

Dear Parents,

25th October, 2016

Thank our Lord for taking care of us. Since the commencement of the school term, the work of our school has been on track smoothly. Here are some reminders for parents.

1. Be a wise road user

It is reminded that students must always have proper etiquette while travelling by public transport. In addition, the number of parents who send their children to school by private cars has increased. Please note that no parking is allowed on the yellow box marking in front of the school and the nearby area. If the property services agent has to strictly enforce traffic control, the school would have no other choices but cooperate with it. Adults are obliged to be students' role model. The school may formally follow up those students who violate the traffic rules.

2. Reflection on the new school timetable

We understand that parents and students may need time to adapt to the new school timetable, in addition to abnormal weather and traffic. Punctuality record on 1/9, 2/9, 20/9, 27/9 and 18/10 would not be counted. Although the new timetable may increase teachers' workload and cause inconvenience to some parents, students can get 100 minutes break time and 35 minutes homework time in exchange. We hope it will allow parents to have more time to spend with their children and improve parent-child relationship. (A little reminder: Students would have no homework on 7/11 and 5/12 in this term.) We would evaluate the policies above at the end of the term. If you have any opinion, please feel free to tell us.

3. 2016/17 Childhood Influenza Vaccination Subsidy Scheme

As the influenza season is approaching, please prepare a surgical face mask in single packing for your children. If needed, the school will provide extra surgical face masks free of charge. The school will teach students how to wear the masks correctly. The Childhood Influenza Vaccination Subsidy Scheme of 2016/17 starts from October. Hong Kong

children between the age of 6 months to 6 years are subsidized when they receive influenza vaccination provided by private doctors. In fact, numbers of non-profit organization have contacted the school and claimed that they can arrange health care workers to come to school and provide free influenza vaccination. However, there are a lot of safety issues we have to concern, such as the background of the organization, the qualifications of the health care worker and the quality of the vaccine. Since we cannot ensure every factor to be 100% safe, we would not arrange any non-governmental organization to provide influenza vaccination at school. Actually, there are over 100 private doctors in Tuen Mun who have joined the scheme. It is also convenient for parents to receive influenza vaccination there. We suggest parents contact your family doctor before making any decision.

4. Establish channels for communication between parents and school

The society is constantly changing, and our school has to keep close contact with all stakeholders. The ideal way of communication is to response to the opinions of every single parent. Yet, in real life practice, there are constraints that make it difficult to consult every parent or let everyone vote. Therefore, the Parent-Teacher Association has to take up the function of consultation. The PTA has always been endeavouring to voice parents' opinions to our school; for example, improving the arrangement of selling uniforms, the activities in recess, suggesting holding the Siu Leun Athletics Meet and checking exam papers by parents.

Sometimes, misunderstanding may arise and the PTA may be regarded as interfering the school administration. In fact, the final decisions of school policies are made by the school board, not by the PTA, the school supervisor or the principal. Throughout the whole consultation, PTA acts as one of the consulted parties only. This is to fulfill the procedural requirements of the government. The PTA committee members have long been serving our school whole-heartedly. In countless number of events, they forsake their own good to avoid possible misunderstanding. Also, they reflected the opinions of the minority of our parents, like using Putonghua as the medium of instruction of the Chinese subject. Some think that we should use Cantonese to teach Chinese while

some believe that we should strengthen our Putonghua as Medium of Instruction (PMI) Policy. (Note: EDB defines PMI as having 50% to 100% of Chinese lessons conducted in Putonghua. Our school definitely falls into the middle of this language spectrum.) We will evaluate this policy by the end of the school term. Parents please feel free to voice your opinions.

Besides the various ways through which the PTA and school communicate with parents, we will work hard to establish direct or face-to-face communication. Apart from sending letters and emails, the PTA may hold tea gathering of parents every season. Moreover, our school is considering using E-class as a platform for parents to voice your opinions. The success of our school does not come easy. We understand that the administrative work of our school is numerous. It is difficult for us to do everything flawlessly. Yet, I guarantee that our school always handles the opinions positively. Parents please feel free to contact me directly and let us handle any case directly. (Personal email: tak9886@gmail.com or school tel: 24676468)

5. Use the toilet thoughtfully

Parents please teach children the correct way to use the toilet and prepare disinfecting wipes for cleaning the toilet seat cover if needed. The school will also teach the students about it. On the second floor of the school, we have special toilets for smaller students.

6. Providing free disposable raincoat and slippers

If needed, students can have disposable raincoats and slippers free of charge at the school office when it rains heavily.

7. Four missionaries and part-time NETs from the USA

Four missionaries and part-time native English teachers from the US will co-teach with local teachers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. They will also spread gospel with different activities. They are Ms Alex, Ms Jennifer, Ms Emily and Ms Cassie. May God bless their work at our school.

8. Hand in reply-slips and fees on time

Please ask your children to return reply-slips and fees on time to reduce teachers' workload. Thank you for your cooperation.

9. Interview from Viu TV of our Lacrosse team

Our school has long been promoting different sports to equip our students to become global citizens. We have promoted rugby, Aussie kick and lawn bowl for some time. Recently, we have actively promoted Lacrosse, a sport which is popular in North America. That is why Viu TV shows interest in it, and filming crew will be at school for a whole day. Our students will be interviewed. We will let parents know the date of broadcasting.

10. 2016/17 Winning 20 air tickets from sponsorship programme

We have joined the sponsorship programme organized by South China Morning Post and Hong Kong Airlines. We designed and implemented a "Go Veggie!" campaign. Our school stood out from 150 competitors and successfully got 20 free air-tickets as award. And we are the only primary school in Tuen Mun in the award list! Hence, we will lead 20 students to carry out the plan out of Hong Kong. We will take this chance to nurture students to become global citizens.

At last, I wish every student is nurtured in LSL happily. Let us live in the grace of our Lord.

In Lord,

Principal **Chan Ho Tak, John**