

March 2020



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Importance of Observing Personal Hygiene

In view of the rapidly developing COVID-19 situation, the school has implemented the Wipe-down Routine since 14 February. Every child must clean the table surface after his/her meals in the canteen. You may want to reinforce this routine with your child at home.

On top of that, teaching your child the basics of proper personal hygiene is important as well. Please remind your child to exercise good personal hygiene practices, social responsibility and safe distancing measures even when they are not in school. Pupils are strongly encouraged to avoid crowded places, gatherings and situations of prolonged mixing that could increase the risk of inter-class or inter-school transmission.

We all play an important part in times of crisis. Your vigilance and assistance will help us to keep our school as a safe place for learning for all. Together, we can get through this.

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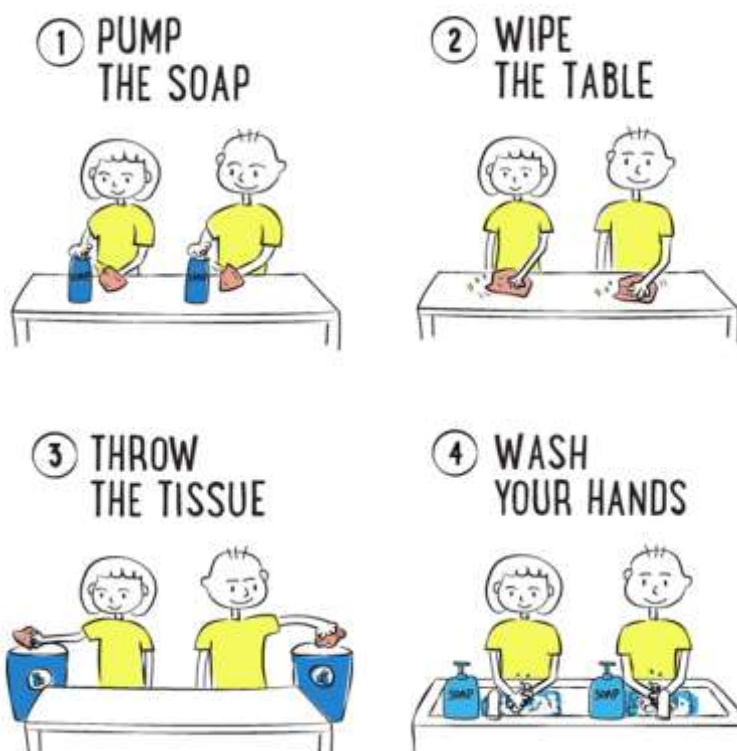
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The Wipe-down Routine



To find out how you can help your child in his/her personal hygiene, please visit verywellfamily.com/teaching-your-child-good-personal-hygiene-620527

Working Together on Mosquito Control

With an increase in dengue cases in Singapore, the school has stepped up surveillance in our fight against dengue to ensure a safe environment for pupils and the school community at large.

We are focusing primarily on reducing the sources of mosquito breeding, in line with the advice of National Environment Agency's (NEA) on mosquito control. These include inspecting, tracking and detecting mosquito habitats twice weekly, and applying insecticide onto potential breeding grounds every fortnight. The school has also stepped up the housekeeping of school premises and ensure that any stagnant water in receptacles (eg. pails) and potted plants' trays is cleared immediately. Fogging and misting of the school compound are also carried out regularly as advised by NEA.

We have also been reminding our pupils of the 5-steps Mozzie Wipe-out regime for them to stay vigilant and play their part in keeping the dengue situation under control.



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Pupils' Health Screening

The School Health Services will be conducting its annual health screening in Frontier Primary School. All P1 to P6 pupils will be having their annual health screening from **22 April to 30 April 2020**.

Only P1 and P5 pupils' health booklets will be collected by teachers from **14 April 2020**. The health booklets will be returned after the health screening. Parents can print copies of the immunisation records online if you have lost the health booklet.

P1 and P5 parents need to log in to the online portal via <https://childconsent.hpb.gov.sg> using your SingPass OR scan the QR code below to give consent to your child's immunisation. Parents of Muslim pupils will also need to indicate your consent using the form given through your child as the health screening is happening during the fasting month. Only parents / guardians who are registered with the school may give consent for their child / ward.



School Payment Options

MOE and schools are moving towards zero cash collection. If you have any outstanding bills to pay, we strongly encourage you to use the following self-help option for payment. It's easy and you can make payment at your convenience.

