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## **Letter To Parents (Term 2)**

28 March 2022

Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 2 and we are excited to see our children back in school. I hope you have spent some wonderful moments with your children during this break.

Our children are adapting well in this new 'normalcy'. The different challenges posed by COVID have been great opportunities for them to become steadfast and resilient. They stood tall guided by the WGPS compass of *Wisdom and Grace*. This indeed is the stepping-stone for them to grow into confident lifelong learners and responsible citizens. We are very proud of them. I am also thankful to all our parents for supporting the school and being so understanding.

At the recent Committee of Supply Debate (COS), our Minister for Education announced the removal of mid-year exams for all levels from 2023. This is indeed welcoming news as this will enable and encourage us to create even more learning opportunities and experiences for our children. The school has always been committed to the holistic learning and character development of our children and we will continue to strengthen and enhance this in the new landscape. So let's forward to a classroom where the magic never stops and the adventure never ends.

*The best way to make children good is to make them happy – Oscar Wilde*

Other than student engagement and joy in learning, academic excellence is also important. Hence, Term 2 as always will be busy, as some cohorts will be sitting for their assessments and mid-year exams. We will ensure that they are adequately prepared to do their best. The timetable and other details will be shared in due course. Continue to keep your communications with the teachers going and be an active part of your children's learning and development.

The school would also like to reiterate the safety and well-being of our children. We remind parents to drive into the school premises with utmost caution. Complaints about illegal crossing and jaywalking as well as illegal parking outside the school gates have been ongoing. So do follow road safety rules and be good role models for our children.

*The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams – Eleanor Roosevelt.*

Thank you and Best Wishes!  
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Principal



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### **Safe Management Measures**

Students who are unwell should continue to stay home. Do inform your child's form teacher should your child tests positive for Covid-19.

All students are also reminded to ensure that they have with them daily a working trace together token (TT token), thermometer, water bottle, extra face mask and hand sanitizer. We encourage all students to pack a bag / case labelled with their name to safe keep their masks during physical exercise / when eating.

### **Covid-19 Home Recovery Guide for Parents**

What happens when your child tests positive for Covid-19? Help your child prepare for, make sense or cope with the recovery process with this picture book. Click on link below or scan the QR code to download the book.



<https://go.gov.sg/covidpositivepicturebook>

### **Safe Behaviour in School**

Students are reminded to behave in a safe and responsible manner in school. For their own safety, students are not allowed to run along the corridors, slide along the staircase railings, or intentionally trip / push other students. We also discourage any rough / inappropriate play involving physical contact between students.

Such dangerous behaviour often leads to serious injuries and we hope parents will help to reinforce the above messages at home. We also seek parent's assistance in contacting the form teachers if your child experiences any such encounters in school.

### **Use of Smart Watches Not Allowed**

Students are not allowed to wear their smartwatches to school as this could be a major source of distraction during class. Smartwatches refer to watches that are capable of capturing, storing, displaying and/or transmitting visual, audio or verbal information and have similar features as mobile phones. These devices are also not allowed during tests or examinations (school and national) as they allow access to online resources.

Additionally, the school will not be accountable for any losses of smartwatches. We strongly encourage students to approach the office staff to make a phone call to their parents.

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### **Parents Teacher Meeting (PTM)**

The Parents Teachers Meeting (PTM) for this year will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 26<sup>th</sup> May, Thursday from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Parents are invited to attend the meeting with your child's Form Teacher to discuss the holistic development of your child. The meeting hopes to strengthen parent-school partnership. At the same time, we hope the dialogue session can provide a better understanding of your child's interests, strengths and home-school dynamics. More information will be shared closer to the date.

### **International Friendship Day**

Our school will commemorate International Friendship Day (IFD) on 12 April 2022. The IFD theme for this year is *Singapore in Asia*. Students will be acquainted with the diverse and colourful culture and traditions of ASEAN and beyond through a special assembly programme and class activities. School will continue to nurture in our students the spirit of friendship and collaboration. They will also be encouraged to express appreciation for foreigners living, working and studying in Singapore.

### **Hari Raya Celebration**

Our school will be celebrating Hari Raya on 10 May 2022. There will be a Hari Raya e-assembly and class activities to deepen students' understanding of Hari Raya. Prior to this, students will get to visit a Hari Raya Pop-up exhibition by the Malay Heritage Centre in school, to gain a better understanding about the festival through the props and interactive displays. Some of our CCA groups will also be involved in a food donation drive for the needy during the month of Ramadan.