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Dear Parents / Guardians,

NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS (TERM 2/2021)

- 1. Our school will be celebrating our 105th Anniversary of the founding of the school in April. While the COVID-19 situation prevents us from holding large scale celebrations, there will still be a series of class based and virtual events for us to celebrate this special milestone. We will be sending out details shortly and we look forward to your support.
- 2. For Term 2, we will continue with the Safety Management Measures that have been put in place to keep your child/ward safe:
 - 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.
 - c. Students will continue to be assigned fixed seating arrangement in classrooms and in the canteen.
 - d. Students will continue to take their temperatures every morning. Please ensure that they have a working thermometer with them at all times.
 - e. Students will continue to carry out a daily wipe-down routine for spaces that they have used.
- 3. **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.

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 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.
- 5. **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 (CA) and semestral assessments (SA). During assessments, only medical certificates from professional health practitioners are acceptable. We need your cooperation in ensuring that your child comes to school punctually. Students must be seated with their class by **7.30 a.m.** during term time.
- 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.

As there is also some construction work taking place in the carpark nearest to the side gate, we also urge you to stay safe by walking along the walkways and be considerate when you park your car.

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

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Wilbur Wong Principal

CALENDAR FOR TERM 2 2021

DAY / DATE	EVENT
22 to 26 Mar (Mon-Fri)	Anti-Bullying Week
2 Apr (Fri)	Public Holiday (Good Friday)
9 Apr (Fri)	International Friendship Day
19 to 23 Apr (Mon-Fri)	P4 Oral Exam for EL & MTL (during curriculum hours);
	Environment Week
26 to 27 Apr (Mon-Tue)	SA1 P6 e-Oral Exam for EL & MTL (after school hours)
30 Apr (Fri)	P2 Learning Journey: Mobile Insectarium (in school)
1 May (Sat)	Public Holiday (Labour Day)
3 May (Mon)	School Holiday in lieu of Labour Day falling on Saturday
4 May (Tue)	SA1 MTL Listening Comprehension (P4 & P6)
6 May (Thu)	SA1 – EL & MTL Paper 1 (P4 & P6)
7 May (Fri)	P1 Learning Journey to Singapore Zoological Garden (Virtual)
10 May (Mon)	SA1 – EL Paper 2 & EL Listening Comprehension (P4 & P6)
11 May (Tue)	SA 1 MTL Paper 2 (P4 & P6)
12 May (Wed)	Eve of Hari Raya Puasa
	- Muslim students will be dismissed at 10 a.m.
13 May (Thu)	Public Holiday – Hari Raya Puasa
17 May (Mon)	SA 1 – Science (P4 & P6)
18 May (Tue)	SA1 Mathematics (P4 & P6)
19 May (Wed)	SA1 – HMTL (P6)
21 May (Fri)	Hari Raya Puasa Celebration
26 May (Wed)	Public Holiday (Vesak Day)
28 May (Fri)	Parent-Child-Teacher Conference
	- Students do not need to attend school
29 May to 27 Jun	School Holidays
23 to 25 Jun (Wed-Fri)	P6 Remediation Programme (8 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)
28 Jun (Mon)	Start of Term 3

<u>Note</u>: The dates stated above are subjected to change, depending on how the COVID-19 situation evolves. More details will be provided nearer the date of the event.