If you need to make payment in school, the collection hours at General Office is from Monday to Friday between 8.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.

E-payment options

Scan the QR code on the bill and pay using any of the listed mobile apps.



Pay at any AXS channels - kiosks,
internet, mobile.



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World Water Day and Earth Hour

Singapore World Water Day (SWWD) was held on 22 March 2020 and it aims to raise awareness for water conservation and advocate water saving habits.

The SWWD compliments the Earth Hour movement on 28 March this year. Earth Hour 2020 will be observed from 8.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. on that day. The message for this year is **"We are facing a planetary emergency. We need to restore and protect nature. Our future depends on it."** The Earth Hour Movement aims to rally everyone to do our part to protect our planet by reducing our energy consumption and limit our carbon foot prints

As a green school, Frontier Primary will be observing World Water Day and Earth Hour on 30 March 2020. Frontierers will be engaged through a class-based sharing. Do join us in doing our part for our planet, Earth.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mother Tongue Fortnight

Frontier Primary will be having our annual Mother Tongue Fortnight from **6 April 2020 to 17 April 2020**. The objective of this programme is to immerse the pupils in an engaging environment that promotes the learning and authentic usage of Mother Tongue Languages (MTL).

Your child will be engaged in a series of language and cultural activities throughout these two weeks in their classrooms. It's going to be a new learning experience for your child! You can be involved in this event too by getting your child to relate to you the activities that he/she has taken part in at school. We look forward to your support in the event.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Speak Good English Movement (SGEM)

The annual Speak Good English Movement (SGEM) will be carried out from **6 April to 9 April 2020**. The objective of the movement is to encourage our pupils to speak good standard English that is universally understood.

Our theme for this year will be '**Local Writers**'. During this week, the English department will be introducing various stories written by our very own local writers for each level and pair them up with exciting activities, ranging from an assembly talk with an invited guest that will be streamed live to all classes as well as engaging class activities. We hope that the fun-filled activities will raise our pupils' awareness on the importance of speaking good standard English.

Live-Streamed Assembly Talk by Local Writer, Neil Humphreys

Neil Humphreys is one of Singapore's best-selling author with over 20 titles to his name. His popular series, 'Abbie Rose and the Magic Suitcase', features a smart, feisty girl on a mission to save endangered animals. In this talk, he will be sharing with the pupils some tips on how to be a good writer and why imaginative writing is important in nurturing confidence.

Share-a-Book Day on Thursday, 9 April 2020

We would like to strongly encourage all our **P1 to P5 pupils** to come to school **with their favourite book** on Thursday, 9 April 2020 and share with their peers interesting facts about the book or the characters. Pupils can even bring a handmade prop related to the book to make the stories come alive!

Book Fair at the Canteen

There will be a book fair on **6 April and 7 April 2020**. A list of book titles will be given to your child nearer to the dates of the book fair. The pupils can purchase these books from the book vendors at the canteen.

Let's all make reading and speaking good English a way of life!





UPCOMING EVENTS

P4 and P6 NAtional Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA)

P4 and P6 pupils will be taking their NAPFA test in Term 2. It comprises six test items to measure various components of fitness. They are Sit-Ups, Inclined Pull-Ups, Sit and Reach, Standing Broad Jump, Shuttle Run and 1.6 km Run/Walk.



The 5 static stations and 1.6 km Run/Walk will be conducted during curriculum hours. Please refer to the dates shown below:

Day/ Date	Timing	Level/Classes	Assessment	Remarks
Monday 6 April	Curriculum Time	Primary 6 (LO1,LO2,LO3,LO6)	5 Static Stations	1. Pupils are to report to school in their PE attire. Sports shoes may be worn. 2. Report to the test venue with a filled water bottle.
Monday 13 April	Curriculum Time	Primary 4 (IN1,IN2,IN3,IN6)	5 Static Stations	
Tuesday 14 April	Curriculum Time	Primary 4 (IN4,IN5)	5 Static Stations	
Monday 20 April	Curriculum Time	Primary 6 (LO4,LO5)	5 Static Stations	
Term 2	PE Lessons	All Primary 4 and Primary 6	1.6 km Run/Walk	1.6 km Run/Walk will be conducted during PE lessons.

P4 and P6 NAPFA will be conducted within the current MOE recommendations (reduction of group size and disinfecting of equipment). The plan is however subjected to change, based on updates from MOE. Changes, if any, will be communicated via PG.



