

Covid Response Plan for NPACS 2022

NPACS school affirms that every student in the school will have the best possible learning opportunity

Despite disruption of COVID we will continue with the provision of a balanced curriculum, which enables all learners to acquire existing knowledge and skills while at the same time developing capabilities to create knowledge and practise new skills. In the event of staff or a student getting COVID the school may have to move to alternative learning for a period of time such as online learning or hard packs. Staff and students will be advised by MOH for the best response. We are open for education whether it's physical, online, hard packs, distance but there will be education for all.

It is our intention that everyone in the school should be as safe as possible.

We can do this by:-

- Practising good hygiene.i.e regular hand washing/sanitising
- Our rooms will be our Green Zone.
- Sanitise on your way in and out of the classroom.
- Teaching cough and sneeze etiquette
- Clean tables and high touch areas regularly.
- Increase ventilation by opening the windows and doors.
- Staff will be encouraged to get booster shot within the timeframe mandated
- Stay home if sick and get tested and remain at home until a negative result is received and they are symptom free for 24 hours.
- Find as many ways as you can to be outside in the fresh air.
- Encourage mask wearing for all students years 4-8.
- If a mask exemption is needed then we need to see paperwork only. We don't need to know the reason.

masks only need to be worn in indoor settings.

We are seeking to develop a culture that wearing a mask protects our community, neighbours and friends

We ask that everyone promotes the GROW values of this school during these trying times and role model them to our school and wider community.

What happens if there is a case?

We do not have a case until the MOH /MOE tells us.

Principal then contacts MOE The Single Point of contact - Hans Konlechner who will work with the principal through the process.

Once a case is confirmed we will:

- Determine where they have been
- Determine who the close contacts are
- Check the bus list to see if they were on that
- Fill in the spreadsheet provided from MOE

Once a case is confirmed:-

- The Principal and BOT Presiding Member will work with MOE/MOH to identify close contacts
- Initial phone calls will be made to close contacts to inform them that we have had a positive case and to collect their child/children
- Once this is done there will be a phone call to the wider community to say there has been a case and they can come and pick up their child if they wish but school is open for instruction.
- An email will then be sent to everyone and a text.
- Further information can be found. Our primary point of contact will be email, Seesaw, or a phone call.
- The school will remain open for students who are not close contacts. The MOE and MOH will guide us through the process.

If you have been in contact with a person who has tested positive and you need advice please do not hesitate to call me. My private Cell phone number 0210323456 for over the weekend. During the school week please phone on the school cell phone or land line.