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ENDEAVOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Letter from the Principal

31 January 2022

Dear Parents

Here are some important announcements pertaining to student well-being and school activities for February 2022. S/No 1 was shared earlier with all parents on 18 January 2022.

1) Chinese New Year Holidays

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Mon 31 January virtually with class activities. Students are welcomed to put on their traditional Chinese costumes or be dressed in bright festive colours for the occasion but for safety in movement, the footwear for the day is our black school shoes. Students are required to come to school at the usual reporting time and there will be early staggered dismissal for the different levels:

- P1 : 9.45 am
- P5 : 9.50 am
- P3 & P4 : 9.55 am
- P2 & P6 : 10.00 am

| Date | Remarks |
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| Mon 31 Jan | Chinese New Year Holiday celebrations. Early dismissal for all students. |
| Tue 1 Feb | Chinese New Year Holiday. |
| Wed 2 Feb | Chinese New Year Holiday. |
| Thu 3 Feb | Lessons resume. |

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all parents and students who celebrate Chinese New Year a blessed, joyous and healthy year of the Tiger and happy holidays to all!

2) Rainbow Day 1 and Commemoration of Total Defence Day (Mon 14 Feb)

Our first Rainbow Day for 2022 will be held on Mon 14 Feb in conjunction with Total Defence Day.

Total Defence Day (TDD) marks Singapore's fall to the Japanese in 1942 and is held annually to remind ourselves of what may happen if we are not able to defend our country. The theme for TDD 2022 "Together We Keep Singapore Strong" is maintained to encourage students to play a greater role in Total Defence and to highlight the different ways they can contribute. Through the commemoration of Total Defence Day, we hope to rally and mobilise Singaporeans to prepare for future threats and challenges, and show resilience when crises strike. The COVID-19 experience has heightened the importance and relevance of Total Defence. When Singaporeans play their part, we will emerge stronger even as we battle the virus.

Rainbow Days are non-uniform days and students can come to school in their home clothes. However, they would need to put on their black school shoes for safety reasons.

3) Parental Consent – Photos/Videos of EDP students & parents

We would like to inform parents/guardians that photographs/videos of students/parents taken at all school events by our official school photographers may be published on the school's official media platforms (eg: newsletters, school website or similar platforms) and used for briefings, workshops and other educational purposes. The school may publish photographs, videos and students' work/achievements together with the names of the students from time to time. Please notify the school in writing if you do not wish to grant such permission.

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4) **Briefing cum Networking sessions for Parents (P1 to P4)**

The schedule for the Briefing cum Networking sessions for P1 to P4 Parents is as follows:

| Dates | 2.30 – 3.15 pm | 3.15 – 3.30 pm | 3.30- 4.15 pm |
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| Fri 18 Feb | P3 Networking with Form Teacher and Co-Form Teacher | Screen break, logging into next session | P3 briefing by Key Personnel |
| | P4 briefing by Key Personnel | | P4 Networking with Form Teacher and Co-Form Teachers |
| Fri 25 Feb | P1 Networking with Form Teacher and Co-Form Teacher | | P1 briefing by Key Personnel |
| | P2 briefing by Key Personnel | | P2 Networking with Form Teacher and Co-Form Teacher |

These sessions will be held virtually via Zoom. More information will be sent to parents via Parents Gateway nearer the briefing dates.

For parents who are not able to attend the sessions, we will upload the slides to our school's website and parents can contact the relevant staff for clarifications.

5) **Inculcating Good Habits to Make School Bags Lighter**

We seek parents' assistance to help inculcate good habits for your children to help them make their school bags lighter. A simple way is to remember the acronym PACK. Students should:

P – Plan the night before what they need for school the following day. Pack according to the timetable and do not bring unnecessary items.

A – Avoid heavy items. For example, there is no need to bring a big A4 sized hard cover story book when a paperback version would do. There is also no need to fill their water bottle to the brim when going to school as water bottles can make their bag heavier by 0.7 to 0.9 kg. Students can bring enough water to last their journey to school and then top up the water bottle when they are in school. The same goes when they are going home.

C – Carry their school bags properly using both straps instead of just one. This will help distribute the weight of the bag evenly across their shoulders.