ICT Matters

Updates for Parents on Parents Gateway

(I) Enable Email Correspondence

An email link feature is enabled in both Announcements and Consent Forms for the parents to email to the schools if they have any queries upon receiving the notification.

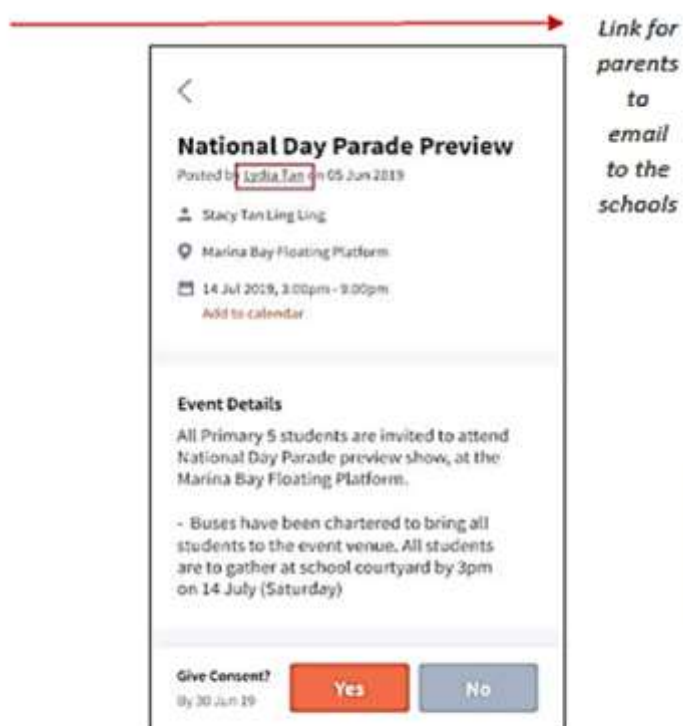


Figure 4: Link for parents to email to school

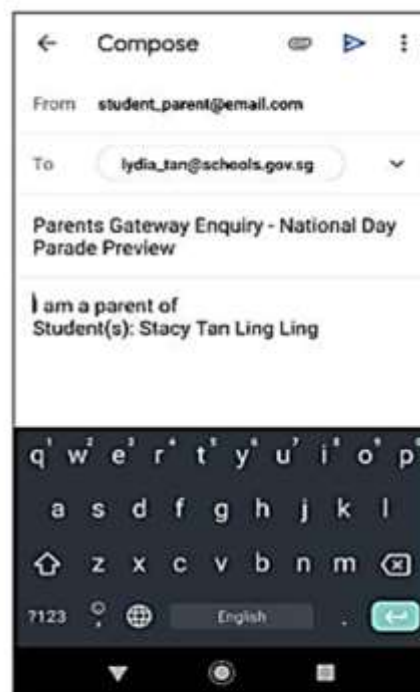


Figure 5: Email client on parents' devices

(II) Email Notification for Update of Contact Details

This is an added safety measure to the current "Update Contact Details" feature whereby parents can update their mobile, residential/other contact numbers and change of email address. Parents will then receive an email alert that their contact details have been changed.

At the same time, the Form Teacher/Co-Form Teacher would also be informed via email that there have been changes to contact details of parents of their students.

(III) HQ Comms

Based on feedback from schools and parents, enhancements have been made to the HQ Pop-up comms which will be pinned at the top of the "Home" page.



Figure 1 – Updated Pop-up Comms from HQ



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(IV) Editing of Child's Initials

Based on parents' requests to be able to edit/customise their child's initials in Parents Gateway (due to the fact that children's same initials can be confusing), there is now an enhancement which allows parents to customise their child's initials in the Parents Gateway app, allowing for greater clarity and better user experience.

(V) Improved Push Notifications Details

Enhancements have been made to provide parents with useful information on push notifications. This will help parents gain better understanding on how they may use the push notification to their benefit.

