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Dear Parents

Incident at River Valley High School

By now, most of us would have heard or read from the media about the tragic incident, which took place at River Valley High School (RVHS) on Monday. As a community, we feel for the school and the families affected, and we may be sad, worried or puzzled ourselves. It is normal for us to feel this way as we try to understand the matter.

We want to assure you that the safety and well-being of our students are of utmost importance to us. Our school remains safe as we continue to ensure the safety and security of our students and staff. We have a vigilant school security system, regular security exercises to prepare our students and staff, and clear school rules. We will continue to be alert to safety matters as we take care of one another.

We will speak to the students to reassure them that our school is safe for them. Their teachers will follow up with the students and provide support for those who may be feeling anxious from this incident. If your child needs someone to talk to, please reach out to his/her teachers or School Counsellors who are around to support them. You may want to keep a lookout for your child and be attentive to his/her remarks or behaviour that may show any anxiety and need for care. In our interactions with the children, it would be good to stick to the facts as reported, allow them to express their feelings and avoid any form of speculation on the matter.

You may also want to take note of the contact of the following agencies whom you can approach for further assistance if necessary.

Tinkle Friend Helpline: 1800 274 4788

TOUCHline: 1800 377 2252

Fei Yue Community Services: ec2.sg

To support River Valley High School, I ask for your understanding not to speculate about the incident and to let the authorities unravel the facts. Let us remain empathetic towards the school and the families affected, and respect the privacy that they need during this time.

Racial Harmony Day (RHD) Theme: Common Spaces, Connected Communities

The school celebrated Racial Harmony Day on Mon, 19 Jul 21. In a world that has grown increasingly diverse, the theme "Common Spaces, Connected Communities" is a reminder for students to reflect on their experiences and engage in respectful conversations, both online and offline, to protect the common space, strengthen trust and friendships amongst communities, and to emerge stronger as a more caring, cohesive and resilient nation.

This year's RHD theme takes on special significance as we see racial harmony incidents and issues arising and discussed in the public space. It is important to help our students apply the theme in their lives, explore what it means to strengthen connection amongst communities, and take action to preserve racial harmony in Singapore.

For this year's RHD, students learn about building friendships with people from all ethnic communities in age-appropriate ways. For lower primary, the focus is on playing together and engaging in respectful daily interactions, while for upper primary it is on standing up against unkind words and actions and appreciating the diversity across cultures. We hope parents can also reinforce these values of harmony in our children.

Updates on Safe Management Measures

With the recent heightened alert due to the spike in cases, the school will continue with online remedial/supplementary lessons for P1 to P5 students. The P3 to P5 CCA sessions will also be conducted online after school on Tuesdays. Please check your PG for updates from the teachers.

A gentle reminder that the Ministry of Health (MOH) has updated its guidance on the use of masks and said in a statement that all members of the public are recommended to use masks with good filtration capability, and these include reusable masks that are made of at least two layers of fabric, and surgical masks. As such, we strongly encourage all students to wear surgical masks or reusable masks of equivalent effectiveness. Parents are advised to ensure that to keep your child safe.

Parents are also reminded to follow the relevant advisories to keep your child and his/her siblings at home should any household members be unwell. Additionally, we would like to urge all parents to inform your child's teachers immediately should any of your household members receive 'High Risk Warning' and 'High Risk Alert' via SMS.

Thank you for your support in reminding your child on the importance of adhering to safe management measures in light of the virulence of new COVID-19 variants. Let us continue to work together to keep the school and community safe!

Take care and please stay safe!

Yours sincerely
Mrs Lee-Koh SC
Principal