

January 8, 2021

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you of our decision in response to the emergency alert announced by the Government yesterday evening for the metropolitan areas.

We considered the request from the Ministry of Education, the circumstances in each class, the future of the children and various other matters of concern, and have decided that we will shorten the daily schedule partially to avoid infection and continue classes without closing the school entirely or distributing lessons online.

More concretely speaking, we will cancel the 7th period on Wednesdays and 5th period on Saturdays. Also, we will stop the after school study and play for the time being, so that the students can avoid the rush on the way home and that we can spend more time and energy to disinfect the classrooms than before. We plan to start this new schedule next Tuesday, January 12th.

Needless to say, respecting human life and safety is a top priority, so we had great difficulty in making this decision. We considered the fact that our children want to come to school, the importance of primary education in the classroom, both the physical and mental influence on the children while studying at home, financial problems of our school, and difficulty in evaluating students' academic performances at the end of the term.

We discussed in the teachers' meeting thoroughly and came to the conclusion that we would do our best to keep a normal routine as much as possible, trying to balance children's safety and school function.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Tagawa S.M.".

Fr. Dminic S. Tagawa  
Principal

