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The Clavis Chronicle

...I THINK WE MADE IT!

Dear Clavis Community,

Our return to school and face-to-face learning did not take place as planned this week. We were ready, parents were ready, and students were ready. It seemed nothing could stop us from finally getting back into school! But...then something did stop us, and we all had something more important to contend with instead.

We plan to see our students back in our buildings this coming Monday, 7 February. We have made it through the school closures and we have made it through Cyclone Batsirai. There is work to be done with our students as we get the year started at school, just as there is much work to be done cleaning up the island. We have heard from many people who are dealing with a lot of damage and flooding. We hope that for all of our staff and families still struggling with the aftermath of the storm that you have found help if it was needed and you are on your way to getting back to a stable life.

Much of this issue is a reminder of some recent communications. Please see page 2 and pages 4-6 for the arrival and dismissal times for the week, along with changes for Pre-Reception on Monday and Tuesday. There are some new announcements as we begin the *Clavis Keep Fit!* Initiative today, which I know will have everyone very excited. See page 3 to learn about our first challenge!

While many teachers were unable to participate in distance learning because of circumstances beyond their control, I want to extend thanks to the many teachers who were able to provide learning opportunities this week despite the other challenges they were also battling. I am glad that everyone is safe now.

Finally, a huge amount of gratitude and thanks goes out to our cleaning and operations teams who were in school on Thursday and Friday cleaning up the place and helping to repair the storm damage. A number of them will also be in over the weekend. Thank you, the school could not be open without you!

Take care,
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WHAT'S COMING UP?

- **4 February:** *Clavis Keep Fit! Challenge #1—10,000 Steps*
- **11 February:** *Clavis Keep Fit! Challenge #2—Tabata*
- **1 March:** *National holiday (Maha Shivaratree)*
- **11 March:** *Flag Raising Ceremony (likely half day)*
- **4 April to 22 April:** *Easter/ Term 1 holidays*
- **2 May:** *Staff in-Service day (no school for students)*
- **3 May:** *National holiday (Eid al-Fitr—TBC)*

WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW AT CLAVIS?



Arrivals

Families Returning from Traveling Abroad: As an added safety precaution for our community, we have asked that anyone coming on campus within five days of returning from abroad do a Rapid Antigen Test (the morning of or night before returning to school). We know that most of you would have done a PCR test before boarding and after disembarking from your flights, but, as an extra measure of safety due to possible close contact or exposure on your flights, we ask you perform a final check for your wellbeing and the safety of others at school.



Canteen and Food at School: Food for snack and lunch can be brought to school or purchased from the canteen. The canteen is an independent operator who, with oversight from the school, establishes and runs the menu and distribution of food for students. For the canteen, please be aware of the following:

- **Hot meals:** If parents or students regularly order hot meals for school meals, it is advisable to provide two boxes (eg, “Easy Lock” plastic food containers, around size 20 cm X 12cm in size, and reusable cutlery). No plastic spoons or forks will be available. Hot meals should be ordered at least 24 hours in advance by contacting the canteen (see school contact information below)
- **Vouchers:** These will be available in amounts of Rs100 and Rs200 and there will be no credit facilities.
- **Opening hours:** The canteen will be open from 08:00 until 14:00 (12:00 on Fridays) for the sale of vouchers and food. Parents (after pre-arranged appointment) and students can visit or contact the canteen to place orders for either break. Typically this is done during morning arrival before classroom learning starts.
- **Menu and Food Options:** These are updated monthly and the monthly menu/daily food items will be posted on the school website (www.clavis.mu) each month.

The contact person in the canteen is Jamie Henry who can be contacted at canteen.lbis@gmail.com or 59861001 about anything canteen or food related. Complaints or concerns about the canteen should be first directed there. Otherwise, parents should address them to the Chief Operations Officer at Clavis.

Arrival and Dismissal Times

*Pre-Reception has special arrival and dismissal protocols for Mon 7th and Tues 8th only

Year	Arrival Times	Designated Arrival Area	In Class (for 8:25 start)	Dismissal Times	Designated Dismissal Area
Pre-Reception	07:45 – 08:20	*At class (7th & 8th) At gate for teacher collection	08:20	*12:15 (7th/8th) 14:15 (Mon-Th) 12:15 (Fri)	Pick-up from parking gate
Reception & Year 1	07:45 – 08:20	At gate for teacher collection	08:20	14:15 (Mon-Th) 12:15 (Fri)	Pick-up from parking gate
Year 2 & 3	07:45 – 08:20	Drop-off at parking gates	08:20	14:30 (Mon-Th) 12:25 (Fri)	Pick-up from parking gate
Years 4 to 6	07:45 – 08:20	Drop-off at parking gates	08:20	14:45 (Mon-Th) 12:35 (Fri)	Pick-up from parking gate

THE CLAVIS KEEP FIT! PROJECT

This year, the PE Department is initiating a health-related fitness project for the whole school community, including students, teachers, non-teaching staff, parents and families.

