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Dear Parents / Guardians,

NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS (TERM 2/2020)

- 1. As Term 2 commences, we are mindful of the rapidly developing COVID-19 situation and we have stepped up measures in school to keep your child/ward safe. The additional precautionary measures in our school include:
 - a. Students and staff who have travelled overseas during the March holidays will not report to school for 14 days upon their arrival to Singapore.
 - b. CCAs and school-based after-school programmes (eg TMP and TSP) will be suspended until 5 Apr 2020.
 - c. Students will adopt an assigned fixed seating arrangement in classrooms and in the canteen.
 - d. Students will take their temperatures every morning. Please ensure that they have a working thermometer with them at all times.
 - e. Students will carry out a daily wipe-down routine for spaces that they have used.
 - f. To minimize cross contamination, the LEGO room as well as Tinkershop and Marble-Machine room will be closed during recess for two weeks.
- 2. **Social Responsibility to Safeguard the Well-Being of the Community.** To further safeguard our school community, we seek your assistance in the following:
 - a. If any household member(s) has returned from overseas within the past 14 days and develops a fever or starts to display flu-like symptoms, please ensure that he/she gets necessary medical attention as soon as possible.
 - While waiting for the outcome of medical diagnosis, we seek your understanding and cooperation in **informing us immediately and keeping your child/ward at home**. Please be assured that the school will minimize disruption to your child's learning by making arrangements for Home-Based Learning.
 - b. Please remind your child to exercise good personal hygiene practices, social responsibility and safe distancing measures **even when they are not school**. Students are strongly encouraged to avoid crowded places, gatherings and situations of prolonged mixing that could increase the risk of inter-class or interschool transmission.

- 3. 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. The calendar of events for Term 2 can be found in <u>Annex A</u>.
- 4. **Respect & Responsibility.** To instill a sense of responsibility in our pupils, 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. Pupils should not bring valuable items eg expensive watches, card games, electronic games, to school.
- 5. School Attendance & Punctuality. Please note that regular attendance in school is very important for pupils' learning. In order for this to be carried out, we need your cooperation in ensuring that your child comes to school punctually. Pupils must be seated with their class by 7.15am every morning.
- 6. **Traffic Safety.** We continue to seek your cooperation to prevent an accident from happening at the front gate by not dropping off your sons 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 your sons and urge you to drop them off at the HDB car park next to the side gate. Please also be reminded that there is no U-turn in front of the school gate from 6.30 7.45am from Mondays to Fridays.
- 7. 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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Yours sincerely

Wilbur Wong Principal

CALENDAR FOR TERM 2 2020

DAY / DATE	EVENT
23-27 Mar (Mon-Fri)	School Health Visit
8-9 Apr (Wed-Thu)	Commemoration of International Friendship Day
10 Apr (Fri)	Public Holiday (Good Friday)
20-24 Apr (Mon-Fri)	P4 Oral Exam for EL & MTL (during curriculum hours)
27-30 Apr (Mon-Thu)	SA1 P6 e-Oral Exam for EL & MTL (after school hours)
1 May (Fri)	Public Holiday (Labour Day)
4 May (Mon)	SA1 MTL Listening Comprehension (P4 & P6)
5 May (Tue)	SA1 – EL & MTL Paper 1 (P4 & P6)
7 May (Thu)	Public Holiday (Vesak Day)
11 May (Mon)	SA1 – EL Paper 2 & EL Listening Comprehension (P4 & P6)
12 May (Tue)	SA1 Mathematics (P4 & P6)
13 May (Wed)	SA 1 MTL (P4 & P6)
14 May (Thu)	SA 1 – Science (P4 & P6)
15 May (Fri)	SA1 – HMTL (P6)
22 May (Fri)	Hari Raya Celebration
25 May (Mon)	Public Holiday (Hari Raya Puasa)
30 May-28 Jun	School Holidays
24-26 Jun (Wed-Fri)	P6 Remediation Programme
(To be confirmed)	(8am to 12.30pm)
29 Jun (Mon)	Start of Term 3

<u>Note</u>: The SA1 exam dates are subject to change, depending on how the COVID-19 situation evolves.