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Dear Parents / Guardians,

NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS (TERM 2 / 2022)

- 1. Our school will be celebrating our 106th 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. With effect from Term 2, temperature-taking will be **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 2, the school will be conducting the **Temperature Termly Exercise on <u>Friday</u>, 25 Mar 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 continue to be assigned fixed seating arrangement in the respective lesson venues and in the canteen.
 - e. 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.
 - f. 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.
 - g. 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.
 - h. Dismissal and recess timings will be staggered to reduce congestion.

- 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. 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 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+).
 - Inform the form teachers if your child/ward is placed on **Health-Risk Notice** (HRN). Students on HRN will follow national protocol and can only come to school on days when they are **tested negative via self-administered ART** in the morning. **Photo-evidence is not required** to be submitted to school for **students on HRN**.
 - 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 are allowed to return without the need of ART test/evidence, if they are feeling fine with no/mild symptoms.
- 4. 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>.
- 5. **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.
- 6. **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.
- 7. We need your cooperation in ensuring that your child comes to school punctually by 7.30 am. 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.
- 8. **Traffic Safety**. We continue to seek your cooperation to prevent an accident 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 them 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 am to 7.45 am from Mondays to Fridays.

9. 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 2022

DAY / DATE	EVENT
28 Mar (Mon) – 1 Apr (Fri)	Anti-Bullying Week
1 Apr (Fri)	P6 Parent Engagement Session via Zoom
8 Apr (Fri)	International Friendship Day
15 Apr (Fri)	Public Holiday - Good Friday
18 Apr (Mon) – 22 Apr (Fri)	SA 1 P4 Oral (During Curriculum)
23 Apr (Sat)	Founder's Day Celebration
25 Apr (Mon) - 26 Apr (Tue)	SA1 P6 e-Oral Exam for EL & MTL (after school hours)
2 May (Mon)	Public Holiday off-in-lieu of Labour Day falling on Sunday
3 May (Tue)	Public Holiday – Hari Raya Puasa
5 May (Thu)	SA1 MTL Listening Comprehension (P4 & P6)
6 May (Fri)	SA1 EL & MTL Paper 1 (P4 & P6)
9 May (Mon)	SA1 EL Paper 2 & EL Listening Comprehension (P4 & P6)
10 May (Tue)	SA1 Mathematics (P4 & P6)
11 May (Wed)	SA 1 MTL Paper 2 (P4 & P6)
12 May (Thu)	SA 1 – Science (P4 & P6)
13 May (Fri)	Hari Raya Puasa Celebration (Assembly Programme)
13 May (Fri)	SA1 – HMTL (P6)
16 May (Mon)	Public Holiday - Vesak Day
18 May (Wed)	P3 National Education Learning Journey (Virtual) – Little India
18 May (Wed)	P4 National Education Learning Journey (Virtual) – Kampung Glam
27 May (Fri)	Parent-Child-Teacher Conference
	(Students do not attend school)
28 May (Sat) - Tentative	Open House 2022
28 May (Sat) - 26 Jun (Sun)	School Holidays
22 Jun (Wed) - 24 Jun (Fri)	P6 Remediation Programme (8.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)
27 Jun (Mon)	Start of Term 3

Note: 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.