



The Way Forward
Covid-19
Preventive Measures
Information for Parents

24/10/2021

Stella Maris College
Junior School

Preparing for school and Arrival Time

- **Check Timetable:** Students are to wear uniform on a normal day and P.E. Kit on days when they have subject teaching. Uniform should be washed once the students return home.
- **School Management System:** The class teacher will communicate through Klikks on a **daily basis** what needs to be brought to school the following day, as happened during the last scholastic year. No books or copybooks are to be sent with your son on the first day of school, unless instructed otherwise by his class teacher, during the Online Parents' Meeting.
- **Daily checking of your son's bag:** Check your son's belongings, remove any unnecessary things from school bag and make sure he has the supplies needed including **hand gel/wipes, tissues and an extra labelled clean mask**. These should be stored in the school's blue waist pouch or any other (plain blue) waist pouch. This has to be properly worn around the waist.



- Please provide an **A5 labelled pocket** to store the mask when not in use.



***A5 Labelled Button
Envelope***

- Before leaving home, parents are to check their son's temperature. If the temperature is higher than **37.2**, your son is not fit for school. The school needs to be informed that the student is sick. Kindly inform the class teacher and also send an email to the secretary on jsadmin@stellamaris.edu.mt with the subject **Student's Name, Surname, Class - SICK**. For any matters related to Covid-19, you are kindly requested to make contact by email with the School Liason Officer – Ms Pauline Scerri on pscerri@stellamaris.edu.mt or 99868583.
- **Gates Opening Times:** Students are to be dropped off on school grounds entering the first gate in **Emanuele Giordano Street**. Gates will open at **7:00 am** and close at **7.45 am**. Punctuality is a must. This will help us to offer a safer environment for all students and members of staff. The students will proceed straight to their classroom.

During the day:

- Parents can only drop off their son and pick him up at dismissal time. Only staff members and authorised personnel are allowed on the school premises.
- **Late comers:** In the eventuality of a justifiable late comer, one is to use the main door and proceed to classroom after having his temperature checked and sanitised his hands.
- If parents need to communicate with the school or class teachers, they are encouraged to do so by sending an email, or by calling the school numbers (Check end of document). The receptionist will guide you accordingly. Refrain from sending notes or writing notes on your son's diary.
- **Use of a mask and visor:** As a Lasallian school we feel that priority should be given to the health and safety of students and members of staff. In the morning, each student is to come to school wearing a mask in an appropriate way. The mask can be fancy or plain, changed on a daily basis. It is of utmost importance that **all masks and visors** are labelled. The mask should be worn at all times, removed only while eating. The use of a visor on top of the mask is optional.

Persons with disability, including students on the Autism Spectrum (ASD) and Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD), amongst others, may be exempt from mandatory wearing of masks on a case-by-case basis, depending on the individual's sensitivity. Children on the autism spectrum have heightened sensory experiences and wearing a face mask over the mouth or the elastic pulling at the ears can cause distress, increased handling and contamination could make mask wearing counter-productive. If the individual can tolerate it well and wear mask or visor appropriately, it should be encouraged.

- If a student falls ill during the day, parents will be informed and need to arrange the pickup for the sick student. Parents are to call at the second gate in Emmanuel Giordano Street and call Ms Pauline upon arrival. Ms Pauline will accompany the student to the gate.
- **Lunch Breaks:** Students will sanitise their hands using hand gel or wash their hands before eating time. Playing time is being planned in a staggered way to maintain the bubbles and to ensure appropriate social distancing.
- **Educational Excursions:** The school will be adhering to the Protocol issued by the Education Department. As per new health protocol, the school will try to organise educational excursions which are curriculum related and respecting the Covid-19 measures.
- **Medical Certificates:** Students who were sick or away from school need to report and hand in a medical certificate stating that they are **fit to attend school** to the designated member of staff responsible for the checking of these medical certificates. This member of staff will be stationed near the Junior School Temperature Check Point. **If a student fails to bring the certificate, parents will be called to return to school and collect their son or present the required certificate.**
- In spite of the school investing in a reliable and effective sanitising agent, the cleaning of surfaces remains an important measure to ensure hygienic conditions and fight against the spreading of COVID-19.