K – Keep proper posture. Avoid slouching when walking as it may increase the risk of neck and back pain.

6) **Social Distancing Measures for Parents During Dismissal**

We are grateful that you have worked hand in hand with us in the implementation of Safe Management Measures (SMM) so that our school remains a safe and conducive environment for all students.

For parents who fetch their children after school at our various dismissal gates, please be reminded that there must be social distancing between individuals. We would like to appeal to parents not to crowd around the dismissal points. Should there be a need for you to move forward to the dismissal points, please do so according to the dismissal timing for the different levels.

Please observe social distancing of at least 1m from others while waiting at the dismissal gates, particularly at gate C (which also happens to be the only sheltered walkway when it rains). Markers have been placed along the walkways near Gate C as a visual reminder for parents/guardians about social distancing. Let us all continue to be good role models for your child/ward and help our school to ensure that Safe Management Measures are carried out for the good health and safety of our Endeavour students.



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7) New Parents Gateway Features

A) Children's School & Staff Contacts

Parents can contact their children's School, Form & CCA teachers via email

In this release, the "CHILDREN" tab will be replaced by the "CONTACTS" tab. Parents will be able to view their children's School, Form (& Co-Form) & CCA teachers' email address, and email them by simply tapping on their email address.

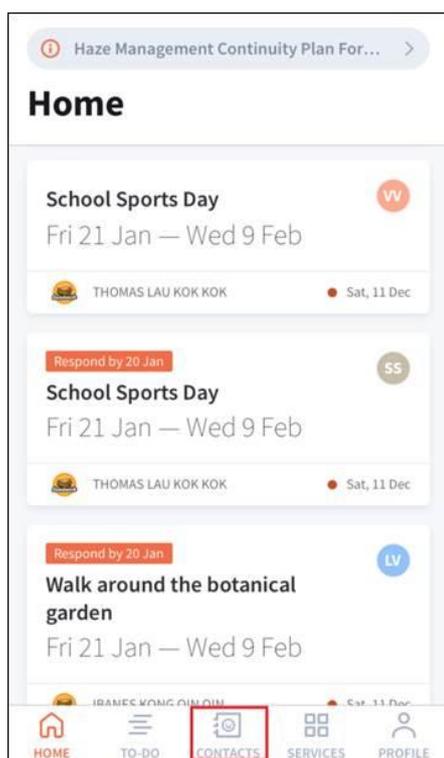


Figure 3: "CONTACTS" tab replaces "CHILDREN" tab

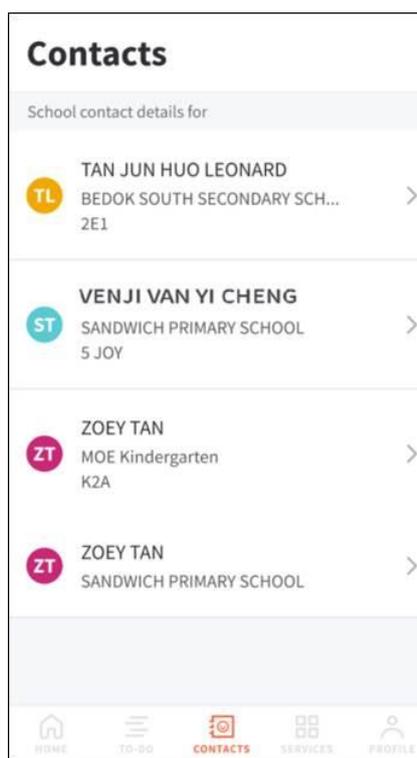


Figure 4: List of children with school, class name

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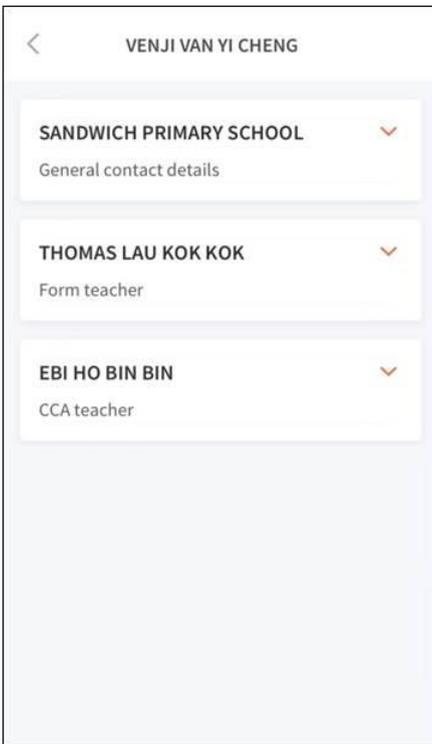