Why this project?

We noticed that even before the Covid-19 period, some children were already living in a more sedentary lifestyle. As a result, some students were already having overweight problems. Unfortunately, the situation worsened during the last two years due to our confinement periods. The physical and mental well-being of many people has changed (both children and adults) and we need to do something to change this trend.

We can make choices to improve our lifestyle.

What are we going to do?

We want to see a shift in our mindsets throughout the entire Clavis community, starting from the parents and staff, and then all of our students. Adults are role models, and it is our responsibility to guide and motivate the students. But first, we need to get rid of a couple of excuses: “I can’t do that” or “I do not have time for this”.

So parents, teachers and colleagues.... **“ARE YOU IN?”**

Exercise not only changes your body. It changes your mind, your attitude and your mood.

PE is always about learning, playing and having fun. Now children, we would like you to push your limits through various challenges throughout this year.

ARE YOU IN?

When will it take place?

We will have two to three challenges or activities during each month to help us have a goal to achieve which will finally help to implement a different mindset which will result into the regular practise of physical activities.

How will we do it?

There are lots of events planned at school and outside of school, some to be done together in groups or teams and some to be done individually. These activities and events will strive to get every person in our Clavis community involved at different times throughout the year.

A webpage, as part of our [Distance Learning Portal](#), has been created with lots more information about some of the upcoming events. You can go directly to it [here](#) and find the introductory video [here](#).



Monthly Challenge #1 (February): 10,000 Steps!

Each day, students, parents and Clavis staff will record the number of steps they take. You can use your smart-watch or smartphone to record the data or simply make it a math activity (data handling) for the children. That information will go into the survey found [here](#) (and is also on the webpage). Each day, post the number of steps you take. You might have to make a guess or add your approximate number, but be honest about it! It is not a competition against others but you will be able to see how many you and others post each day. You can get started right now!

ARE YOU IN?

If you have any questions about this event or anything about Clavis Keep Fit!, please contact Mr Michaël or Mr Aaron in the PE Department. Have fun!

MONDAY MORNING AND A RETURN OF FACE-TO-FACE

Most of the following information was sent to families about 10 days ago. With the return to school being pushed to Monday 7 February, it is worth reviewing some of this information.

Homeroom teachers will send out their weekly timetables so that you know when specific subjects are, particularly PE.

Arrival and Dismissal

- Drop-off at the parking gates can take place only between 07:45 and 08:20.** Students must be in class by 08:20 for the first learning period at 08:25. Students will be recorded as late after that time.
- Students in Year 1 to Year 6 will go to the assembly terrace if they reach school before 08:00 and go to their classes after 08:00. Pre-Reception and Reception students will be taken directly to their class from the gate.
- Pick-up at the parking gates will take place promptly:
 - Monday to Thursday** - All year levels will be staggered to allow for student distancing and less parents crowding at the gate.
 - 14:15 for Pre-Reception*, Reception, and Year 1 (Pre-Reception will begin making their way to the gates at 14:00, followed by Reception, and then Year 1)
 - 14:30 for Year 2 and Year 3
 - 14:45 for Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6
 - Friday** - All year levels will be staggered to allow for student distancing and less parents crowding at the gate.
 - 12:15 for Pre-Reception, Reception, and Year 1 (Pre-Reception will begin making their way to the gates at 12:00, followed by Reception, and then Year 1)
 - 12:25 for Year 2 and Year 3
 - 12:35 for Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6
- There will not be any after-school activities during Term 1.** Nor can we provide any after-school care beyond the departure time at the moment. Doodland is working with Clavis to provide extended supervision in their playground for parents who work late. Please contact them (233 0020 / info@doodland.mu) to inquire about deals for Clavis families. This would be done in conjunction with arranging for the Bagatelle shuttle van which drops students off at the mall between 14:50 and 15:00.

*Pre-Reception Only for Monday (7 Feb) and Tuesday (8 Feb)

- Pre-Reception will begin with half-days from 08:25 to 12:15 on those two days. **Students will be dismissed and picked up from the parking gate at 12:15.**
- Morning drop-off will be at the Pre-Reception classrooms. Parents should have their vaccination information or PCR test (no more than seven days old) to enter the campus.
- Students should be brought to school between 07:45 and 08:20.
- If parents have concerns that their child may be unable to remain at school until 12:15, please contact the homeroom teacher to arrange alternative times. If this is their first time being away from home, we can arrange to start with shorter days and then work your child up to a full day as they show readiness.
- Pre-Reception students will return to regular hours and drop-off at the parking gate on Wednesday (9 Feb). Please speak to your child's teacher if you do not feel your child is ready or able to manage a full day to 14:15 and alternative plans can be discussed.