End of day

- Dismissal time will be staggered so as to have a smooth running. Remember to abide by the social distance protocol and wear a mask when picking up your son. Follow the time indicated for you to pick up your son. Punctuality is of utmost importance. **Only one** adult waits for the child and he/she is to wear the mask at all times.
- Parents picking up their sons are to be on premises as follows:

Grade 3 and 4 – 13.45

Grade 5 and 6 – 13.50

During dismissal time, you are kindly requested to stay in your car until your son's class is called out.

Further information will be communicated to you.

Travelling Abroad

During School Days

- If for any reason, a student needs to travel abroad during school days, parents are to send an email to the Head of School, Mr Noel Abela on nabela@stellamaris.edu.mt with the relative details at least two weeks before departure.
- The Head of School will grant permission to students who will be travelling for valid reasons. Once permission is granted, parents are to send an email to Ms Pauline on pscerri@stellamaris.edu.mt with all the necessary travelling arrangements as a cover for his absence.
- The school will be following the health guidelines for travel issued by the **Health Authorities**. If travel occurs to countries where a **negative PCR swab test** needs to be presented on return, a **scan of a negative PCR swab test result** must be presented to the school before the first day of return to school of the student.

The Health Guidelines may be found on the following link:

<https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/health-promotion/covid-19/Pages/travel.aspx>

For ease of reference attached please find these regulations as on 25 October 2021.

Below please find a summary:

- Countries are classified as Dark Red or Red.
- Travel to Dark Red countries is prohibited unless with written permission from the Superintendent of Public Health.
- Travel to Red countries is permitted under certain conditions.
- The list of countries according to their classification as on 25-10-21 is in the attached document. Most European countries are on the red list so this will probably apply to all students who may be travelling. Please always refer to the website through the above link since this list may change .

Dark Red Countries

If students get permission to travel to dark red countries then they need to quarantine for 15 days on return, irrespective of vaccination status or not.

Red Countries

If students travel to red countries then the following applies:

Unvaccinated students

Unvaccinated students between 5 and 11 years of age accompanying vaccinated adults need to present a negative PCR test on their return on entry to the country. Students aged below 12 and who are travelling abroad therefore need to show us a copy of the negative PCR test they would have done to re-enter the country.

During School Holidays

- Parents of those students travelling abroad during school holidays are to send an email to Ms. Pauline on pscerri@stellamaris.edu.mt with the relative details at least two weeks before departure. The school will be following the health guidelines for travel issued by the Health authorities. If travel occurs to countries where a negative PCR swab test needs to be presented on return, a scan of a negative PCR swab test result must be presented to the school before the first day of return to school of the student.

COVID-19 Cases Measures

Swab Tests

- If a student or a member of his household have booked a swab test and/or are waiting for the swab test result, the student needs to remain home until a negative result is obtained.
- The Liaison Officer, Ms Pauline Scerri needs to be informed immediately.
- Should the result be negative, then a copy of such result needs to be sent by email to Ms Pauline before the return of the student to school.

Mandatory Quarantine

- If a student is put on mandatory quarantine, since he or a member of his household came in contact with a positive case, this needs to be reported to the Liaison Officer, Ms Pauline Scerri immediately.

Positive Cases

- If a student or a member of his household has tested positive to the virus, this needs to be reported immediately to the Liaison Officer, Ms Pauline Scerri. Ms Pauline will then guide the parents accordingly.

COVID-19 Contact Person

The Covid-19 Contact Person at Stella Maris College Junior School is **Ms Pauline Scerri – Mobile 99868583**. She will be liaising with the Head of School Mr Noel Abela.

Any students, employees and parents who may have queries with respect to the COVID mitigation measures implemented within the school are to contact Ms Pauline Scerri.

Her mobile number is to be used for COVID-19 related matters ONLY.

Contact Information

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