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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to share that our students have successfully adapted to their routines and are displaying enthusiasm in their studies. It is heartening to see many of them actively participating in the ongoing school activities. Witnessing our students' growing confidence has been truly rewarding, and we remain committed to fostering their continued growth and development.

And as we come together to celebrate the Lunar New Year, we are filled with gratitude for the warmth, support, and partnership that you bring to our community. May this year bring your family abundant happiness, good health, and success in all your endeavors.

In keeping with our commitment to regular communication with parents and guardians, we would like to share the following information:

### **1. Citizenship and Character Education**

For February, the 'Value of the Month' is **Perseverance**. Our foci are as follows:

**Habit 1 Be Proactive: I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods**

**Habit 2 Begin With The End In Mind: I plan ahead and set goals**

**Habit 3 Put First Things First: I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan**

A student who shows perseverance overcomes all obstacles to achieve his/her goals. This includes both academic and non-academic goals. We inculcate in our students a willingness to work hard and to keep trying despite setbacks. We do this through teaching our students the importance of having a growth mindset and helping them to develop skills like asking for help and goal setting. We also emphasize the above aspects of Habit 1: Be Proactive, Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind and Habit 3: Put First Things First in helping them develop perseverance. Please refer to [Annex A-1](#) for resources related to perseverance.

### **2. Total Defence Day - *Together We Keep Singapore Strong***

The theme for Total Defence Day this year is *Together We Keep Singapore Strong*. Total Defence underpins our ability to deal with the ever-evolving threats and challenges to Singapore. Every Singaporean plays a part in our daily lives to ensure that Singapore is prepared for crises and disruption.

We commemorate Total Defence Day on 15 February each year to mark the fall of Singapore to the Japanese in 1942. In commemorating Total Defence Day, our students reflect on the continuing relevance of the six pillars of Total Defence - Military Defence, Civil Defence, Economic Defence, Social Defence, Digital Defence and Psychological Defence.

As part of our school's commemoration of Total Defence Day and participation in Exercise SG Ready 2025, our students will experience a water disruption simulation on 17 February 2025. Taps and water coolers at the canteen area and nearby toilets will be turned off during recess and water will be rationed at specific zones.

This disruption exercise encourages students to develop resilience and adaptability as they bear with the inconvenience of not having access to running water, while continuing with their daily activities as best as they can. They get the opportunity to see how everyone in Singapore has a stake in managing our water usage by making every drop count and practising good water usage habits. Following the exercise, students will reflect on their experience and share their thoughts and feelings with their classmates through a guided discussion.

Students will also go through CCE lessons and related activities where they will appreciate the part each one of them can play in Total Defence.

Parents/Guardians may wish to engage your child/ward in sharing his/her experience with you and reinforce the important notion that everyone has a part to play in Singapore's Total Defence effort. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Ms Mindy Ng via [ng\\_ying\\_mindy@moe.edu.sg](mailto:ng_ying_mindy@moe.edu.sg). We thank you for your continued support for Total Defence.

### **3. Safety and Security**

As we work together to create a safe environment for our students, we would like to share two observations:

- Skirt Length

We have noticed that some of our girls are wearing skirts that are far too long, making it difficult for them to move safely. They tend to fall when they run. To ensure ease of movement and their overall comfort, we kindly ask that skirts be worn at a length just above the knee. Your support in helping your daughters follow this guideline will go a long way in ensuring their safety.

- Water Bottles

For safety reasons, we encourage parents to avoid purchasing metallic water bottles for their children. These bottles can be heavy, and if dropped, they might accidentally hurt a child's feet. Additionally, some students enjoy swinging their bottles, which could unintentionally cause harm to others due to the weight of the metal. We truly appreciate your understanding and help in keeping our school a safe space for everyone.

Thank you, as always, for your continued cooperation and care.

### **4. MOE Kindergarten @ First Toa Payoh Primary School Open House 2025 – Sat, 15 February 2025**

If you have a child or know of someone with a child ready for kindergarten enrollment, we warmly invite you to join us for our physical Open House on 15 February 2025, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. This event is a wonderful opportunity to:

- Engage with our SLs and MK educators
- Discover why MOE Kindergarten is a premier preschool choice
- Find out more about our learning environment

The Open House will be at MK@FTPPS with the last walk-in at 12 pm.

It is an ideal chance to see firsthand how we can provide your preschool child with a quality and affordable kindergarten programme. Please refer to attached Annex B-1 to register for the Open House 2025. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mdm Salawati Sarie at 6256 7822.

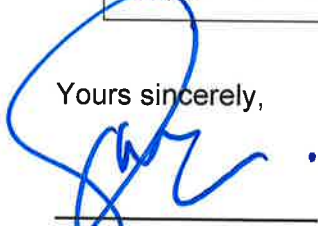
5. We would like to inform you that there will be an early dismissal on Wed, 5 February to facilitate a Chinese New Year Staff lunch with SAC members. Students who take the school bus will follow the adjusted dismissal schedule. For parents whose children do not use the school bus service, we kindly ask that you make your own arrangements to pick them up at the revised dismissal time. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**6. School Activities (3 February 2025 to 23 March 2025)**

The school will provide further details as necessary closer to the date, otherwise the schedule below serves as a notification.

Date	Activities	Levels & Classes Involved	Attachment/ Reply Slips
Wed, 5 February 2025	Staff Chinese New Year Lunch	All	Dismissal at 12.00 pm
Fri, 14 February 2025	Parents' Briefing	P1 & P2	
Sat, 15 February 2025	MK@First Toa Payoh Open House	Parents who are interested to know more about our kindergarten.	
Mon, 17 February 2025	Total Defence Day	All	
Fri, 14 March 2025	Sports-for-All	All	
Mon, 17 March to Sun, 23 March 2025	School Holiday	All	

Yours sincerely,

  
 Ms Jennifer Choy (Principal)  
 Mr Remund Koh (VP)  
 Ms Tay Yam Eng (VPA)