A RETURN OF FACE-TO-FACE (CONTINUED...)

Vans and School Transportation

1. School vans will operate as usual and parents should arrange directly with the drivers to confirm locations and timings.
2. Vans depart Clavis at 14:45 (Mon-Thurs) and 12:35 (Fri). Students who finish earlier will remain in their classes and will be brought to the vans at the appropriate time.
3. Everyone on the vans must wear a properly fitted mask and will not be allowed on without one.
4. Bagatelle Shuttle departs Clavis at 14:45 to arrive at the mall shortly at around 15:00. Please contact Ms Naseemah (naseemah.sumodhee@cips.me) to make arrangements for your child if you wish to use this service

Safety Protocols

1. Visitors on campus are limited to only those with prior appointments and who are required to be on campus.
2. Everyone through the gates over 18 is required to have evidence of being fully vaccinated to be on campus. As of 19 February, this includes a booster shot four months after initial vaccinations are completed.
3. Anyone over 18 who has not complied or cannot comply with #2 must provide proof of a negative PCR test completed within the previous seven days.
4. Masks must be worn properly by all students in Year 1 and above, and by all adults at all times when inside and when in proximity to anyone else. Students in Pre-Reception and Reception are encouraged to wear masks if possible.
5. Temperature checks and hand sanitisation must be done before anyone enters the campus. Anyone on campus must clean their hands regularly throughout the day, particularly before eating and when in contact with items that others have touched. This should be done with either soap and water for at least 20 seconds or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
6. All classes will be fully cleaned at the end of each day, and all areas of the school where there is high traffic will be disinfected regularly, including railings, door handles, and toilets.
7. Children who have any symptoms of illness including, fever, cough, nasal congestion, headaches, or any other symptom that could be present with COVID-19 will not be permitted on campus. The same is true for adults.
8. As far as possible, students will remain with their year level peers and will not have contact with other year levels during the school day. This includes separate play areas during break times. We understand that this cannot be maintained on school vans and this is a decision for parents to make. **Students will not be allowed on vans unless they are wearing a mask, including students in Early Years.**

In the event of a positive case or suspected positive case in school

1. Any students showing symptoms of illness at school will be isolated in the infirmary and parents will be notified to collect them. Parents are asked to perform a Rapid Antigen Test immediately at home and report the results back to the nurse. If negative, students can return to school when all symptoms are gone.
2. A government testing team will come into schools when there is a confirmed case. Whole class testing will take place on day 1 and again on day 3. Negative students would continue at school and positive cases would be required to do a PCR test and self-isolate as mandated.

Additional Reminders and Information

1. **The gate behind the canteen** will not be open for families at any time, as there will not be supervision to do temperature checks.
2. **Parents need to social distance:** Parents and guardians who are collecting or dropping off students at the gates must not gather or congregate together. Parents and guardians will not be able to wait inside the school fencing during pick-up times.
3. **Swimming:** Both Cote D'Or and Synergy have been unable to provide confirmation that they can continue with school swimming. At this time we will not be able to offer swimming as part of our PE programme. Several alternative activities are being planned as part of the Clavis Keep Fit! programme (see page 3).
4. **Uniforms and School Shop:** The online shop is fully functional and syncs with the point-of-sale system in the school shop. Parents can visit the online store at <https://www.stayhome.mu/en/store/Clavis/862793>. Due to Covid restrictions, parents are not allowed into the school shop without prior appointments or booking via the website. You can also call the school shop on 4337991 to book a visit to try on sizes. **If you have not been able to make an appointment and your child does not have their full uniform yet, do not worry.** We understand that it is a challenge and many families will be visiting the shop this week to collect uniforms. For children without a uniform next week, they can come to school in regular clothing provided nothing students are wearing is a distraction to learning.
5. **Distance Learning Portal and Online Schedules:** This will remain in place and continue to be updated for future use. In the event of any future school closures and teachers are able to work online, either from school or home, we will immediately revert to these timings and periods, along with the Zoom links. This includes government imposed closures or lockdowns due to the pandemic and closures due to weather warnings.

What if my child cannot attend face-to-face?

As we have shared in the past, it is not possible for staff to teach and support the needs of their classes in school, while, at the same time, planning and running a full distance learning programme; however, there are ways that teachers will support a student who is not able to attend in-person. Teachers will continue to update families on what students are learning and most year levels will be able to assign online activities through our programmes like IXL and RAZ-Kids. Additionally, there may be opportunities for teachers to stream a lesson or share video clips from a lesson, particularly if they are introducing a new concept; however, this will often be an exception and not a norm. Please contact your teachers to see what is possible and what they can reasonably do for your child.



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