

## Student Behaviour and Well-Being

### *Why do I receive an SMS alert that my child is absent when he/she is already in school?*

The attendance system is programmed to send out an automated SMS alert of non-attendance at 8.30 am. Form teachers (FT) must mark attendance of the students by 7.30 am before they commence lessons. Hence, if the students report for school late and not yet in the classroom after attendance-taking, it will trigger the alert for non-attendance. Parents are urged to contact the school or your child's FT by 7.20 am if your child is unable to report to school on any given school day to ensure that his/her attendance can be captured promptly and accurately.

### *How can I occupy my child with homework after school?*

Homework can be any meaningful tasks assigned to students by teachers to reinforce learning and carried out during non-school hours. It should help to develop good study habits and foster independent learning. As the learning is progressive and cumulative, teachers calibrate it against student readiness and task requirements to ensure meaningfulness. Focus on the actual learning and quality vis-à-vis quantity.

Parents can do your part at home to provide a conducive study environment as well as inculcate the responsibility and discipline for self-directed and reinforcement of learning.

### *How does the school impose punishment for students who misbehave?*

School stands guided by MOE Discipline Philosophy and Approach. Discipline is an educative process. There are structured lessons during Form Teacher Guidance Period (FTGP) to teach our students values, social-emotional competencies and desired behaviours. Student expectations are spelt out in the Student Handbook and reinforced during lessons, teachable moments and at appropriate platforms.

Cultivating the strength of character, appropriate behavioural traits and independence in children is crucial and takes time. As families exerts very powerful influence on your children, we strongly encourage parents to enforce good discipline from young, not to over-protect your children and deprive them of the opportunities to develop and learn valuable life skills such as taking responsibilities and being accountable for their action, standing up for themselves, and so on.

Should students encounter any difficulties, they must be taught the skills to problem-solve so that they apply and hone their self-management skills. Nonetheless, those who are found to be misbehaving or flouting any rules will face the consequences in accordance with the school discipline guidelines. Giving them the space to learn from their mistakes and build resilience is equally important.

*How does the school decide if my child should take Standard or Foundation Subjects after Primary 4?*

A strong foundation in literacy and numeracy is important at the primary level. The school carefully considers the subject combinations so that our students do not take the soft option and can transit to higher levels of learning and post-secondary to fulfil their potential. The decision for subject combination is not based on single point data but a trend record of student performance over the years and teachers' professional input.

*My child's school bag is very heavy. What can be done about this?*

Students are to pack their bags according to their daily timetable and avoid bringing all their books, materials and non-essential items to school every day. They can also keep books they do not require in the lockers assigned to them. We seek support from family to ensure your children exercise responsibility and packs their bags daily. You can also alleviate the burden by getting lightweight schoolbag and stationery items for your children.

*The white school shoes get dirty very easily. Can the school shoes be changed to black?*

Students are advised to maintain personal hygiene and ensure a neat and smart appearance. School shoes are part of the school attire. The outfit ensemble is a crucial part of school identity and legacy. Changing the outfit ensemble has to take into consideration many factors such as views from key stakeholders, e.g., School Advisory Committee and Alumni. To help your children maintain a presentable student image, please clean their shoes regularly or purchase those that are easier to upkeep.

*How frequently are school toilets maintained?*

The toilets are washed numerous times daily and whenever they are unusually filthy and unsightly. Cleaners are required to meet the standard of cleanliness and audit checks on the toilets are done weekly to maintain sanitation compliance. In school, students are reminded to exercise consideration in view of the high-volume usage. Likewise, we seek your help to guide your children to exercise care and responsible use of all school facilities, especially the toilets.