

31 January 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to thank you for your prompt action in onboarding and using the “Class Dojo” application, which the school is implementing this year as the main communication platform between the school and parents/guardians. Currently, we have close to 90% of parents/guardians who have completed the onboarding. The school will continue to reach out to parents/guardians who have not done so to support you in completing your onboarding. We believe in the importance of home-school collaboration and hope that this platform will facilitate that. With the implementation of Class Dojo, will cease the issuance of our monthly letter to parents/guardians in the month of April. In its place, the school will be posting important school information via “School Story” on Class Dojo.

FOR YOUR ACTION

1) **Class Dojo Onboarding – For parents/guardians who have not completed the Class Dojo login only**

Please refer to the attached personalised invite printed by your child’s/ward’s class teacher and follow its instructions to complete your Class Dojo login. Upon your successful login, you will be able to contact your child’s/ward’s teachers during office hours (8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.) via the individual messaging function.

2) **Updating of Student’s Particulars**

It is important for the personal data of students to be kept accurate and always updated as such information will affect the school’s administration of students’ needs. Please check and update the **attached Student’s Particulars form**. The updated form should be submitted to the class teacher by **Thursday, 8 February**. Should there be any changes during the school year, please update the class teacher as well.

3) **Sale of Uniform in School**

The school uniform supplier (Jeep Sing Fashion) will be selling the school uniform on:

Date	Monday, 19 February 2024
Time	10.30 a.m. – 12.15 p.m. & 12.45 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.
Venue	In front of the school bookshop
Note	When out-of-stock occurs, the uniform vendor will contact parents directly for collection when the stock arrives. The school will not issue the uniforms to your child, including students on the Financial Assistance Scheme. As part of school safety and security, caregivers entering the school will need to register with the security officer at the school main entrance.

UPCOMING SCHOOL PROGRAMME/ACTIVITIES

4) **Thursday, 8 February – Media Visiting GOS**

There will be media visiting the school on 8 February 2024, from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. During the visit, the camera crew will be capturing visuals of the school, which may be used on print and broadcast television platforms. If you do not wish for your child/ward to appear in the photos or videos, please write in through the class teacher or email the school via info@go.edu.sg by **Tuesday, 6 February 2024**. Lessons will continue as usual on the day of media visit.

5) **Friday, 9 February – Chinese New Year Celebration**

The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Friday, 9 February. As part of the celebration, we encourage all students to **dress in red or in traditional Chinese attire** (e.g. cheongsam, tang suit). Please take note of the **reporting and dismissal timings**:

Session	Reporting Time	Dismissal Time
AM	7.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.

6) **Wednesday, 14 February – Commencement of Regular Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)**

CCA is an integral part of our students' holistic education. It provides students with a platform to discover their interests and passions, as well as develop knowledge and skills. CCA also offers excellent opportunities for students to learn the school values, social and emotional competencies, as well as other relevant skills in preparing them for life.

CCA for all students in the AM session will commence on Wednesday, 14 February from 7.45 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. Parents/guardians of Secondary 1 and all new students will be informed of your child's/ward's CCA nearer the CCA start date. Parents/Guardians are to inform CCA teachers if your child/ward is unable to attend school on a CCA day via Class Dojo.

7) **Monday, 19 February – Commemoration of 40 Years of Total Defence**

2024 marks 40 years of Total Defence (TD40) in Singapore. As part of our commemoration of TD40 this year, our students will experience an energy disruption simulation in school during the week of 19 to 23 February 2024. During which, electricity in your child's/ward's classroom will be turned off for at least 15 minutes.

This TD40 Exercise aims to prepare students for potential disruptions to our energy supply (e.g., due to supply chain disruptions), given Singapore's reliance on fuel imports. In such a situation, electricity may have to be prioritised for more critical areas, and households and organisations, including schools, may have to endure disruptions in their electricity supply. Following the exercise, students will reflect on their experience and share their thoughts and feelings with their classmates through a guided discussion.

Parents/Guardians may wish to engage your child/ward in sharing his/her experience with you and reinforce the important notion that everyone has a part to play in Singapore's Total Defence effort. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's/ward's class teacher via Class Dojo. We thank you for your continued support for Total Defence.

8) **2024 New Academic Year Home Visit**

As mentioned in the January letter, the school will be resuming our annual home visit exercise for the new academic year with the aims of strengthening home-school collaboration and gaining a holistic understanding of the student, including his/her home environment. The home visits will be conducted in Term 1 and the class teachers will be scheduling the date of the home visit with you. In addition, we have also designated **Tuesday, 27 February as a HBL day** where teachers will also be conducting home visits.

Thank you for taking the time to read all the information in the letter. If you have any queries, you may contact the General Office at 6561 9128 during office hours.

Yours Sincerely,



Ms Esther Kwan
Principal