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Dear Parents,

Good day.

As we journey together through the school year, one value that we want to nurture in our children is responsibility — the ability to carry out one's duties with love and commitment, take ownership of one's actions, and show care for one's family, others and the environment around us. We see our children taking action to clean their classrooms every day before they go home as well as following the school rules as our good children. This helps to create a safe and conducive learning environment for all.

We use the elephant as a mascot to represent our value of responsibility, and we want to thank our parents who voted for it in November last year. Elephants in many children's story books depict a commitment to the well-being of the group or herd over individual needs. The mother elephant, usually the oldest and wisest, takes the responsibility of guiding the herd to sources of food, water and safety, protecting the weakest members from danger as well as taking care of the calf or even adopting orphans. We want our children to be responsible to oneself, her or his family, school as well as the larger community.

Values	Value Statement	Level	Personal Qualities
	I carry out my duties with love and commitment.	P1-P2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow school rules and demonstrate good habits that bring out the best of oneself.
		P3-P6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take ownership of one's responsibilities and fulfil them with love and commitment.
		P1-P6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the impact of one's actions on others, community and the environment, before making a decision.

Please allow me to share a short story - The Elephant and the Broken Bridge. In a forest lived a young elephant who was strong and kind, but often careless. One day, while crossing a small wooden bridge, the elephant ran and jumped playfully. The bridge cracked and broke. Smaller animals could no longer cross the river safely.

At first, the elephant felt embarrassed and walked away. Seeing the animals struggle to cross the river safely, the elephant returned. With help from friends, the elephant carried logs, steadied the bridge, and guarded it until it was safe again. From that day on, the elephant learned an important lesson: Strength is not just about size, but about taking responsibility for what we do and taking action to resolve the problem that we have created.

Vision : Touching Souls, Challenging Minds

Mission : To maximise students' potential and develop in them a passion for life-long learning guided by compassion, conscience, purity and righteousness.

Motto : Compassion, Conscience, Purity, Righteousness

愿景 : 净化心灵, 挑战思维

使命 : 以校训慈、良、清、直为指引, 激发终身学习之热忱, 务必人尽其才。

校训 : 慈、良、清、直

This simple story reminds our children that being responsible means:

- Thinking before we act (manage one's feeling and impulsiveness)
- Owning up to mistakes (we are not perfect and we learn from our missteps)
- Doing our part, even when it is not easy (Always do the right thing, even when no one is watching)

Our children are young, and they have yet to learn to regulate their emotions and impulsiveness. Some children understand the value of responsibility and are committed to doing the right things. Others, however, have yet to understand the value and would need adult supervision and guidance. We hope through our patience and guidance, these children will live out the value of responsibility eventually. We seek our parents' understanding of this as not every child is able to appreciate and demonstrate this value.

How parents can nurture responsibility at home

- Give your child small, age-appropriate responsibilities (packing her or his bag, keeping study space tidy).
- Allow natural consequences and guide reflection instead of rushing to fix things for your child. It is okay for your child to make a mistake or misstep as this is a learning opportunity
- Affirm effort and follow-through: "Thank you for completing what you started."
- Model responsibility through your own actions and words — children learn best by watching us.

When we and the family work together, we help our children grow into dependable individuals who can be trusted by others and by themselves. This is when they have lived out the value of responsibility.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest wishes:

- To our Muslim families who are observing the holy month of Ramadan, may it be a blessed time of reflection, resilience and peace.
- To our families celebrating Chinese New Year, may the Year of the Horse bring good health, harmony, and renewed strength for all.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership and trust. Together, let us continue to guide our children to grow not only in knowledge, but also in character.

Partnering with you,

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