

Canadian International School of Hong Kong

Head of School

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Dear CDNIS Community,

Pursuant to my message on Monday I am happy to report that all nine of our community members who were required to undergo mandatory COVID-19 testing have reported negative test results, and only two remain in quarantine under observation; we continue to wish them well. I'm also pleased to share that as of time of writing, approximately 80% of our faculty and staff have reported that they have been fully or partially vaccinated against COVID-19, with that number likely to increase over the coming days.

We are now in a position to increase the time for face-to-face learning on campus for both school sections by approximately one hour per day, maintaining the staggered arrival and departure times and separate entrances, and without lunch services. The Principals and their teams are working on elongated schedules which we will be able to share early next week with a start date of Monday, May 3.

As we approach the last six weeks of school, we remain extremely concerned about traffic management and safety issues which, apart from taking an extraordinary amount of staff resources, is becoming increasingly perilous and frustrating to all. While many private drivers are polite and follow directions, a significant number ignore police and staff instructions and many are arriving to park on the road hours in advance to the detriment of emergency vehicles and school buses which then cannot pass on the hill. With the imminent elimination of a traffic lane to accommodate construction vehicles at the junction and the addition of an extension to Ocean Park slated to open in July, this problem will only worsen. CDNIS is committed to the safety and well-being of our commuters, to being courteous and conscientious neighbours, and to complying with the recommendations of local authorities including the Southern District Council and the Education Bureau. In the interest of our staff and students' safety, at this point we feel we have no choice but to partner with KCM on a full, comprehensive bussing programme and work to eliminate private vehicles along Nam Long Shan Road. We will of course share options in due course as the discussions evolve.

Thank you for your patience and collaboration as we work to bring the 2020-21 academic year to a strong, successful and safe close.

Warmly,
祝平安喜樂!



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