 2, and 3	17	12:30 Student Dismissal	17		17	
18		18	Zoom PTC 4, 5, and 6	18		18		18	
19		19	Zoom PTC 1, 2, and 3	19		19		19	End of Term 3 Half Day Whole School
20		20	12:30 Student Dismissal	20		20		20	
21		21		21		21		21	
22		22		22		22	12:30 Student Dismissal	22	Staff In-Service (no school)
23	14:15 / 14:45 Student Dismissal	23	Reports Available on ManageBac	23		23		23	Staff In-Service (no school)
24		24		24	12:30 Student Dismissal	24		24	Staff In-Service (no school)
25		25		25		25		25	
26	School Holiday	26		26		26		26	
27	School Holiday	27	12:30 Student Dismissal	27		27		27	
28	School Holiday	28		28		28		28	
29	School Holiday	29		29	Year 6 PYP Exhibition	29	12:30 Student Dismissal	29	
30	School Holiday	30		30	Sports Day	30		30	
31		31				31			
National Holiday		Weekend		School Holiday (school closed)		TBC = To Be Confirmed		School Holiday (staff work day)	

WHY ARE WE BEING SO STRICT?

There are a number of changes and new protocols that have been enacted, some mandated by different government ministries and some by us at Clavis. The reason for all of them is to try to mitigate and lessen the chance that the virus is introduced into our school community and that it will not be easily spread.

This virus has impacted everyone in some way or another in every country around the world. Nobody is free from its economic and social impact but we are more concerned with impact on our health. We all know that becoming infected for those not vaccinated can have serious and life-changing long-term effects and even death. It is a matter that we are and must continue to take very seriously for our staff, our community, and, most importantly, our students.

For the most part, we have been relatively lucky in Mauritius, but it does not mean we are safe. Anything can happen at any time so it is both distressing and scary to find some people treating this situation without the caution and gravity it deserves.

This week we have had some parents share their annoyance and resentment with us because we will not bend the rules for them.

I just need to run up to speak to the teacher quickly.

I don't have an appointment, but I only have to buy one thing from the shop.

I need to use the toilets - I will be quick!

I will just take my child up to their class and be right back.

I don't have my vaccination card with me but I have been vaccinated.

Limiting who can come on campus and when, temperature checks and sanitation, requiring appointments and signing in with security, staff bringing the students to and from the parking gate, and asking for proof of vaccination or a negative PCR test are not done to inconvenience or make lives more difficult. They are done to lessen the chances of spreading or contracting the virus.

They are for everyone's protection and well-being. We do not want to see a class have to go into quarantine or a year level have to isolate or our school closed but, more importantly, we do not want anyone falling ill - particularly if we could have avoided it.

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It may seem minor to not allow any of the above situations to happen but if one person is accommodated then all others should be as well. That is not possible until we are in safer situation across our island.

Please do not prioritise your convenience over somebody else's health. We urgently need everyone's help and support with this matter.