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Dear Parents / Guardians

NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS (TERM 3/2022)

- 1. Welcome back to a new term of school. We hope you have a rewarding and fulfilling parent-child bonding time during the June holidays.
- 2. All students do not attend school on **Monday, 4 July** as it is a school holiday in lieu of Youth Day falling on Sunday, 3 July.
- 3. For Term 3, we will continue with the Safety Management Measures (SMM) that have been put in place to keep your child/ward safe:
 - a. With effect from Term 2, temperature-taking has been reduced to only once a term. Visual and question screening will continue to be carried out for all students and staff daily. In addition, students and staff who are unwell OR have COVID-like symptoms (e.g., fever, runny nose, cough, loss of smell) will be reminded to stay away from school. For Term 3, the school will be conducting the Temperature Termly Exercise on Wednesday 29 June 2022. Please ensure that students have a working thermometer with them during the exercise.
 - b. Students will need to have their functioning TraceTogether Tokens with them at all times in alignment with the national posture of Contact Tracing Process. The school will continue to monitor this daily.
 - c. For students who are taking the school bus, our bus drivers will continue to visually screen the boys when they board the buses. Similarly, students who are unwell OR have COVID-like symptoms (e.g., fever, runny nose, cough, loss of smell) will not be allowed to board the bus. Please be reminded that there is **strictly no eating or drinking** in the bus.
 - d. Students will always need to wear their masks, except during eating or drinking. Students will not be allowed to talk to one another when their masks are off, including during recess and lunch time.

- e. Students will continue to exercise strict wipe-down routines during lessons and mealtimes at the allocated seats. The school will clean high-touch surfaces and disinfect the premises more frequently.
- f. Students will be reminded frequently on maintaining a high level of personal hygiene such as washing their hands frequently with soap / using of hand sanitisers, refraining of touching their eyes, mouths, and noses etc.
- g. Dismissal and recess timings will be staggered to reduce congestion.
- h. Students who have just recovered from Ag+/C+, as well as those who have received their Covid vaccinations will be exempted from any physical activity for 2 weeks (i.e., 14 days). Do continue to partner the form teachers in educating the boys the importance of wearing the tags that will be issued for such cases.
- 4. **Social Responsibility to Safeguard the Well-Being of the Community.** To further safe- guard our school community, we seek your assistance in the following:
 - a. Please remind your child/ward to exercise good personal hygiene practices, social responsibility, and safe distancing measures **even when they are not in school**.
 - b. Continue to follow national posture and health protocols in managing **COVID-related matters** as follows:
 - Inform the form teachers promptly of the reason(s) for your child's/ward's absence from school, especially if they are COVID-related (e.g., unwell with COVID-like symptoms or tested Ag+/C+).
 - For students who are Ag+/C+, please be reminded:
 - 72 hours (from test) of self-isolation is mandatory as per Health Protocols, i.e., students are not allowed back to school regardless of ART results or health status.
 - **ART negative photo-evidence are required** to be submitted to Form Teachers if the students are returning **after 72 hours of self-isolation but before Day 7**.
 - After Day 7, the students can return without the need of ART test/evidence, if they are feeling fine with no/mild symptoms.
- 5. The implementation of the above precautionary measures is to ensure our school remains a safe environment for our staff and students so that teaching and learning can continue.
- 6. **Respect & Responsibility.** To instill a sense of responsibility in our students, kindly ensure that your child/ward packs his bag daily according to the timetable given. This will enable him to have all that he needs for learning while preventing an excessively heavy bag. Students should not bring valuable items e.g., expensive watches, card games, electronic games, to school.
- 7. **School Attendance & Punctuality.** Please note that regular attendance in school is very important for students' learning. If your child is unwell, please do seek medical treatment. If parents/guardians choose not to bring their children to the professional health

practitioners, supporting letters from parents/guardians up to 6 per semester is allowed but are not acceptable during Continual Assessments (CAs) and Semestral Assessments (SAs). During Assessments, only medical certificates from professional health practitioners are acceptable.

