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Dear Parents,

Good day.

We believe that in our Mee Toh Family, our heart and hard work are completely invested in nurturing our children as driven by our vision – “Touching Souls, Challenging Minds”. Coming to school is a shared journey for our children, and the strongest bridge that binds our home and school is our core value of **respect**. Respect means appreciating everyone and treating her or him politely. This is where we hope our children will use kind words and be polite as well as listen when someone speaks and be able to accept different views.

Values	Value Statement	Level	Personal Qualities
 尊重	I appreciate everyone and treat them politely.	P1-P6	Use kind words and be polite to everyone around us.
		P1-P2	Listen when others speak and accept different ideas and views.
		P3-P6	Demonstrate sensitivity to different cultures, religions, ideas and views.

We truly believe that the way we treat one another sets the ultimate example for our children. I am very grateful that most of our parents in our Mee Toh Family are respectful and kind, and we appreciate this a lot. To reflect on why this relationship is so vital, I would like to start with a short story - **The Mirror in the Valley**. One day, a young boy who ran into a valley and, in a moment of frustration, shouted into the hills, “*I hate you!*” To his surprise, the valley echoed back exactly what he said: “*I hate you!*” Shocked and frightened by what he heard, the boy ran to his mother and said the valley was full of angry people.

His mother smiled and took him back to the valley. She told him to shout, “*I love you!*” The boy yelled the words, and the valley beautifully echoed back: “*I love you!*” His mother looked at him and said, “*Life is like an echo. What you give out, it always returns to you. If you want love and respect, you must first show and give it.*” Love and respect will come to you. I truly believe in this, and we want to build a Mee Toh Family that is respectful where everyone uses kind words and is respectful when communicating with one another.

Nurturing a Respectful Mee Toh Family

To ensure our Mee Toh Family remains a calm, safe and positive space for our parents and teachers, we seek your kind cooperation in maintaining respectful communication boundaries:

Vision : Touching Souls, Challenging Minds

Mission : To maximise students' potential and develop in them a passion for life-long learning guided by compassion, conscience, purity and righteousness.

Motto : Compassion, Conscience, Purity, Righteousness

愿景 : 净化心灵, 挑战思维

使命 : 以校训慈、良、清、直为指引, 激发终身学习之热忱, 务必人尽其才。

校训 : 慈、良、清、直

- **Calm Conversations:** We ask that all interactions remain calm and polite. Raising voices or yelling at our teachers and staff does not foster a positive relationship. To maintain this peace, I have given our teachers and staff permission to politely say, *"I value our relationship, but as this conversation is no longer respectful, let us end here and we will connect again at another time."* I understand that most of our parents are respectful and we are unlikely to come to this stage of communication. However, when the respectful boundary is crossed, we seek your understanding that we will advocate for "a cooling off period" where we will discontinue our conversation as we want to maintain a positive and cordial relationship.
- **Cherishing Our Teachers' Personal and Family Time:** Just like your good self, our teachers need quality time with their own families to rest and be recharged. **They are not expected to answer phone calls or text messages outside of school hours from 6 pm to the next working day**, unless it is a genuine emergency, such as a child being severely unwell or has not returned home on time. Technically, we seek a fair and reasonable time frame for us to respond to a parent's query.
- **Timely Responses:** For non-urgent matters, our teachers will make every effort to reach out to your good self at their next convenient time during work hours. We seek your patience as our teachers do have a heavy workload and there are days when their timetable will not allow them to respond to your phone call or text message. We seek your kind patience on this.
- **General Office for Urgencies:** If you have an immediate emergency during school hours, please call our General Office directly at **6489 3326** for assistance. We will be happy to convey the message to your child's teacher so that she or he can reach out to your good self as soon as possible.

True Partners in Your Child's Growth

We view our role as educators as a noble calling to help our children grow into good and useful citizens for tomorrow. We are not a service provider, and **our relationship is not a transactional one**. Instead, we are your **co-partners** in your child's primary school education. We recognise that families have choices and Punggol Housing Estate offers many excellent school choices for families. However, by choosing to be a part of our Mee Toh Family, we trust that you value the way we do things here and it must be built on shared dignity, mutual respect and kindness.

Let us echo respect into our children's lives together. Let us continue to foster a positive and cordial relationship with one another that is built on mutual respect, kindness and love. When we do this well together, our children will also learn from us. When we show respect, our children will learn and show respect to others too. This is very important to us as we want our children to grow up in a peaceful, kinder and respectful society. Thank you for your unwavering support, understanding, patience and co-partnership.

Partnering with you,
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