

18 May 2021



Dear Parents,

1. Health and Well-being

The Ministry of Education (MOE) has stepped up precautionary measures to safeguard the well-being of all students and staff. All primary, secondary, junior college (JC) and Millennia Institute (MI) students will shift to full Home-Based Learning (HBL) from 19 May 2021 (Wednesday) till end of the term on 28 May 2021 (Friday). Please refer to the PG message sent out on 17 May 21 for the details on HBL. At the same time, we would like to emphasize the importance of working with and guiding your child to practise safe and responsible use of computing devices during the HBL and school holidays.

With the growing number of COVID-19 community cases in Singapore, it is important that all of us continue to remain vigilant and ensure that safe management measures are adhered to. Please remind your child to stay at home as far as possible and refrain from visiting their peers' homes. Continue to observe good hygiene practices, see a doctor if unwell and stay at home until fully recovered.

Let's stay vigilant and not let our guard down in our fight against this pandemic.

2. Update on Incident of Eye Irritation

On 25 January, the school shared that some students, mainly from Primary 5, experienced eye irritation.

We have been working closely with NEA to find out the cause of this incident. Further investigations by NEA found that the technicians engaged by the school to conduct mosquito control measures on 23 January 2021, had sprayed pesticide meant for residual effect on the walls in the classrooms and other indoor areas. The spreading of residual chemical mist onto non-target areas and high-touch points such as desks and chairs, may have transferred onto the students' hands upon touch, and triggered eye irritation after they subsequently touched areas around their eyes and face. Affected students came into contact with small amounts of the chemical. They mostly had minor symptoms and recovered within a day or two and returned to school. All the students have since fully recovered.

NEA has since suspended the license of the pest control technician who was in-charge of the operations conducted in the school that day. MOE has also issued a written warning to the pest control contractor and imposed the appropriate penalties. We will continue to work closely with NEA to put in place the necessary steps to prevent any reoccurrence of this incident.

We wish your child an enriching and a rewarding learning experience for the rest of Term 2.

Yours sincerely
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