



毅勤小学

ENDEAVOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Letter from the Principal

4 February 2021

Dear Parents

Here are some important announcements pertaining to student well-being and school activities for February 2021.

1) Chinese New Year Holidays

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Thu 11 Feb virtually with class activities. Students are welcomed to put on their traditional Chinese costumes or be dressed in bright festive colours for the occasion but for safety in movement, the footwear for the day is our black school shoes. Please be reminded that students are required to come to school at the usual time and there will be staggered dismissal for the different levels:

- P1 : 9.45 am
- P5 : 9.50 am
- P3 & P4 : 9.55 am
- P2 & P6 : 10.00 am

Date	Remarks
Thu 11 Feb	Chinese New Year Holiday celebrations.
Fri 12 Feb	Chinese New Year Holiday.
Sat 13 Feb	Chinese New Year Holiday.
Sun 14 Feb	-
Mon 15 Feb	School Holiday.
Tue 16 Feb	Lessons resume.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all parents and students who celebrate Chinese New Year a blessed, joyous and healthy year of the Ox and happy holidays to all!

2) Rainbow Day 1 and Commemoration of Total Defence Day (Mon 22 Feb)

Our first Rainbow Day for 2021 will be held on Mon 22 Feb in conjunction with Total Defence Day.

Total Defence Day (TDD) marks Singapore's fall to the Japanese in 1942 and is held annually to remind ourselves of what may happen if we are not able to defend our country. The theme for this year's Total Defence Day is "Together We Keep Singapore Strong". As Total Defence Day falls on the 4th day of Lunar New Year (which is a school holiday), the backdrop of the fall of Singapore on Lunar New Year Day in 1942 will provide a stark contrast to remind us that we must never take our peace for granted, and allow apathy and complacency lull us into a false sense of security.

As a continuation from previous years, the Total Defence 2021 Campaign will profile Total Defence in action, and encourage students to play a greater role in Total Defence by showing them how they can contribute in small and big ways. Ultimately, we hope that Total Defence can help to rally and mobilise Singaporeans to prepare for future threats and challenges, and be resilient enough to recover quickly when crises strikes. In the context of COVID-19, the relevance of Total Defence is ever important for Singaporeans to play their part, so that Singapore can emerge stronger as we overcome the battle against the virus.

Rainbow Days are non-uniform days and students can come to school in their home clothes. However, they would need to put on their black school shoes for safety reasons.

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3) Student Learning Space (SLS) – for P1 parents only

The school will be issuing a letter containing your child's user name and password to you in February. This is to allow your child to access the SLS, which is an online platform with tools and curriculum-aligned resources for students to learn anytime, anywhere, collaboratively and at their own pace. This is a MOE developed system. We would like to request parents to help activate their child's account at home.

4) Parental Consent – Photos/Videos of EDP students & parents

We would like to inform parents/guardians that photographs/videos of students/parents taken at all school events by our official school photographers may be published on the school's official media platforms (eg: newsletters, school website or similar platforms) and used for briefings, workshops and other educational purposes. The school may publish photographs, videos and students' work/achievements together with the names of the students from time to time. Please notify the school in writing if you do not wish to grant such permission.

5) Briefing cum Networking sessions for Parents

The schedule for the Briefing cum Networking sessions for Parents is as follows:

Dates	2.30 – 3.15 pm	3.15 – 3.30 pm	3.30- 4.15 pm
Fri 26 Feb	P5 Networking with Form Teacher and Co-Form Teacher	Screen break, logging into next session	P5 briefing by Key Personnel
	P6 briefing by Key Personnel		P6 Networking with Form Teacher and Co-Form Teachers
Fri 5 Mar	P1 & 2 Networking with Form Teacher and Co-Form Teacher		P1 & 2 briefing by Key Personnel
	P3 & 4 briefing by Key Personnel		P3 & 4 Networking with Form Teacher and Co-Form Teacher

As the COVID-19 situation remains fluid and unpredictable, these sessions will be held virtually. More information will be sent to parents via Parents Gateway nearer the briefing dates.

For parents who are not able to attend the sessions, we will upload the slides to our school's website and parents can contact the relevant staff for clarifications.

6) Inculcating Good Habits to Make School Bags Lighter

We seek parents' assistance to help inculcate good habits for your children to help them make their school bags lighter. A simple way is to remember the acronym PACK. Students should:

P – Plan the night before what they need for school the following day. Pack according to the timetable and do not bring unnecessary items.

A – Avoid heavy items. For example, there is no need to bring a big A4 sized hard cover story book when a paperback version would do. There is also no need to fill their water bottle to the brim when going to school as water bottles can make their bag heavier by 0.7 to 0.9 kg. Students can bring enough water to last their journey to school and then top up the water bottle when they are in school. The same goes when they are going home.

C – Carry their school bags properly using both straps instead of just one. This will help distribute the weight of the bag evenly across their shoulders.

K – Keep proper posture. Avoid slouching when walking as it may increase the risk of neck and back pain.



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7) Social Distancing Measures for Parents During Dismissal

We are grateful that you have worked hand in hand with us in the implementation of Safe Management Measures (SMM) so that our school remains a safe and conducive environment for all students.

For parents who fetch their children after school at our various dismissal gates, please be reminded that Social Distancing is still the norm even though we are now into Phase 3 of reopening and there must be social distancing between individuals. We would like to appeal to parents not to crowd around the dismissal points. Should there be a need for you to move forward to the dismissal points, please do so according to the dismissal timing for the different levels.

Please observe social distancing of at least 1m from others while waiting at the dismissal gates, particularly at gate C (which also happens to be the only sheltered walkway when it rains). Markers have been placed along the walkways near Gate C as a visual reminder for parents/guardians about social distancing. Let us all continue to be good role models for your child/ward and help our school to ensure that Safe Management Measures are carried out for the good health and safety of our Endeavour students.

Together we endeavour all the way!

Mr Thomas Koh
Principal

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