Figure 5: Child's school, Form/Co-Form & CCA teachers

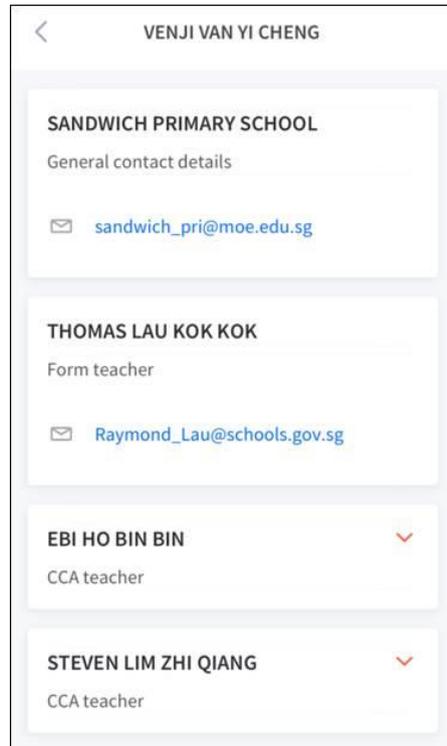


Figure 6: School's email address and teachers' "Default enquiry email" address

B) Parenting Resources

Useful resources will be available in the "Parenting Resources" tab

Parents will be able to view resources on parenting in the new "Parenting Resources" on the "Services" tab

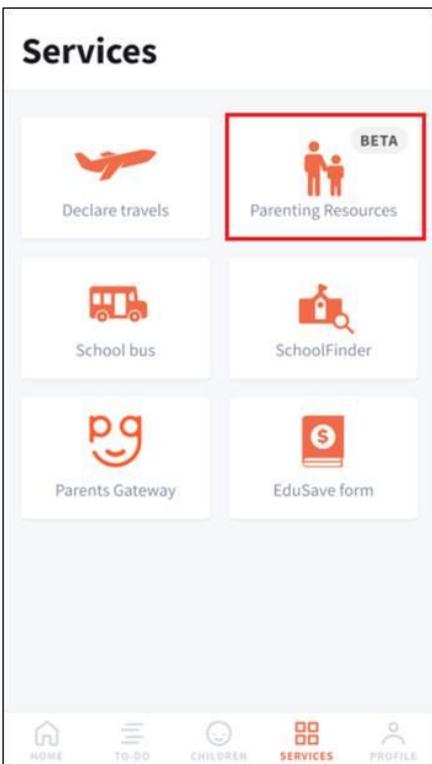


Figure 7: New "Parenting Resources" will be Available on the "Services" tab.

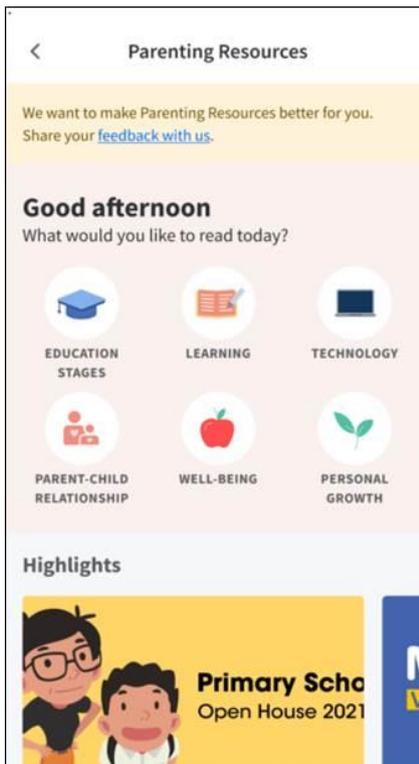


Figure 8: Resources on Parenting can be accessed via Parents Gateway

Together we endeavour all the way!

Thomas Koh
Principal