



Mangala Vihara (Buddhist Temple)

(Founded 1st May 1960)

Founder: Late Ven M.M. Mahaweera Maha Nayaka Thera

Resident Monk: Ven U Cittara

22 December 2020

Dear MV Sunday Dhamma School Students

Namo Buddhaya!

This has been a year that none of us have ever witnessed in our life time. It is a year all our values system and faith have been put to test. I am sure all of you, just as I have, missed coming to Mangala Vihara Buddhist Temple for our regular puja and Sunday class.

YMBA exams for our adult classes have been postponed indefinitely by YMBA Colombo. Under normal circumstances students only move on to the next level when they have passed the YMBA exams. However, this year we have sought special permission to advance everyone to the next level. This means everyone who has registered for the exams will be move on to the next level automatically. As students did not sit for any exams, there will not be any certification of current level completed. However, this does not apply to the final year students who are in the Diploma class. Diploma students will sit for the next available exams so that they can graduate with their diploma.

As our Prime Minister has announced our nation entering into Phase 3, in consultation with the management of MV, the MV Sunday Dhamma School is ready to open its doors. However, we will be cautious in our approach as we open our doors so that we are able exercise safe management measures to ensure the safety of all our teachers and students. As such, due to the large number of students, we are going to adopt a blended approach in our Sunday School. This means, for alternate weeks, different classes will attend class face to face in our temple and alternate that with home based learning. Please refer to the attached schedule.

During these unpredictable times, we need to remain nimble and flexible. It is important that you take personal and social responsibility to keep everyone safe. Please take note of the following:

1. **Register** with your respective teachers before you come. Always stay in touch with your teachers so that we are able to manage the total number of students.
2. On the days you are coming to the temple for face to face lessons, please arrive 15 minutes earlier before class starts. There will only be ONE entrance to enter to your respective class – via the Mangala Hall.
3. Check-in:
- **SAFE ENTRY** - Scan QR Code on your mobile or Scan NRIC at the counter to check-in.

- From 1 January 2021, it is mandatory to use **Tracetogether** Token or app for all to enter any premise,
- 4. **THERMAL SCANNING** - All entrants will pass by our thermal scanners. Those having temperature above 37.5 will be refused entry into the temple.
- 5. **SANITISE your hands** with the hand sanitiser provided before proceeding to class. Please do a wipe down before and after your class.
How to sanitise your hands?
 - Apply a squirt of sanitiser in the palm of your hand.
 - Rub your hands palm to palm.
 - Rub the back of each hand with the palm of the other hand.
 - Rub your palms together with your fingers interlaced.
 - Rub the back of your fingers with the opposite palms.
 - Rotate your thumbs in the other hand.
 - Do a circle on your palm with your fingers clasped.
 - Once dry, your hands are safe.*Source: World Health Organisation*
- 6. Please ensure that you have your mask on at all times.
- 7. There will not be any puja until further notice.
- 8. Please proceed directly to your class before 10am.
- 9. No lunch will be provided until further notice.

Thank you for your cooperation. Should you need further clarification, please feel free to contact any one of the secretaries:

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Yours in Dhamma
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