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Dear Parents/Guardians,

How quickly time flies! As Term 1 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to affirm our students and parents for the hard work and collaboration with the school, as well as provide an update on the key programmes and events for the month of March.

1. Safe Management Measures

As schools seek to ride out the Omicron wave safely, we would like to inform and advise parents on the following matters:

Management of Positive Cases

- Students who are tested positive for COVID-19 on their self-administered ART, and have no or mild symptoms can book an appointment at the Combined Test Centres (CTCs) and Quick Test Centres (QTCs) to do a supervised self-administered ART test instead of seeing a doctor. If Ag+, they will be placed under Protocol 2 and can collect 3 ART kits from vending machines at designated locales. The ART test results would be updated in MOH's records. This will also facilitate the issuance of Health Risk Notice (HRN) to close contacts for their self-monitoring.
- Aligning to the national healthcare protocols, students returning to school after recovery from COVID-19 (PCR+, Ag+ from healthcare or self-administered ART) are not required to present medical certificates, doctor's letters or recovery memos. For those recovered COVID-19 students who self-exit after 72 hours and before their time-based discharge, the school will request the returning students for a photo evidence of their ART results.
- Students who are tested positive for COVID-19 and absent from school's formal assessment and examination would similarly not be required to produce a medical certificate, doctor's letter or recovery memo to cover their absence. The school will however request to have sight of the student's SMS from MOH or photo evidence of the Ag+ test result.



Changes to MOH Healthcare Protocols

From 18 February 2022, two key changes have been introduced to Protocol 3 on management of close contacts.

- The self-monitoring period will be **reduced from 7 days to 5 days**, as individuals infected with the Omicron variant have been shown to have a shorter incubation period.
- Protocol 3 will be changed from an order to an advisory. The 7-day **Health Risk Warning (HRW)** will be replaced by the 5-day **Health Risk Notice (HRN)** for close contacts identified by MOH under Protocol 3.
- Individuals issued HRN can continue to obtain their ART kits through designated vending machines, to facilitate their self-testing during the monitoring period.

Self-testing of Students on HRN

- Students are reminded to exercise personal responsibility and carry out a self-administered ART daily before reporting to school during their 5-day HRN self-monitoring period. If they are tested Ag+, they should follow Protocol 2 or if they are unwell, they should see a doctor.
- As part of the broad shift to self-responsibility, students who are close contacts, whether they are informed by MOH or by any COVID-19 case such as those on Protocol 2, are to moderate their social activities. They should monitor their health and self-test with ART before leaving home for that day, especially if they are going to crowded places or in contact with vulnerable individuals.

2. Character & Citizenship Education

For March, the 'Value of the Month is **Integrity**. Our focus is as follows:

Habit 1: Be Proactive: I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking

In teaching integrity, we highlight the importance of upholding what is good, just and true even when no one is looking. Students are taught to practise the Stop, Think, Do approach as part of their decision-making process in demonstrating integrity. To help students make responsible and ethical decisions, they are also explicitly taught to think about their decisions using GSAC – Golden Rule, School, Adult, Consequences before acting on them.

For more information on Stop-Think-Do and GSAC, please refer to [Annex A-1](#).

3. Student Leader Investiture – Tuesday, 8 March 2022

On 8 March 2022, we will be conducting the Student Leader Investiture. This is a ceremony where key student leaders are invested. This a proud moment for the students to stand as leaders before their schoolmates as the ceremony serves to recognise them for their commitment in serving the school and upholding our core values. The ceremony also provides the school a platform to entrust faith and hope in our student leaders.

4. P2 Home Helper Programme – Monday, 14 March to Friday, 18 March 2022

Values in Action (VIA) are learning experiences that support our students' development as socially responsible citizens. As part of our VIA Programme, our Primary Two students will take part in the 'I am a Home-Helper' Programme from 14 to 18 March 2022. This is a platform for our students to learn to be responsible as being responsible is part of our Habit 1: Be Proactive. They take an active role in being a home helper by doing simple household chores.

For more details, please refer to [Annex A-2](#).

5. School Activities (1 March to 15 April 2022)

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

Date	Activities	Levels/ Class Involved	Attachment/ Reply Slip
8 March 2022 (Tue)	Student Leader Investiture	All	
14 March (Mon) to 20 March 2022 (Sun)	School Holiday	All	
14 March (Mon) to 18 March 2022 (Fri)	P2 Home Helper Programme	P2	
23 March (Wed) to 31 March 2022 (Thu)	P3 Sports Education Programme	P3	<i>Letter will be posted on PG nearer the date</i>
28 March (Mon) to 31 March 2022 (Thu)	P2 Sports Education Programme	P2	<i>Letter will be posted on PG nearer the date</i>
6 April 2022 (Wed)	P3 Outdoor Adventure Experience	P3	<i>Letter will be posted on PG nearer the date</i>
8 April 2022 (Fri)	P3 Musical Learning Journey	P3	<i>Letter will be posted on PG nearer the date</i>
12 April (Tue) to 14 April 2022 (Thu)	P4 Sports Education Programme	P4	<i>Letter will be posted on PG nearer the date</i>
15 April 2022 (Fri)	Public Holiday – Good Friday	All	

Finally, we would like to wish our students a safe and joyful holiday during the March school break. We look forward to seeing energised and cheerful children when Term 2 begins on Monday, 21 March 2022.

Happy Holidays!

Yours in partnership,



Mr Chua Choon Guan
Principal