

**NOTIFICATION NO.: 0044/GO/2017**

20 March 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome back to school! I believe the March vacation was a good break for your child/ward.

### **CONSOLIDATION OF NOTIFICATIONS AND FORMS (TERM 2)**

Please note that with effect from Term 2, the school would like to consolidate the notifications that parents and guardians will receive from the school which **require your signature**. We will try to keep it to **twice a term**. Hence, on a termly basis (twice a term), you should **expect to receive consolidated information<sup>1</sup> on your child's/ward's school-related activities which require your consent or acknowledgement**. We hope this will minimise the frequency teachers have to collect the returns during curriculum hours. Other notifications which do not require your consent or acknowledgement will still be issued to you when the need arises.

You will also receive the Farrerean Bulletin which keeps you informed about the school's programmes and activities for the term.

### **REQUEST TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL**

The school understands that from time to time, your child/ward may be taken ill but which does not require a visit to the doctor because there is medication at home. Hence, the school will allow your child/ward to be absent from school without an official medical certificate from the doctor but only for up to **a maximum number of two times per term**. Do remember to write a note to inform the form teacher should this happen.

However, as long as your child's medical leave is taken **during any form of assessment** (class tests, holistic assessment tasks, term reviews, mid or end-of-year examinations etc.), **absence from school will still require an official medical certificate issued by a medical doctor** so that the school could consider it as absence with a valid reason. Otherwise, a zero mark will be awarded.

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<sup>1</sup> For P5 students going for the Overseas Cultural Immersion Programme to Vietnam, a separate letter with consent for parents will be issued as this requires more detailed information.

The school has also noted that parents may be keen to take their children for overseas vacation before the terms ends or the overseas vacation may stretch beyond the start of a new term. This is strongly discouraged because our teachers will continue to teach even after the assessment period is over to close any learning gaps. Similarly, teachers will start teaching a new topic or skill when school reopens. Your child's absence from school will not be helpful for his/her learning progress.

If you require any clarification with regard to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the General Office staff T: 62952272 E: [fpps@moe.edu.sg](mailto:fpps@moe.edu.sg). You may also like to speak with the form teachers of your child/ward.

Warm regards

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