

## Re-Opening Trinity : The New Normal

### Summary

1) School will re-open on the 06<sup>th</sup> of July for LIMITED NUMBERS OF STUDENTS from the following Grades under a LIMITED TIMETABLE.

- a) Grade 13
- b) Grade 12
- c) Grade 11
- d) International Advanced Level – Grades 13 and 14 ONLY

2) Students will come to school for ONLY ONE OR TWO DAYS during the first two weeks. Please see the tables below for the details of which classes or subject streams should attend on each day of the week.

3) Students should follow all the precautionary guidelines related to the prevention of the spread of Covid-19 and protection against Dengue Fever. The most important measures are listed below. A detailed set of guidelines as well as an instructional video will be released by Saturday.

4) The Learning at Home program will be integrated with the in-person classes and WILL CONTINUE to be an essential component of teaching and learning even for the Grades

5) School WILL NOT be re-opened for Grade 5 until further notice

### **Timetable for Grade 11**

Entrance – Junior School Gate

Designated Area – Lionel Fernando Block (Middle School Block)

Group One						Group Two					
Date	Class	Entry	Time	Exit	Time	Date	Class	Entry	Time	Exit	Time
06 July 2020	11 A	J/S Gate	7:30 to 8:00 a.m.	J/S Gate	1:00 p.m.	06 July 2020	11 E	J/S Gate	8:00 to 8:30 a.m.	J/S Gate	1:30 p.m.
07 July 2020	11 B					07 July 2020	11 H				
08 July 2020	11 C					08 July 2020	11 D				
09 July 2020	11 F					09 July 2020	11 G				
	11 I										
10 July 2020	Aesthetic					10 July 2020	SPL				

### Timetable for the Local Advanced Level Classes

Entrance – Main Gate

Designated Areas

Grade 12 – Gaster Block

Grade 13 – Fraser Block

Science Laboratories as required

Grade 12						Grade 13					
Date	Class	Entry	Time	Exit	Time	Date	Class	Entry	Time	Exit	Time
06 July 2020	Commerce & Arts	Main Gate	7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	Main Gate	1:00 p.m.	06 July 2020	Biology	Main Gate	8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Main Gate	1:30 p.m.
07 July 2020	Biology					07 July 2020	Commerce & Arts				
08 July 2020	Maths					08 July 2020	Maths				
09 July 2020	Biology					09 July 2020	Biology				
10 July 2020	Maths					10 July 2020	Maths				

### International Advanced Level

Entrance – Junior School Gate

Designated Area – International Advanced Level Building

Timetable – will be notified by email

Dear Parents

I apologize for the delay in issuing this notification and for any anxiety and uncertainty this may have caused. After reviewing the guidelines given to us by the health and educational authorities, we have decided to re-open school in a limited fashion from the 06<sup>th</sup> of July, as outlined above.

While the government notification does not include any limitation on the number of students in each grade who should attend, we have come to this decision after a careful consideration of the guidelines. The primary guideline has been posted on our website several weeks ago and can be reviewed at

<https://www.trinitycollege.lk/2020/06/06/circular-and-guidelines-for-preventing-the-spread-of-covid-19-in-schools-and-educational-institutions/>

The requirements for hand-washing, social distancing and other measures in these guidelines will take time to get used to. While there are varying opinions about the current risk of contracting the Covid-19 virus from the community, we believe that our students should get used to following these guidelines in order to be ready for future outbreaks, such as have happened in several countries where the situation appeared to be under control.

Therefore, school will be re-opened for a limited number of students from Grades 11, 12 and 13 and Grades 13 and 14 of the International Advanced Level class under a limited timetable, as given above. This program will continue for two weeks, after which we may increase the number of students from each grade according to the situation and the lessons learned. We will also increase the duration of the school day – note that there will not be a lunch break during the first two weeks.

#### Precautions to Prevent the Spread of Covid-19

The guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health will be followed, and in every case the facilities (sinks for hand-washing for example) provided will be well in excess of the minimum specified. We will take every precaution to minimize the risk of attending school. All classrooms, toilets and common areas will be cleaned and disinfected regularly.

Detailed guidelines and an instructional video will be released by Saturday. Some important conditions are listed below :

- 1) DO NOT send your child to school if he or she has symptoms such as fever, cough etc. that are linked to Covid-19. Children whose temperatures are found to be high will be placed in isolation and their parents will be requested to take them home.

2) What to BRING

- a) At least two masks
- b) Personal water bottle
- c) Packets of tissues to wipe hands
- d) Small bottle of hand sanitizer – to be used when hand washing is not possible
- e) Personal snack

3) What NOT TO BRING

- a) Unnecessary books or other items
- b) Wrist bands, wrist watches etc.

4) What students SHOULD DO

- a) Keep the mask on at all times
- b) Maintain social distancing while moving to and from the classes, toilets and during the breaks
- c) Wash hands frequently and thoroughly
- d) Use ONLY one desk and chair in the designated classroom
- e) Co-operate with the Security, School Officers and Teachers and protect themselves and others from any risk of infection

5) What students SHOULD NOT DO

- a) Share water or food
- b) Play games during the break
- c) Touch their faces
- d) Move outside the designated areas

Integration of Classroom and Online Sessions (Blended Learning)

It is very important to understand that the Learning at Home program will not only continue, but be the more important component of teaching and learning while the limited timetable of regular classes is in operation. Please make sure that you and your child are aware of the timetable for online lessons – classes may be scheduled during the afternoon of days that he or she comes to school.

The online and classroom sessions will be integrated. Our philosophy is that classroom sessions should focus on what cannot be done during online sessions – such as laboratory classes, group discussions and one on one interactions.

Re-opening Grade 5 and the rest of the school

The educational authorities listed Grade 5 as one of the grades for which classes should begin on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July. It is my opinion that it is unrealistic to expect children of that age to understand and follow all the guidelines laid down to prevent the spread of Covid-19. The online classes are proceeding smoothly, and I consider that the risks and difficulties associated with bringing these

students back to school to far outweigh the benefits. Therefore, school will NOT re-open for Grade 5 on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July.

The issue of young children and Covid-19 precautions will also arise when we think about re-opening the school for all classes down to Grade 3 – which is expected to happen on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July. We will follow the philosophy of gradual expansion of the numbers coming to school, giving priority to the higher grades. Under this program it is unlikely that school will be re-opened for the Junior School in the month of July.

Please contact me at [principal@trinitycollege.lk](mailto:principal@trinitycollege.lk) if you have any questions.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "P.N. Wikramanayake". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "P.N." and a long, flowing surname.

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Acting-Principal