



## TAMPINES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*A Community School of Excellence: Caring Hearts and Creative Minds*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The staff and I are encouraged by the many parents who have signed up and completed the vaccination for their child/ren. For those who have yet to do so, you might wish to make use of the coming March holidays to book an appointment. You can accompany your child/ren to any of the 13 Paeds Vaccination Centres (VC). Appointments can be made through the National Appointment System, or you can bring your child/ren under the general walk-in arrangement to any Pediatric VC from Monday to Thursday before 7:00 p.m. The school will be following up with parents who have signed up for the School Facilitated Vaccination Exercise (SFVE) once we received details regarding dates and times.

Parents might wish to share the video blog featuring lower primary students and their parents on their views and experiences of the vaccination exercise with their child/ren.



Link:

[https://youtu.be/ZzdjXPV\\_xWM](https://youtu.be/ZzdjXPV_xWM)

### COVID-19 Updates

All updated information can be found at <https://www.covid.gov.sg/>

Students who test positive for COVID-19 on their self-administered ART and have no or mild symptoms may wish to book an appointment at the Combined Test Centres (CTCs) and Quick Test Centres (QTCs) to do a supervised self-administered ART test instead of seeing a doctor. If Ag+ve, they will be placed under Protocol 2 and can collect 3 ART kits from the vending machines. The ART test results would be updated in MOH's records. This will facilitate the issuance of Health Risk Notice (HRN) to close contacts.

From 18 February 2022, there are two key changes to Protocol 3 on the management of close contacts:

- The self-monitoring period is reduced from 7 days to **5 days**, as individuals infected with the Omicron variant have been shown to have a shorter incubation period
- Protocol 3 will be changed from an order to an advisory. Close contacts will be issued with **Health Risk Notices (HRNs)**.

Students are reminded to exercise personal responsibility and carry out a self-administered daily ART before reporting to school. Students who are close contacts, whether they are informed by MOH or any COVID-19 case such as those on Protocol 2 are to moderate their social activities.

### Students on Medical Leave

Students who are unwell for any reason other than COVID-19 related and issued with medical certificates are advised to stay at home until their medical leave is over. If they still have symptoms, they should continue to rest at home until they are fully recovered.

For COVID-19 related (i.e Ag+ or C+) Medical Certificate, in compliance with the MOH protocols, students can return to school when they are tested Ag- after 72 hours from the Ag+/C+ test. Students who self-exit



after 72 hours and before their time-based discharge should show photo evidence of their ART test results to their form teachers before returning to school. We thank parents for keeping the form teachers updated regarding their child/ren's wellbeing when they are on medical leave.

### **Total Defence Day (TDD) Commemoration 2022**

TDD marks the fall of Singapore to the Japanese in 1942. Tampines Primary commemorated TDD on 15 February 2022. The theme “Together We Keep Singapore Strong” helps to remind students on how Total Defence remains our best response to any threat and challenge that may confront Singapore. Tampines Primary also organised an inter-class competition for the students to show their reflections through words and drawings.



*Students' collages & reflections done during TDD activities.*

### **Our School Value – Integrity**

Integrity is defined as having control over one's behaviour, accepting responsibility for the consequences for one's actions and being honest. This forms the bedrock of our iREAP values. Students get to practise integrity every day either at home or in school. We remind students to be:

- truthful to others;
- truthful to themselves;
- doing what is right all the time, whether anyone is looking;
- someone that others can trust.

### **Conclusion**

All parents and students are gently reminded to read March Travel Advisory carefully and to make the necessary declaration if you are travelling. P5 students, who are able, should sign up for the first ever Outdoor Learning Days during the March holidays. It promises to be a fun programme to be enjoyed with their classmates and teachers. For all other students, we wish you a happy and relaxing March vacation!

Mrs Lay See Neufeld  
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