30 December 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We look forward to welcoming your child/ward back to a new school year on 2 January 2025, Thursday.

The theme we have chosen for 2025 is **"Love is in the sunshine"**. This is inspired by the verse "We love because he first loved us" in 1 John 4:19, and is a line in our school song. Our desire is for our students to be reminded that they are loved, and what it means to be in the light. By understanding this, may they learn to grow in gratitude and to show care and love to others around them. We believe this is important in today's fast-changing and results-oriented world.

As we prepare for the first day of school, we would like to draw your attention to the following.

School Start Time

School starts at 7:30am (students must be in school by 7:28am) and students should arrive 15 minutes before so that they can locate their new classrooms/assembly spot. Students should also bring along a book to read during the silent reading period as we seek to nurture a reading culture in Fairfield.

School Attire

On the first day of school, all students will report to school in full school uniform with tie, with proper haircut and colour.

Orientation and Start Right Programme

The first week of school is an exciting one as we welcome the new Sec 1 students with the Orientation Programme. The rest of the school has a similar Start Right Programme which looks at getting students and teachers to know one another, establish rapport and set the tone for a time of learning with one another for the year ahead. Please see the attached table for information on the attire and end of day for each level.

Road Safety and Traffic

We seek your cooperation to ensure the safety of students coming to and leaving school. Parents/Guardians who drive your child/ward to school should:

- 1. Reduce vehicle speed and stay alert for pedestrians in the school zone.
- 2. Cooperate with the security guards to ensure overall safety and smooth traffic flow.
- 3. Let your child/ward alight only at the designated drop-off point which is at the end of the Technical Block. Do not let your child/ward alight at the car park area as it will cause obstruction and pose a hazard.
- 4. Reinforce correct road safety behaviour and remind your child/ward to use pedestrian crossings, and avoid jaywalking or using a mobile phone while crossing the road.

We do not encourage students to cycle to school. However, those who wish to do so must obtain the "Advisory Note for Cycling to School" from the General Office, and complete it with endorsement by their parents/guardians.

Please note that <u>you will not be able to drive into the school compound after 7:28am</u>, except on rainy days. During rainy weather at dismissal, pick-up will take place at the covered area near the Technical Block. Please be reminded that parking and waiting are not allowed. Students should ensure they coordinate with their parents/guardians to be picked up only when they are at the designated pick-up point (Sheltered area near Technical Block).

Be Socially Responsible

To ensure that schools remain a safe place for teaching and learning, certain safety measures will continue to be observed when school reopens, including visual screening and observance of high standards of hygiene. If your child/ward is unwell, please ensure that he/she stays at home and seeks medical attention if necessary. If your child/ward is recovering from respiratory-related illness, please encourage him/her to exercise social responsibility (e.g. by wearing a mask, minimising social interactions with big groups).

We will be conducting a temperature taking exercise on 15 January 2025. Please remind your child/ward to bring his/her thermometer to school and ensure that it is in working order.

Check/Reset MIMS password before start of 2025

As the students begin the new school year, it is important that they are able to use their PLDs to support their engagement in learning and the various activities planned for them. It is common that students might have forgotten their MOE Identity Management System (MIMS) password over the end-of-year break. This will mean that students will not be able to access the school network upon their return, and will also require technical support on the first day of school. If there are large numbers of students requiring this technical support, students might need to wait for a longer time to get help to reset their password.

Hence, we would like to encourage students to check if they can log in to MIMS before the start of the new school year, using the attached Guide to Check & Reset MIMS Password (Annex A). If students have forgotten their MIMS password, they can follow the steps to do a self-reset of their MIMS password. We hope that this will help students to be more at ease and ready for the start of the new school year.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call us at 67788702 or drop us an email at fmss@moe.edu.sg. We will meet again at the Principal's Dialogue with Parents in January (Lower Sec) and February (Upper Sec) next year. More information will be sent to you via PG nearer the date.

Wishing you and your families a Blessed New Year! Thank you for your partnership in the year ahead.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr Wee Tat Chuen

Principal

Programme for the various levels

J	2 Jan (Thursday)	3 Jan (Friday)
	All students will report to the parade square at 7:25am.	
Sec 1	 Attire: School uniform with tie (bring along PE T-shirt) To bring: A lock for school locker Writing materials Water bottle/Thermometer/Extra mask (if required) Backpack to store the above Day ends at 3.00pm (except OGA & OGB which will end at 4:00pm for IT Familiarisation. 	 Attire: PE attire To bring: Writing materials/Thermometer/extra Mask (if required) Water bottle Day ends at 3.45pm (except OGC & OGD which will end at 4.45pm for IT Familiarisation.
Sec 2	 Attire: School uniform with tie To bring: A lock for school locker Snacks for snack break Day ends at 2.30pm 	 Attire: PE attire To bring: Writing materials/coloured pens, pencils or markers Water bottle Level Activity: Level Outing to Marina Barrage Day ends at 1.00pm
Sec 3	 Attire: School uniform with tie To bring: iPad A lock for school locker Day ends at 2.00pm 	 Attire: PE attire To bring: Writing materials Level Activity: Level Bonding Games Day ends at 1.00pm
Sec 4/5	 Attire: School uniform with tie To bring: iPad A lock for school locker Snacks for snack break Day ends at 2.00pm 	 Attire: PE attire To bring: iPad Level Activity: Level Bonding Games Day ends at 1.00pm