

Sir Ellis K adoorie Secondary School (West K owloon)



Episodes

Contingency Measures During Class Suspension due to SARS and Upon Resumption of School

The outbreak of Atypical Pneumonia had a great impact on all Hong Kong citizens, not excluding teachers and students.

On 28 March 2003 (Friday), on receiving instructions and guidelines from the Education & Manpower Bureau that schools would be suspended from 29 March 2003 (Saturday) to 6 April 2003 (Sunday), the Principal immediately held an emergency meeting with all the staff, discussing the contingency measures to be taken during the period of school suspension. At that meeting, all the teachers were still very optimistic, hoping that the situation would soon be under control and school would return to normal on 7 April 2003.

Unfortunately the situation became worse, so the EMB had no choice but to extend the suspension period. Another emergency staff meeting was held. Very reluctantly, a number of activities had to be either postponed or cancelled. The S.5 Mock Examinations had to be cancelled, the Student Development Days and all the educational visits had to be cancelled whereas some ECA trips and the PTA outing would be postponed.

Examination Preparation

At the same time, a lot of measures were taken to help both the S.5 students to prepare for the public examinations, and the lower form students to keep their studies in progress. Letters were sent to the S.5 students and to parents of S.1 – S.4 students to inform them of the measures.

To help the S.5 students, all the Mock Examination question papers and the model answers had been uploaded to the school Intranet for the students. Those who might not have access to the Internet could come back to the school and get a copy of the paper for revision. What was more, they, as well as all other students, could always come back to the school to seek advice from the teachers. For students of other forms, they could also seek

homework assistance through the Internet, ETV and the radio. Although educational visits planned to be held during the Student Development Days were cancelled, teachers decided to upload appropriate materials to the school website so that the students could have access to these materials for use during the suspension period.

Good News

Good news was finally shared by the EMB, when they announced that all secondary schools would resume on 22 April 2003. Another emergency staff meeting was held on that day to ensure that the students could study in a clean and safe environment and to keep up their studies due to the loss of time. All teachers unanimously agreed that the students should check their body temperature every day before coming to school and they should wear a facemask during their time in school.

The school also adopted a contingency time-table with all lessons conducted in the morning, so that students could go home for lunch. If they wished to stay to have any afternoon activities, they were advised to bring their own lunch to school. To make up for the loss of learning/teaching time, each department tailor-made its own curriculum and rescheduled the schemes of teaching. Teachers also designed various activities and supplementary exercises/worksheets to help the students keep up with their studies. Some of these exercises were also uploaded to the School Intranet for easy access.

Summer Activities

From a survey to parents, it was found that many parents preferred not to delay the commencing date of the summer vacation, ie. 9.7.03 (Wednesday). However, it does not mean that the students will lose any activity time. For students who are staying in Hong Kong for the holiday, there will be a Summer Academic Programme and other summer activities organized during July and August for them. Academic programmes consist of English, mathematics, Chinese, science subjects, humanities subjects and cultural subjects. Activities include visits and

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recreational activities. They are both educational and entertaining. The success of all activities in the school very much depends on the support of the parents. Therefore, parents should urge their children to join these programmes and activities to make their summer vacation enjoyable and meaningful. (For the Summer Programmes and Summer Activities, please refer to the tables on page 2 and page 3.)

A time for learning

The outbreak of SARS was a tragedy, but teachers thought it was also a good opportunity to teach the students more about personal hygiene, self discipline, and love and care for others in addition to how to be independent learners. The Health Education teachers, the Guidance teachers, the Discipline teachers, the English teachers, the Art teacher and the School Social Worker jointly organized a "Love & Care" campaign. Students were guided to design cards of appreciation for the health workers of hospitals. The students had a chance to develop their creativity, and they also learned to love and care for others and show appreciation to work done by others.

SARS took away a lot of things from HK people: lives, businesses, jobs, and prosperity. But at the same time, we have learned some other important things from this crisis: we have helped our students to cultivate creativity, to develop their sense of responsibility and to express their love and care for others. And these are the strongest weapons we teachers can equip our students with to fight against any of our invisible enemies at present or in the future.

Summer Academic Programme, July 2003

Date	Level	English	Chinese	French	Maths	IT	Humanities	Science	Art / D & T / Home Econ
10.7.2003 (Thursday)	S1		Summer Course	Film Show, French Cooking	Remedial class, Guidance for Maths Summer Exercise	Cyber Space			Ceramics Course
	S2		Summer Course	Film Show, French Cooking	Guidance for Maths Summer Exercise	Cyber Space			Ceramics Course
	S3			Film Show, French Cooking	Guidance for Maths Summer Exercise	Cyber Space			Ceramics Course
	S4	Looking Ahead to S.5		Film Show, French Cooking		Cyber Space	Principles of Accounts		
11.7.2003 (Friday)	S1		Summer Course	French Games	Guidance for Maths Summer Exercise	Cyber Space			Ceramics Course
	S2		Summer Course	French Games	Remedial class, Guidance for Maths Summer Exercise)	Cyber Space			Ceramics Course
	S3			French Games	Guidance for Maths Summer Exercise	Cyber Space		Bridge Programme: Physics & Chemistry	Ceramics Course
	S4	Looking Ahead to S.5		French Games		Cyber Space	PA, Economics	How to Prepare Myself for S.5 Physics	
14.7.2003 (Monday)	S1				Guidance for Maths Summer Exercise	Cyber Space			
	S2				Guidance for Maths Summer Exercise	Cyber Space			Visit to PEC
	S3				Guidance for Maths Summer Exercise	Cyber Space			
	S4					Cyber Space	History	Chemistry	
15.7.2003 (Tuesday)	S1				Guidance for Maths Summer Exercise	Cyber Space			
	S2				Guidance for Maths Summer Exercise	Cyber Space			
	S3				Guidance for Maths Summer Exercise	Cyber Space	History		
	S4					Cyber Space		Chemistry	
16.7.2003 (Wednesday)	S1 – S3				Guidance for Maths Summer Exercise	Cyber Space			
	S4					Cyber Space			
3 days in late July (dates to be confirmed)	S1		New S.1 Chinese Bridge Programme						

