

February 2020



ANNOUNCEMENTS

How to Beat the Bug!

Dear Parents,

In light of the recent 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), it would be timely to remind ourselves and our children on good personal hygiene practices to prevent any transmission.

Some good hygiene practices include thorough hand washing procedures and mask-wearing etiquette.

Do refer to the following poster to reinforce hand washing procedures with your child at home.

You may also like to view a video on handwashing techniques at <https://www.debgroup.com/uk/education-support/hand-washing-technique>



Let us work together to be good role models and reinforce these good practices at home and in school.

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Masking Up: How and When You Should Do It



**WUHAN VIRUS
ADVISORY ON
WEARING MASKS**

 **DO NOT WEAR A MASK
IF YOU ARE WELL**

**There are sufficient masks in the warehouses and government stockpiles,
if they are used responsibly.**

WEAR A MASK ONLY IF

- You have a **FEVER, COUGH OR RUNNY NOSE**
- You are **RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS**

The infographic features three cartoon illustrations of a person with different symptoms: a runny nose, a fever (indicated by a red forehead), and a cough. Each illustration is accompanied by a bullet point indicating when to wear a mask.

HOW TO WEAR A MASK?



It should **COVER YOUR MOUTH, NOSE AND CHIN**, with the coloured side facing outwards.



PINCH THE METAL EDGE OF THE MASK so that it presses gently on your nose bridge.



Remove a used mask by **HOLDING ONLY THE EAR LOOPS**.



WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER REGULARLY.

*The Wuhan coronavirus is now known as the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).



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Step Up of Precautionary Measures for 2019-nCoV

In view of the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) situation, the school is stepping up our precautionary measures to manage the spread of the 2019-nCoV.

(i) VISITOR MANAGEMENT

- Temperature taking and visual screening will be conducted for all visitors. Visitors with fever (above 38.0°C) or flu-like symptoms will not be allowed to enter the school premises.
- Visitors are to declare their travel history and those who have travelled to Mainland China in the past 14 days will not be allowed to enter the school premises.

(ii) SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Flag-raising ceremony will be carried out in the classrooms. Pupils are to proceed to the classrooms directly when they arrive in school.
- Mass assembly programmes and large scale events involving pupils will be suspended until further notice:
 - ◇ P3 SwimSafer 2.0 lessons
 - ◇ Learning Journeys
 - ◇ Camps
 - ◇ P3 - P6 Sports Carnival
 - ◇ Overseas school trips
- CCAs and After School Programmes such as remedial classes will continue.

(iii) POSTPONEMENT OF UPCOMING EVENTS

The parent engagement activities that were scheduled on the following dates will be postponed until further notice:

- Saturday, 15 February 2020: Parent-Teacher Meeting (P2 & P3)
- Friday, 21 February 2020: English Workshops – Raising Reader Workshop and Writing Workshop
- Saturday, 22 February 2020: M² (Mother Tongue & Mathematics) Learning Fest for Parents

(iv) PARENTS GATEWAY

Please remain logged in to Parents Gateway (PG) app to receive notifications of announcements and consent forms. If you choose to log out of your PG app, you will stop receiving any notifications for new announcements and consent forms until the next time you log in.

For further clarification, you may contact the school general office at 6578 9555.

Thank you for your kind understanding during this period of time.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Total Defence Day

Frontier Primary School will be commemorating Total Defence Day on 10 February 2020. It serves as a reminder that every Singaporean plays a part, individually and collectively, to build a safe, strong, secure and cohesive nation.



As a nation, we now face new challenges such as cyberattacks, disinformation and fake news which can be used to divide and weaken us. Thus, this year, in addition to our current five pillars of Total Defence, Digital Defence has been added as a new pillar of Total Defence to help us deal with the spectrum of military and non-military threats.

In line with this year's theme 'Together We Keep Singapore Strong', the school has planned meaningful activities and learning experiences for our pupils. These activities aim to create opportunities for Frontierers to put the six pillars of Total Defence into action in their daily lives by, reaching out to one another, forging new relationships and strengthening existing ones to keep Singapore strong and resilient.

As part of the commemoration on **Monday, 10 February 2020**, our canteen vendors will be selling staple food such as sweet potato porridge, cream crackers, buns and barley drink during the three recesses. This is to remind our pupils of the trying days of our forefathers during the Japanese Occupation. Pupils are strongly encouraged to purchase these food during their recess. However, if your child has special dietary requirements, do pack some recess snacks for him/her. (*Please note that sale of food from the usual menu will resume for the pupils' lunch break.)

