



Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)
A Methodist Institution (Founded 1886)

5 March 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you for being supportive of the school's precautionary measures arising from the evolving COVID-19 situation. The safety and well-being of our students and staff are foremost in our minds as we continue to be vigilant and responsive, and ensure that the school remains a safe environment for all. Our boys are reminded about the importance of adopting good personal hygiene practices, seeking medical assistance immediately if they are unwell, and caring for others through being socially responsible. Thank you once again for your partnership and support to keep our school safe.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Travel Declaration for March Holidays

On Monday, 9 March 2020, the school will send out announcement via Parents Gateway to request **parents of ALL students to declare their travel plans of their children for the March holidays**, together with the Stay-Home Notice (SHN) advisory. Those travelling to Johor Bahru, Malaysia, for day-trips are required to declare as well. NIL returns are required for students who are not travelling. Please be on the lookout for the announcement on 9 March.

2. Working Together Against COVID-19

As Singaporeans come together in the fight against Covid-19, it is, indeed, heartwarming that our boys also stepped up in exercising responsibility, and extended their empathy and support to the community. For instance, some of our boys contributed their own time as student volunteers to help out in the school library by supporting our librarian with the loans and returns of library books during their recesses. The 'Wipe-Down' routine is another authentic opportunity to educate our boys on how they can demonstrate their social responsibility and consideration for others by cleaning up after themselves at recess time. By cleaning up their own space, our boys have learned to appreciate how they could play a part, individually and collectively, in contributing to a conducive environment for everyone. Our boys have also grown in independence as they walk in through the school gates by themselves each morning, and spend time meaningfully with their classmates and schoolmates before the bell goes.

Beyond contributing to the school, the boys reached out to the community by writing notes of appreciation and encouragement to various groups of people who keep Singapore safe. For instance, our Primary 2 boys had prepared gratitude cards for the paramedics from the SCDF and Hope Emergency Medical Services while the Primary 4 boys wrote personal

messages for Cairnhill Methodist Church and the construction workers involved in the upgrading works in the school. Our Primary 6 boys wrote notes for the medical staff at KKH, and those who work at SMRT and SBS Downtown Line at Newton MRT station. Our boys also wrote to their family members and friends who may be healthcare workers, transport operators, bus drivers, teachers, as well as the operations support officers and school cleaners who keep the school clean and safe. Through this activity, our boys have demonstrated the values of love for their school, community and nation as they expressed their gratitude through their heartfelt notes.

We continue to urge our school community to be of One Heart, One Mind and One Voice as we stand united in keeping our school and country safe. If you receive messages or any other unsubstantiated information, either through word of mouth or over WhatsApp or other online platforms, we urge you not to forward or circulate them. Let not fear and the spreading of untruths overcome us. Instead, you may seek clarification with the school administration and we hold fast to the Christian principle of speaking the truth in love.

3. Total Defence Day

The school commemorated Total Defence Day on February 14. Due to the COVID-19 situation, there was no mass gathering so students had an in-class assembly programme where they learnt more about the six pillars of total defence. The students also had a chance to see how various groups in Singapore were coming together to do their part to keep Singapore strong and safe. The boys demonstrated their support as they did the Wipe Down routine at the end of recess. In the midst of the current situation, we are glad that our boys are taking their responsibilities seriously.

As Term One is drawing to a close, on behalf of the staff, I wish all of you an enjoyable upcoming holiday in March, and may you have a restful and wonderful time as a family. Stay safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Chaillan Mui Tuan
Principal