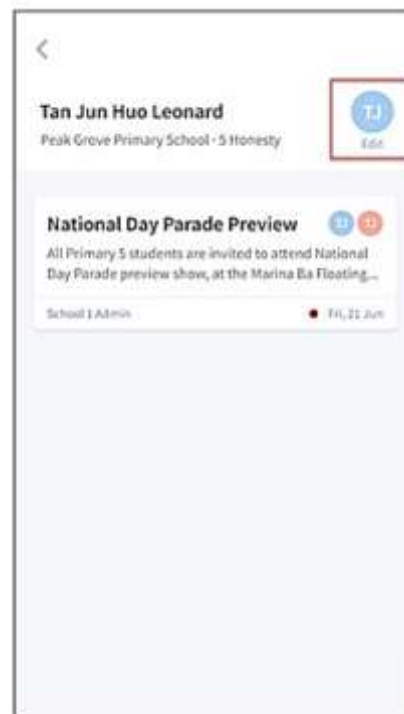


Figure 2 - Edit child initial link in Parents Gateway



Figure 3 - Notifications screen on Android device

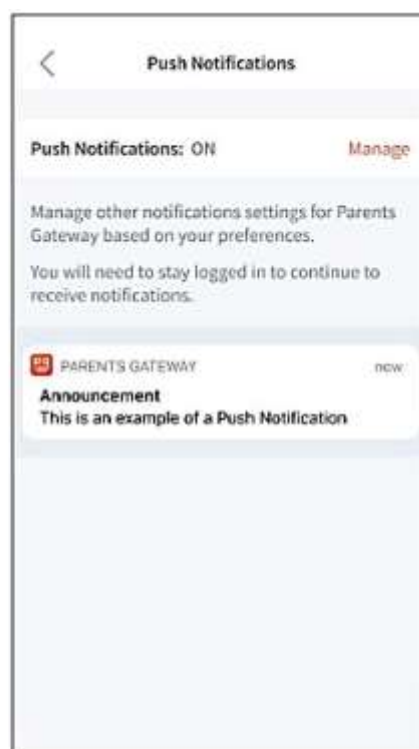


Figure 4 - Notifications screen on iOS device



Schoolbag

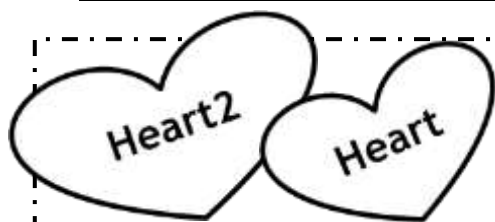
Setting realistic expectations

High expectations can often challenge parents to want to achieve more. However, unrealistic expectations may result in anxiety, loss of confidence and low self-esteem in children.

Here are 5 practical tips to manage parents' expectations so that their children are motivated to learn.



Read more on how you can set realistic expectations by visiting <https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/5-practical-tips-on-setting-realistic-parenting-expectations>



FANTASTIC IDEAS FOR CHILD-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES IN THE HOUSE, REQUIRING LITTLE PREPARATION

With many families now trying to stay at home, here are some ideas to engage your little ones.

1. DEN OR CAVE BUILDING

The easiest way to create a stable den is through using a blanket or bed sheet and cover a table or some other furniture moved together. You can create quite a spacious den using four chairs arranged in a square with the blanket placed over the back rests. Add few cushions added into the cave and your kids will have a great time for sure.

2. A HOUSEBOUND TREASURE HUNT

Create a map of your home and hide small items around it. Mark each piece of hidden treasure on the map. Explain the map to your little one and offer your support for the hunting game in case they need it.

If your kids are older, you can use word cards describing a place where you have hidden an item. For example: "I am cold and make a 'bing bing' noise if left open". The answer is the fridge, of course. Kids love this combination of a quiz and hunt. It's hard not to get in on the fun, too.



Even once they've found all the treasure, why not get them to organise their own hunt? They can draw their own map or come up with their own questions to send you on a great search.

3. LIFE SIZE DRAWINGS

Stick a load of A4 sheets of paper together (or if you have a big paper roll even better!) and place it on the floor. Encourage the kids to lie down on it and outline their body with a pen. From this moment on there is no way to stop the kids getting creative: colour in, add accessories to the figures like stickers or stamps, design clothes with old material offcuts or other things you might find in the art drawer. The kids will have lots of fun with the real-size copies and you may have something really special to decorate their bedroom wall afterwards.

4. KIDS INDOOR GYM

Transform your living room into a kid's gym and create some fun and age-appropriate sports stations. You can put a trail of paper sheets on the floor which the kids have to walk over without touching anything else but the paper. To make it more competitive you can use the stopwatch to time the duration of each exercise. But make sure to stick to age-appropriate durations. It's about the fun and switching back and forth between the stations rather than aiming for the next world record.

To find out more ways to have child-friendly activities in the house, please visit <https://www.toucanbox.com/activities/fun-things-to-do-at-home-with-your-kids>