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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We are happy to see our students settling in well back at school. As part of our regular engagement with parents/ guardians, we would like to share with you the following information:

1. Safe Management Measures

COVID-19 vaccination for children aged five to eleven began on Monday, 27 December 2021. The extension of the vaccination programme to children in this age group is part of the larger national efforts to keep our children, their families and the wider community safe. The roll-out is timely in view of the current surge in Covid-19 cases due to the Omicron variant. We encourage parents and guardians to get your child or ward vaccinated if they are medically eligible. While the risk of our children being infected can never be entirely prevented, vaccination will reduce their chances of being seriously ill, if they are infected.

With effect from Tuesday, 25 January 2022, children aged five to eleven will be able to walk in to any paediatric vaccination centre to get their first COVID-19 shot without a prior appointment from Mondays to Thursdays.

The school will accommodate parents who have booked vaccination appointments on school days. Students who have scheduled vaccination appointments during school days will be documented as 'Absent with Valid Reason'. Students who are unwell and experience side effects after the vaccination could be accorded 'Absent with Valid Reason' for up to 2 days, beyond which, the student should seek medical attention and obtain a medical certificate. To facilitate these arrangements, parents/students should provide evidence of their vaccination appointment to school. The school will also make arrangements to help these students to catch up with the work they might have missed.

The school will excuse students for two weeks from strenuous physical activities after each vaccination/booster. All PE and CCA teachers will check-in with students before the start of these activities. Students should also inform their PE teachers, relevant CCA teachers and other teachers about the date of their vaccination / booster so that they will be exempted from physical activities for two weeks.



2. Character and Citizenship 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

A student who shows perseverance is one who overcomes all obstacles to achieve his/her goals. This includes both academic and non-academic goals. As such, 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. We also emphasize the above aspects of Habit 1: Be Proactive and Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind in helping them to develop perseverance.

For resources on Perseverance, please refer to [Annex A-1](#).

3. Chinese New Year Celebration – Monday, 31 January 2022

Due to the safe management measures in place, the Chinese New Year celebration will be held in the classrooms on Monday, 31 January 2022. The school will function from 7.30am to 10.30am on that day.

Our school bus vendor and Student Care Centre have been informed about the early dismissal. Students going home by school bus will be sent home by the school bus operator after the dismissal at 10.30am. The Student Care Centre at our school will operate till 1pm on that day.

Chinese New Year public holiday will be on Tuesday, 1 February and Wednesday, 2 February 2022. School will resume on [Thursday, 3 February 2022](#).

4. Primary 1 and 6 Students' Smart Card Photo-Taking Exercise – Wednesday, 9 February 2022

The Ministry of Education (MOE) will be conducting the yearly photo-taking exercise for all students in Primary One (P1) and Primary Six (P6) for the issue of the School Smart Card (SSC) on **Wednesday, 9 February 2022**. Please note that this photo-taking exercise is strictly for P1 and P6 students only.

All P1 & P6 students are to wear their full school uniform. If your child/ward has PE lesson on that day, he/she will have to bring his/her PE attire to school, and change into it before the PE lesson.

While P1 students will receive their SSCs by end Mar 2022, the photo-images captured for P6 students will be used for the printing of Secondary SSCs when they are promoted to Secondary One in 2023.

5. Total Defence Day – Tuesday, 15 February 2022

The theme for Total Defence Day 2022 is “Together We Keep Singapore Strong”. It focusses on the many ways we can put Total Defence into action in our everyday lives.

Every year, Total Defence (TD) Day is commemorated on 15th February when it marks Singapore's fall to the Japanese in 1942. It serves as a reminder of what could happen to us if we cannot defend Singapore ourselves, and to strengthen our resolve to keep Singapore safe, secure, and sovereign.

Singapore is facing a wider range of challenges and threats. They are complex and multi-faceted. They are also increasingly targeted at hearts and minds, aimed at breaking social unity and unsettling commitment to the nation. It is crucial for us to step up and play our part to strengthen our unity, resilience, and resolve in the face of these challenges and threats.

To commemorate Total Defence Day, students will go through Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) lessons where they will appreciate the part each one of them can play in Total Defence.

6. Group Personal Accident (GPA) Insurance for Students

All MOE-registered students in Government Schools (including MOE Kindergartens) and Government-aided Schools are covered under the Group Personal Accident Insurance for Students.

The plan provides 24-hours coverage to our students for school-related activities both in and out of school. This scheme is provided at no cost to our students as the payment of the premium is borne by the Ministry of Education. Please refer to the attached pamphlet ([Annex A-2](#)) from NTUC Income for more information.

7. School Activities (31 January to 20 March 2022)

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	Attachments/ Reply Slips
31 January 2022 (Mon)	Chinese New Year Celebration <i>*Students will be dismissed at 10.30am</i>	All	
1 February (Tue) to 2 February 2022 (Wed)	Public Holiday – Chinese New Year	All	
9 February 2022 (Wed)	Students' Smart Card Photo-Taking Exercise <i>*All P1 & P6 students are reminded to wear their <u>full school uniform</u>.</i>	P1 & P6 Students Only	

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23 February 2022 (Wed)	Science Wind Turbine Workshop	P6	Workshop will be during P6 Supplementary lesson from 2-3pm. Refer to Parents Gateway Notification 014/22 on After-School Programme (P6)
28 February (Mon) to 3 March 2022 (Thu)	P6 Review Test	P6	
28 February (Mon) to 11 March 2022 (Fri)	Modular Test	P3 – P5	
14 March (Mon) to 20 March 2022 (Sun)	School Holiday	All	

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Chinese students and their families a Happy Chinese New Year, and happy holidays to all other students and their families.

Yours in partnership,



Mr Chua Choon Guan
Principal