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Dear Parents

As the students transit seamlessly into Term 2 amidst the evolving COVID national measures, we would like to share the following updates.

1. Approved Absence (AA)

By now, you would know about MOE's policy on AA. This remains in force as the national vaccination is not yet completed. We would like to reiterate that if there are students with household members (18 years old and above) who are unwell with flu-like symptoms or fever, the students will be issued with AA. For such cases, the students will have to stay at home and not come to school. Kindly assist by informing the teachers or staff in General Office (GO) immediately.

2. Attendance

In view of student safety, should your child be absent from school for any reasons, please contact the teachers or staff in GO to alert **as soon as possible and latest by 7.30 am** on the day of absence. We appreciate your co-operation so that the teachers can update the system immediately before lesson starts and be able to focus on the lesson after that.

3. Daily Dismissal

To mitigate the potential risk of community spread of COVID, ensure social distancing and consideration for our neighbours, we strongly advise parents and helpers/caregivers to take the students home immediately upon dismissal and **not allow them to congregate in the playground or neighbourhood**. You may scan the QR code or access <https://www.moe.gov.sg/-/media/files/parent-kit/stay-home-stay-safe-stay-curious-school-holiday-edition.pdf> for suggested activities for your children to engage in meaningfully.



4. Parents Gateway (PG)

Parents Gateway (PG) is a one-stop portal that strengthens school-home partnership to support our children in their education journey. With the PG App, parents can access all school announcements and consent forms, give consent for your child's activities anytime, anywhere. To download PG or for its FAQ, visit <https://pg.moe.edu.sg/>. **Kindly turn on the PG notification in your phone setting so that you can be alerted to PG updates** from the school and MOE in a timely manner.

The school will be conducting emergency relay system test with parents every term using PG. We appreciate your timely co-operation and consideration to read all the notifications sent out and take the necessary actions.

5. TraceTogether (TT) Token

As part of the nationwide contact tracing efforts, TraceTogether-Only SafeEntry (TT-only SE) will be implemented on Tue, 1 Jun 21 across all premises in Singapore, including schools.

While TT-only SE will be implemented in schools on Tue, 1 Jun 21, there is **no change** in the use of the TT token/app in schools for your child. Students will **not** be denied entry to schools if they inadvertently forget their TT token/app on occasion. Nevertheless, we strongly encourage you to continue reminding your child to have their **TT token or app** with them in school as this facilitates faster and more accurate contact tracing. **It is required for their participation in out-of-school activities, e.g. learning journeys** where SE check-in is via the TT token/app are necessary.

Students are encouraged to take good care of their tokens, and can personalise their tokens with their name and class to prevent losing them. For replacement of faulty or lost tokens, or if you have previously not requested for a token, you can proceed to your nearest CC for a replacement or new token, or contact the TraceTogether hotline (6973 6511) should you require further assistance.

We appreciate your support in this nationwide effort to keep Singapore safe.

6. Cyber Wellness (CW) - Appropriate Online Expression

Through Safer Internet Day, CW lessons, virtual assemblies and outreach programmes, we nurture our students to use technology appropriately and be a positive peer influence by demonstrating respect for self and others.

As parents and our partners in education, you play an important role in providing your child a safe CW environment. With technology being widely used for learning and communication, your child may potentially engage in inappropriate online expressions such as:

- x Using inappropriate languages or Emoji
- x Impersonating someone
- x Posting insensitive content
- x Imitating online influencers to attract "Likes" or attention online

You can help to promote appropriate online expression at home by:

- ✓ Monitoring your child's online activities. Be aware of online platforms used by your child and the age restrictions of these platforms.
- ✓ Modelling respectful forms of online expression. Share examples of positive online expressions with your child, e.g. inspirational stories from social media.
- ✓ Encouraging use of the T.H.I.N.K. framework before posting anything online. Is it True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, and Kind?
- ✓ Keeping yourself updated of the current online trends and platforms used for social media, online gaming and networking sites.

We urge you to advocate good online habits and establish rules and guidelines at home to support your child in using the internet and social media responsibly.

7. Gifts, Goodies & Cakes

As stated earlier, we seek your cooperation to **refrain from giving birthday goodie bags to the students or sharing any food items with your child's classmates.** This is out of consideration for students who have food allergies or may not be able to consume certain food. It is also to ensure that our students are not pressurised into giving gifts or goodie bags to reciprocate and making unnecessary demands on their parents. Kindly note that the **school or teachers will return such gifts or goodies if they are brought to the school.** We appreciate your understanding in complying with the school regulation in the interest of our students.

8. Gratitude and Kindness Movement@UPS

Gratitude and Kindness Movement@UPS is part of our student development efforts to imbue in our students sound values such as gratitude and kindness to build strong character. We seek your support to encourage your child to demonstrate gratitude and kindness at home and outside of school. The following are some suggested activities for your child to embark on:

At Home

- ✓ Do his/her part of the household chores.
- ✓ Give a compliment to a family member.
- ✓ Surprise a family member with a nice gesture or handmade craft.
- ✓ Write a 'thank you' note to one of the family members.

In The Community

- ✓ Greet your neighbours and wish them well.
- ✓ Offer to help a neighbour, e.g. watering their plants.
- ✓ Make greeting cards during special occasions for your neighbours.
- ✓ Give up seats to someone who needs it more while on public transport.
- ✓ Render help to the senior citizens, e.g. carry their heavy bags for them, etc.

As part of the movement, each student has been given a 'Friend of Singa Mission Card'. We would love to hear from your child how he/she has exemplified the right values. Do affirm them for their kind acts and get them to share with their teachers.

Thank you for your kind attention. Here's wishing our Muslim families blessings in this holy month of Ramadan.

Yours sincerely
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