- 8. We need your cooperation in ensuring that your child comes to school punctually by 7.30 a.m. Any student who is late for school will be taken to task as per school's discipline policy (you may refer to Student Handbook 2022). The school has observed some students developing a habit of turning up for school "Just-In-Time", and hence risking being late for school. We hope to eradicate such habits through partnering the parents in ensuring that all students can be seated with their class by 7.20 a.m. during term time.
- 9. *Traffic Safety*. We continue to seek your cooperation to prevent accidents from happening at the front gate by not dropping off your child/ward there in the morning. Stopping at the front gate is a safety concern as there is heavy traffic moving along Hougang Ave 8. Vehicles turning in from the opposite side of the road add to the congestion. We need your cooperation to ensure the safety of our students and urge you to drop your child/ward off at the HDB car parks next to the side gate. Please also be reminded that there is no U-turn in front of the school gate from 6.30 a.m. to 7.45 a.m. from Mondays to Fridays.
- 10. 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.

School Programmes

- 11. Racial Harmony Day & National Day. Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day and celebration of National Day will be carried out in class and during recess. Racial Harmony Day will be commemorated on 21 July (Thu). Students are strongly encouraged to wear traditional costumes on 21 July (Thu). National Day celebrations will be on 8 August (Mon) and students are strongly encouraged to come in red shirt / T-shirts and white pants. School will end at 10 a.m. on 8 August (Mon). Please arrange to pick up your son if he is not taking the school bus. The NE Show for P5 students will be on 9 July (Sat).
- 12. *CCA*. Our CCA teachers will be sending the Term 3 CCA schedule to you via Parents Gateway (PG). Please take note there will be no CCA on 26 Jul and 1 Sep due to the Primary 6 Prelim Oral and Teachers' Day celebrations respectively.
- 13. **Teachers' Day Celebrations.** We will celebrate Teachers' Day on 1 Sep (Thu). We like to discourage the purchase of gift as our teachers are unable to accept any gift from parents. A note of appreciation from the boys would be greatly appreciated by our teachers. It would be a great encouragement to the teachers to receive such messages of affirmation from them.

- 14. The calendar of events for Term 3 can be found in <u>Annex A</u>. As the COVID-19 situation remains fluid, we may need to make changes to the calendar and any such changes will be communicated via PG and through our school's website.
- 15. Our teachers will continue to monitor the progress of your child/ward and be in regular contact with you and your child/ward to provide support during this transition. MOE will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation. Please do reach out to us via email should you have further queries or feedback.

Thank you and keep safe!

God Bless & Age Quod Agis!

Yours sincerely

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Principal

Annex A

Calendar for Term 3 (2022)

DAY / DATE	EVENT
29 Jun (Wed)	Release of P1 to P6 Semester 1 Results Slips
4 Jul (Mon)	School Holiday (Youth Day)
11 Jul (Mon)	Public Holiday (Hari Raya Haji)
21 Jul (Thu)	Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day
25 – 26 Jul	P6 Prelim – Oral Examination for EL & MTL
(Mon-Tue)	(After-school hours)
8 Aug (Mon)	National Day Celebrations
	(Dismissal at 10.00 a.m.)
9 Aug (Tue)	Public Holiday (National Day)
10 Aug (Wed)	School Holiday (Day after National Day)
15-16 Aug	PSLE Oral Examination
(Mon-Tue)	*Please note that there is <u>no school</u> for P1-P5 pupils on both
	days.
17 Aug (Wed)	P3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening
19 Aug (Fri)	P6 Prelim Listening Comprehension
	(English Language & Mother Tongue Languages)
22 Aug (Mon)	P6 Prelim English Language Paper 1 & 2
23 Aug (Tue)	P6 Prelim Mathematics
24 Aug (Wed)	P6 Prelim Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 and 2
25 Aug (Thu)	P6 Prelim Science
26 Aug (Fri)	P6 Prelim Higher Mother Tongue Languages
1 Sep (Thu)	Teachers' Day Celebrations
2 Sep (Fri)	School Holiday (Teachers' Day)
5 - 9 Sep (Mon – Fri)	School Holidays
7 – 9 Sep (Wed-Fri)	P6 Supplementary Lessons
12 Sep (Mon)	Start of Term 4