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HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

A LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL, MS. KITTY HO

Dear Parents,

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to both existing and new families as we commence the 2020/21 school year here at PIPS.

As you all know, when we first started school in early September, we are not able to offer face-to-face classes in school for a period of time as mandated by EDB. However, teachers have been trying very hard to provide both emergency care and offsite learning as we are fully committed to the continued success and achievement of our children. As such, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and understanding during this challenging time.

We are all very excited that EDB has announced that school will resume in phases. We would like to reassure you that we have the stringent safety and hygiene measures in place for our students' arrival. The safety and wellbeing of our children remain our primary concern.



IMPORTANT DATES:

1st & 2nd October
National Day (Public Holiday)
& Mid-Autumn Festival

12th - 16th October
Mid-term Break - CANCELLED
Make-up class will be offered

26th October
Day after Chung Yeung
Festival (Public Holiday)

Message from the PYP Coordinator -
Ms. Indira Gurung

First of all, we would like to thank all our parents, students and friends for supporting us here at PIPS during this difficult time. We appreciate all the feedback regarding the off-site learning programme. Our teachers have worked hard to plan and deliver learning engagements through various ways. We would like to thank parents for sending in their child's responses to the activities and videos. It is wonderful to see children being engaged and taking part in the activities we have provided over the past few months.

We are delighted to resume school as normal, with LKP starting school on Wednesday 16th September, Nursery starting on Tuesday 29th September, and Pre-Nursery and Under 2s Programme starting on Monday 5th October.

Under the transdisciplinary theme Who We Are, the first unit of inquiry for all levels will focus on reflection on the self, relationships and creating positive interactions.

- Pre-Nursery will start with the unit of our body and 5 senses.
- Nursery will inquire into their self-identity and relationships with family and friends.
- LKP will inquire into actions and consequences.

Throughout the unit, children will participate in meaningful and authentic learning engagements building on from their prior knowledge. Please make sure you have downloaded the Seesaw App to share in your child's learning journey at PIPS (PN, Nursery, LKP). Under 2s Programme will continue to provide a class blog to document your child's learning experience.

We are always happy to chat with you so please do not hesitate to contact us at school!



Safety & Hygiene:

- Kindly record your child's temperature on the temperature sheet.
- All children will be required to wear mask/shield. Our PIPS hat with shield is available for sale at the price of \$80 apiece. Please look for a sample at our reception.



Extra Safety Measures at PIPS:

We are so happy to have all our students returning to us on campus after a super long break, and prior to the resumption of normal classes here, we have enlisted the help of Synerco Disinfection Service to conduct a deep cleanse of the school campus using the Germagic antimicrobial coating. This deep clean service will last for 3 months and we plan to maintain this service for the remainder of the school year.



Mosquito and Insects Bites:

At PIPS, we are aware of the risks surrounding mosquito and insect bites. On a monthly basis, Parkview Management is supporting PIPS by placing larvicidal around our outdoor playground. PIPS has also invited Biocycle to support us by spraying mosquito and insect repellent around our indoor area and the classrooms on a monthly basis.

For prevention purposes, we would like parents to support us by taking the following actions before coming to school:

- Place mosquito patches on your child's/children's uniform
- Spray mosquito repellent on your child/children
- Apply baby oil to your child/children. Baby oil is less harsh to the skin than DEET products
- Wear long sleeves or long pants if your child/children have a high risk of being bitten.



Watchdog On-Sit Pre-School Rehabilitation Services (OPRS)

We are pleased to announce that PIPS is now a member of the Watchdog On-Site Pre-School Rehabilitation Services Pilot Scheme. Under the pilot scheme, Watchdog offers the following on-site services to our school (free of charge):

- To provide early intervention to children who are on the waiting list for Social Welfare Department subvented pre-school rehabilitation services;
- To provide professional advice for kindergarten teachers to assist them in working with children with special needs; and
- To render support to the parents on fostering positive attitude and providing effective skills in raising their children with special needs.



Should you require further information on this programme, please feel free to contact our School Office.

LKP Parents' Webinar with Topschools

We are delighted to inform you that this year we have invited Topschools to conduct a webinar for PIPS LKP parents regarding Primary School selection and the application procedure for applying for International Primary School places in the coming year. Details of the seminar will be emailed to you shortly.



Upcoming Events :

Dress Casual Day and Halloween Celebration

This year, we will have the Dress Casual Day and Halloween Celebration on Friday, 30th October. Details of the day will be shared with you through your class teachers in due course.

Box of Hope

We are all looking forward to working together with you again for Box of Hope 2020. Children are welcome to bring boxes into the school from 2nd to 6th November. More details coming soon.

Parent Teacher Conference

Parent Teacher Conference will be taken place on Thursday, 19th November. Details are coming soon.

Annual Family Outing

Due to the uncertainties of the COVID-19, Annual Family Outing will be cancelled this year. Friday, 20th November will be a regular school day for all children.

