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Dear Parents / Guardians,

**Subject: Commemoration of 40 Years of Total Defence 2024**

1. 2024 marks 40 years of Total Defence (TD40) in Singapore. As part of our commemoration of TD40 this year, our students will experience a **food disruption simulation** in school on **Thursday, 15 February 2024**.
2. This TD40 Exercise aims to prepare students for potential disruptions to our food supply chain in the event of climate change, protectionism, or geopolitical tensions etc., given Singapore's reliance on food imports.
3. Please note that the canteen **will not** serve any form of meat (e.g., chicken, fish, pork, beef, mutton and seafood) on that day to encourage students to be flexible in food choices and be open to protein alternatives in the event of such disruptions. We urge parents/guardians to also not pack any form of meat for your child/ward on that day. Following the exercise, students will reflect on their experience and share their thoughts and feelings with their classmates through a guided discussion.
4. As part of the commemoration of Total Defence Day 2024, we have also engaged our students on the importance of vigilance to upkeep the safety and security of Singapore. One aspect of Total Defence involves safeguarding youth from exposure to radical information, including in the cyberspace. To know more about how to safeguard your child, you are encouraged to read the pamphlet "Protecting our Youth from Radicalisation and Extremism" on the Parents' Gateway Parenting Resources Repository (Cyber Wellness category).
5. Parents/Guardians may wish to engage your child/ward in sharing his/her experience with you and reinforce the important notion that everyone has a part to play in Singapore's Total Defence effort. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mdm Hazilah via [nor\\_hazilah\\_hasan@schools.gov.sg](mailto:nor_hazilah_hasan@schools.gov.sg). We thank you for your continued support for Singapore's Total Defence effort.

Thank you.

Mrs Christina Tan

Principal

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