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Dear Parents / Guardians

It has been an arduous year with SMM, HBL and demands of living with endemic. We are grateful that our staff, students and families have forged on with great positivity and resilience, and coped reasonably well. Let's all look forward to a better 2022 and we thank you in advance for all the support as we strive towards the best outcomes for our students.

As part of the preparation for school re-opening, we would like to communicate some important information which will enhance the safety and well-being of our students and the school community.

1. **First Day of School 2022**

Only K1 & P1 students are to report to school on Tuesday, 4 Jan 2022. To reduce congestion, each child may be accompanied by at most one parent/guardian for orientation. Only vaccinated parents, or unvaccinated parents (including those medically ineligible for the vaccines) with a negative ART self-swab result are allowed to accompany their child for P1/K1 orientation. We will check for parents' vaccination status at point of entry through SE(Business) or TraceTogether app. Unvaccinated parents will be required to show a photo of a negative ART result performed within 24 hours prior to entry.

2. **TraceTogether (TT) Token**

From 20 Nov 21 onwards and in 2022, contact tracing for all schools will be fully TT-based and no manual contact tracing will be conducted. Students are to bring their TT tokens for checking-in via SafeEntry when returning to school. For effective contact tracing, parents/guardians are requested to periodically check that your child's token is working. Kindly replace your child's token if it is not working and do it soonest. Students must carry their tokens with them at all times and especially in school when school reopens. For replacement of faulty or lost tokens, you can proceed to your nearest CC for a replacement or new token. Do contact the TraceTogether Hotline (69736511) or email support@tracetgether.gov.sg, should you require further assistance.

3. **Updates of Personal Particulars**

To ensure the school's database is up-to-date, please inform the Form Teacher or Staff in the General Office whenever there are updates pertaining to your child, e.g. contact address or phone numbers. Latest information is especially crucial during emergencies.

4. **Updating of Year-End Holidays Travel Declarations**

In view of recent development of Omicron COVID-19 variant, we seek the assistance of all parents of students (including MK) who had travelled, to submit an updated travel declaration, if there is any change to their travel plan, by 3 Jan 2022 (Mon). This is to ensure schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all. To update the travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS]. If there is no change of travel plan(s) after declaration, no action is required on your side.



5. Encouraging Parents/Guardians - Vaccination Ops for Children Aged 5-11

On 11 Dec 21, the Expert Committee on COVID-19 Vaccination approved Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 5 to 11. The vaccination regime is to be administered as a two-dose primary series, 21 days apart, but at a lower dosage.

- The registration process for the vaccination exercise will open progressively to all eligible children broadly by age bands from 22 Dec 2021.
- Vaccination for children aged 5-11 will commence at designated paediatric vaccination centres which will progressively begin operations from 27 Dec 2021. Children must have crossed their 5th birthday before they are eligible to book an appointment and receive the vaccination. To facilitate this process, parents/guardians will receive an SMS to expedite the vaccination booking process by level cohorts.
- With the commencement of vaccination for Primary 4 to Primary 6 students, slots would be opened for Primary 1 to Primary 3 pupils from 5 Jan 2021, and for all children aged five to eight from 6 Jan 2021.
- MOH, with support from MOE, organised a Zoom webinar on 18 Dec 21, to address parents' concerns and questions about the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 5 to 11. The webinar has been recorded and would be shared on MOE YouTube channel to amplify and extend reach to more parents. You may refer to the MOE YouTube channel if you have queries on vaccine safety and efficacy.
- The school will accommodate parents who have booked vaccination appointments on school days. Children would be deemed to be on medical leave if they get vaccinated during school hours or feel unwell from the vaccination. Student who becomes unwell and experiences 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 MC. To facilitate this, parents/students should provide evidence of their vaccination appointment to the school.
- The school will excuse students for two weeks from strenuous physical activities after each vaccination dose. Students will need to inform their PE, relevant CCA and other teachers about the date of their vaccination so that they will be exempted from strenuous physical activities for two weeks. Our teachers will also check in with students before the start of these activities.
- Parents are to inform the school of their child's vaccination status to enable the school to facilitate the arrangements mentioned above. Parents are to complete a form through Parents Gateway on the child's vaccination details once these details are available.

We strongly encourage parents/guardians to get their child/ward vaccinated if they are medically eligible, to keep our students, families and the wider community safe. Thank you for your partnership and support to keep our school safe.

Yours in partnership,



Mr Chua Choon Guan
Principal

