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Letter To Parents (Term 2)

26 March 2021

Dear Parents

It is the start of Term 2 and we welcome our children back to school. I hope you have spent wonderful moments with your children during this break.

Our children have been sterling examples as they did their part in the battle against COVID-19. They complied with all safety management measures, ensured personal hygiene and social responsibility. Despite disruptions and inconveniences, they exemplified the School Motto of *Wisdom and Grace*. We are very proud of them. I am also thankful to you for supporting the school and being so understanding.

We are slowly but surely returning to normalcy. As you must be aware, the COVID-19 vaccination is ongoing for all school personnel and the use of TRACE together will be activated once all our students have their tokens with them. This ongoing journey has been great learning for our children and I believe, indeed for most of us who have never really faced such a crisis in our lives. As a school and as a nation, I am sure we will overcome this.

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence - Helen Keller

Term 2 as always will be very busy as our students will be sitting for the assessments and mid-year exams. We will ensure that they are adequately prepared to do their best. Details will be issued in due time. Continue to keep your communications with the teachers going and be an active part of your children's learning and development.

All planned school events and activities will continue with the necessary SMMs in place. The school's 21st Anniversary celebrations have also taken a good meaningful start. We would like to thank our children for their generous contributions for the 20-cent charity drive in support of the Singapore Children's Cancer Foundation. This fund-raising will carry on for Term 2/Wk 1 as well. So do continue to support a worthy cause so that our children learn about caring for others.



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The school would also like to reiterate the safety and well-being of our children. We have received many complaints about illegal crossing and jaywalking as well as illegal parking outside the school gates. The LTA has informed the school that it will be deploying officers to monitor this situation. So do follow road safety rules and be good role models for our children.

It is not about smart children. It is about Happy children who have the confidence and courage to learn and pursue things dear to their heart – Alexandra Eidens

Thank you and Best Wishes!

Regards

Mrs Chandler Jay Siva
Principal



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Safe Management Measures

All students and staff who are unwell, or who have adult household members on home quarantine, Stay Home Notice (SHN) or have flu-like symptoms such as fever, running nose, sore throat and cough, should stay away from school. Please do inform your child's form teacher in such an event.

The sharing of personal items are not encouraged. Please continue to ensure that your child has his/her own thermometer with them daily. Please label all personalized items like thermometers, water bottles, face shields and hand sanitizers with your child's name and class.

Safe Behaviour in School

Students are reminded to behave in a safe and responsible manner in school. For their own safety, students are not allowed to run along the corridors, slide along the staircase railings, or intentionally trip / push other students. We also discourage any rough / inappropriate play involving physical contact between students.

Such dangerous behaviour often leads to serious injuries and we hope parents will help to reinforce the above messages at home. We also seek parent's assistance in contacting the form teachers if your child experiences any such encounters in school.

Use of Smart Watches Not Allowed

Students are not allowed to wear their smartwatches to school as this could be a major source of distraction during class. Smartwatches refer to watches that are capable of capturing, storing, displaying and/or transmitting visual, audio or verbal information and have similar features as mobile phones. These devices are also not allowed during tests or examinations as they allow access to online resources.

Additionally, the school will not be accountable for any losses of smartwatches. We strongly encourage students to use the public phone or approach the office staff to make a phone call to their parents.



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Parents Teacher Meeting (PTM)

The Parents Teachers Meeting (PTM) for this year will be held on 27th May, Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 28th May, Friday from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. for Mother Tongue teachers only.

In line with the SMM measures, the school will continue with the modified PTM via Zoom. All parents are invited to attend the online meeting with your child's Form Teacher to discuss the holistic development of your child. The meeting hopes to foster strong parent engagement in on the progress of your child's development as a whole; at home and in school, at work and at play. At the same time, we hope to have a better understanding of your child's interests, strengths and home-school dynamics. Let us work together in partnership towards the betterment of your child's learning for greater success as he/she progresses through the Primary School education. More information will be shared closer to the date.