Summer Activities Arrangements July – August, 2003

Date	Time	Name of activity	Target levels	Organiser(s)	Venue
9/ 7/ 03, 11/ 7/ 03	9:00am – 5:00pm	Table Tennis Umpire Course	S. 2 – S. 4	PE department	
		Badminton Umpire Course			
10/7/03	9:30am – 4:00 pm	Fun Day cum BBQ	S.1 – S.2	Chinese Club & Handicraft Club	School Covered Playground, Foodcourt
10/7/ 03	9:00am – 3:00pm	Hiking (Tai Tam)	S. 1 – S. 4	Hiking Club	
	9:30am – 11:30am	Badminton training		Badminton Club	School Hall
	9:00am – 4:00 pm	710 Day Camp		Guidance Teacher and School Social Worker	Sai Kung Outdoor Recreation Centre
	9:00am – 10:30am	Training Course for Student - Librarians	S. 1 – S. 3 students who are interested in being helpers	Teacher - Librarian	
	10:45am – 12:00noon	Opening of Library to students	All		
11/ 7/ 03, 25/ 8/ 03	9:30am – 12:00noon				
11/ 7/ 03	10:00am – 12:00noon	Health Education Exhibition	S. 1- S. 3	Health Education Committee	Tsim Sha Tsui
12/ 7/ 03	11:00am – 6:00pm	Summer Programmes 2003: Visit to Ocean Park	S. 1 – S. 4	School Social Worker	Ocean Park
12/ 7/ 03	10:00am- 12:00noon	Visit to Museum of Coastal Defence	S. 1- S. 3	History Department	
15/ 7/ 03	10:00am – 6:00pm	Fun Fun Ocean Park	S. 3 – S. 4	School Social Worker	
16/7/03	10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Cricket	S. 1 – S. 2	Cricket Teacher	Training Court in School
17/ 7/ 03	9:00am – 7:00pm	Summer Programmes 2003: Day Camp	S. 1 – S. 4	School Social Worker	Silvermine Bay
19/ 7/ 03	10:00am – 12:00noon	Visit to H. K. Museum of History	S. 1 - S. 3	History Department	
21/ 7/ 03	1:00pm – 5:00pm	Mai Po Nature Reserves	S. 1 – S. 4	Environmental Education Committee & Geography Department	Mai Po Marshes, Yuen Long
Late July (Exact dates to be confirmed)	5 days 4 night trip	“Friends Without Border”- Cultural Exchange Project for Different Ethnic Youths in Hong Kong	S.3 – S.4		Shenzhen, China In collaboration with the Unison Hong Kong
18/7 – 20/7, 17/8	3 days camp and 1 day camp	Astronomy Class cum Star-gazing Camp	S. 4	Geography Department	Kadoorie Farm (HKU Campsite)
Mid-August (Exact dates to be confirmed)	3 days camp	HKACC Joint Camp	Air Cadets	Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps	Venue: Adventure Corps High Island Training Camp
Mid-August (Exact dates to be confirmed)		Junior Non Commissioned Officer (NCO) Course of HKACC			Headquarters of HKACC
July- August	Every Wed. (9:00am – 1:00pm)	Basic Cadets Training Course of HKACC			School
3/ 8/ 03	10:00am – 1:00pm	Visit to Food of Mankind Museum	S. 1- S. 4	Health Education Committee	Fanling

With ‘Love & Care’, we shall overcome

Members of our school are blessed ones as so far none of us have contracted the infamous coronaviruses which cause SARS. However, it doesn't mean that we are indifferent to the suffering and fear SARS has caused. Upon the resumption of classes in April, our school has carried out a series of activities to safeguard our health and to show our concern and appreciation to

those unknown healthcare workers who risk their lives in these treacherous times of war and plague.

It is very considerate of the school to broadcast video shows in the morning and recesses to remind us of precautions against contracting SARS. Both teachers and students have to take their body temperature before they come to school. Throughout the school day, facemasks are put on. Feeling uncomfortable, some students may take them off. However, there is no need to worry for our *Love & Care Student Ambassadors* will remind them to wear their facemasks properly.

Besides taking care of ourselves, we showed our concern and



appreciation to the heroes who take care of the SARS patients. Though unable to thank them in person, every one of us wrote a note of thanks on “a heart, a star, an apple, a tree or a butterfly”—cards of different shapes that represent warmth, hope and love. These cards were sent to Princess Margaret Hospital. Our students also expressed how they felt or what they have learnt in this difficult time in essays, poems, and short stories.



Letter of appreciation and gratitude from Princess Margaret Hospital



Up, up and away!!

May was a very special month for four student members of the Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps as they took to the skies and experienced Hong Kong from a completely different viewpoint. Mandeep Kaur (S4B), Nadia Tabassum (S4D), Arshad Eajaz Mohammad (S2D) and Mohammad Nuzhat Razaq (S3D) were all selected to participate in a 30 minute helicopter ride in order to better understand the workings



of these wonderful machines. The Robinson R22 helicopters took off from the old Kai Tak Airport and flew around Hong Kong, giving an “absolutely b r e a t h t a k i n g” experience to the cadets. During the flights, our students were given the chance to have some ‘hands-on’ experience of the basic controls. We hope that their flights, which took place on

the 11th and 25th May, will not only be of use to them, but will also provide inspiration to our other cadets!

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