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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child/ward in Sec 1 to 3 have just completed his/her End-Of-Year Examinations and they are having a break before they return to school on Thursday and Friday where teachers will be going through their examination scripts with them. The purpose of the exercise of script checking is not just for the purpose of knowing how many marks they obtained for their examinations. It is a good review for them to understand how they interpreted or misinterpreted the questions and the way they need to address the questions. We have always emphasized that it is not just about sharing everything they know about a subject matter, but about understanding what the question is about and then how they should answer it. So please engage your child/ward to have the correct attitude in the way they approach the script checking process on Thursday and Friday.

In line with this, I would also want to urge parents/guardians to not just focus on the score your child/ward obtained. While this may be a reflection of the effort your child/ward invested, it would also be good to have a more holistic understanding of how your child/ward would need to review his learning approach, activities he/she has, screen time, etc and then work out a plan together to support your child/ward towards his/her learning goals. This conversation and your time to engage your child/ward, together with your support and encouragement towards their educational goal would also strengthen the communication between you and your child/ward. Should you need any guidance in this regard, do speak with your child's/ward's Class Mentor so they can advise you on the approach.

Use of Trace Together (TT) Token

Singapore is moving towards building resilience in our management of COVID-19. Since Monday, 11 October, new measures have been put in place as Singapore equips herself to treat COVID-19 as endemic.

Secondary schools will no longer do contact tracing of students should any staff or student be found to be COVID-19 positive (C+). In its place, all students and staff will have to make use of the TT token that has been issued to them. All students were reminded on Monday that they must have their TT tokens, just like they bring their oral digital thermometers, and these will be checked when students are at assembly. They should register their tokens at the security counter.

Presently, many students are already using their TT tokens in school and I applaud their sense of social responsibility. This ensures that should they be C+ or are close contacts with C+ persons, they can take the necessary steps to monitor their health, which includes ensuring that his/her family members can be safe-guarded.

Should your child/ward have a defective TT token, please ensure that they go to the nearest community centre or club to get a replacement, whether of the battery or token.



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Keeping safe and healthy

As mentioned by PM Lee last Saturday, 98% of C+ persons had mild or no symptoms. For our students, who are young, they would get well very quickly even if they were infected, as the majority of our students have taken their vaccines.

However, this does not mean that your child/ward can be cavalier about it. They must still wear their masks at all times, from the time they leave home till they return home, as this is the law. The police have informed us of students who have been caught breaching this law and it comes with a fine of \$300. Please remind your child/ward of this social responsibility they must exercise as there are young children and other vulnerable older adults who can be severely affected.

They must also remember to comply with Safe Management Measures (SMM) as they are created for the protection of the individual and community. Thus, please advise your child/ward not to congregate with their friends as the risks of virus spread is higher in large groups, especially if they are involved in doing vigorous activities where their masks may be off.

Even as the virus will become endemic and we learn to live with it, let's be sensible in our approaches to keep it at bay as much as possible. Every affected family member would be of great concern as well as affect time and cost. So, do take time to engage with your child/ward about keeping themselves safe and healthy.

Early Dismissal for Sec 1 – 3 students in view of GCE O-Levels

The written papers for the GCE O-Level will commence from 18 October. As we want to ensure a conducive environment for the Sec 4 and 5 students to take their examinations in the classroom block, all Sec 1 and 3 students will be dismissed at 12.15 pm while Sec 2 students will be dismissed at 12.45 pm with effect from 18 October.

Conclusion

It has been a busy year for all of us, both you as parents/guardians and teachers and staff in school. Our goal is to help every Queenswayan be the best they can be. The academic year is coming to a close but schooling is more than academic learning. Students learn much more in school. They learn to be responsible for their actions and take steps to become a better version of themselves. They learn to have self-respect and respect for others, when interacting with their peers. We are organizing some class-based post-exam activities for our students that would give them the opportunity to continue to develop as Queenswayans that will uphold the values of our school. We look forward to your partnership in this endeavour.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Tan Chong Tze
Principal