Through these activities and learning experiences, we believe that our Frontierers would feel that they can play a part in the defence of Singapore, even at their tender age.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Red Cross Charity Bazaar

The Red Cross CCA would like to thank all pupils, parents and staff for their support in making the recent TransportAid flag day, held from 29 January to 31 January 2020, a successful one.

To further support the Singapore Red Cross in rendering services to the community, a charity bazaar will be held from **5 to 6 March 2020** in school. Items such as stationery and books will be on sale at \$2 or less each during the recesses.

The proceeds from the charity bazaar will go towards helping the Singapore Red Cross TransportAid and FoodAid. We hope that pupils and parents could continue to help others in need through our Red Cross CCA.

To find out more about the Red Cross Singapore, do visit <https://www.redcross.sg/our-services.html>





ACCOLADES

11th Global Village Children and Youths Bilingual Speech Competition

The 11th Global Village Children & Youths Bilingual Speech Competition was organised by Goodtalk Culture Communication Co. Ltd. to provide an opportunity for pupils to understand and appreciate the language and culture between Singapore and China. Some of our Frontierers were selected to take part in the competition.

Here's our heartfelt congratulations to the following pupils:

Finals (Gold Award)

- Sun Bowei (3 Responsibility 4)

Semi-Finals (Silver Award)

- Qi Pengsen (4 Integrity 4)
- Goh Cheng Yin (4 Integrity 4)

Semi-Finals (Bronze Award)

- Wong Xuan Lin, Kloe (3 Responsibility 1)
- Leong Syun Yan (3 Responsibility 4)



Sun Bowei receiving his Gold Award

We would like to thank all the participants' parents for their utmost support in the event too!



Our proud Silver and Bronze award winners with their certificates



Schoolbag

Are Your Words Actually Hurting Your Child's Learning Ability?



Our children are finally getting into the rhythm of being back in school and so are you. Every parent wants the best for their children. Sometimes, in our anxiety to reach out to the children, our words and actions may not always go down well with them.

Here are some tips that parents can use to put across well-meaning intentions more constructively so that our children can reap the full effects of our intent.

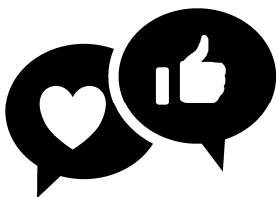


- **Strengthen parent-child-relationships**

Know, relate and influence the child. Instead of a one-way “interrogation” about how your child is doing at school, share the struggles you face at work to start a conversation going.

- **Don't merely blame the child for the slip-up**

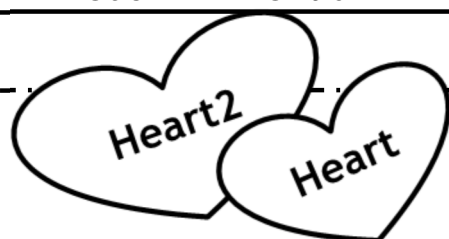
Use the 3 Whys and 1 How questions to probe deeper into the reasons for the slip-up. Work with them to address the specific reasons behind their slip-up and get them to propose a solution that they are able to carry out.



- **Give specific feedback**

Let your child know exactly what he or she has done wrong. If they are too upset to listen, give them time to calm down and at an opportune time, get them to reflect on their behaviour and suggest ways to change it. Do close the loop to reinforce the learning on an encouraging note.

Read more on how you can help improve your child's learning ability by visiting <https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/are-your-words-actually-hurting-your-child-s-learning-ability>



How We Can Provide Opportunities For Every Child To Achieve Full Potential

To quote our former Education Minister Heng Swee Keat, "Education as a lifelong journey, not a destination. It is an exciting journey of continual learning, discovery and mastery, not a competitive sprint."

Through the infographic, we would like to share how you can provide opportunities for your child in the following areas:

- Love for Learning
- Strong Foundation
- Specific Abilities
- Sound Character





ICT Matters

In conjunction with Total Defence Day (TDD), Frontier would also be commemorating **Safer Internet Day (SID) 2020** which falls on 11 February 2020.

SID is an annual, worldwide event to encourage the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology. As part of our school's effort to promote a safer cyberspace, we would like to invite you and your child to design a poster on internet safety using the frame appended. Hardcopies will also be made available through your child's Form Teacher.

Your child is strongly encouraged to submit the completed poster into the dropbox located in the canteen by **Friday, 28 February 2020** and stand a chance to win prizes from the ICT Department! We look forward to receiving your creative posters!



Poster Samples

Source: <https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/internet-safety-posters-11530015>



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Safer Internet Day 2020 Poster Design Competition

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