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Dear Parents / Guardians,

### Re: Mid-Year School Holiday Activities

Thank you for your immense effort in supporting the school and your child to embark on Full Home-Based learning (HBL) from 19 May to 27 May 2021. It has been an extraordinary Semester 1. In these unprecedented times, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for all your patience, understanding and support for the school during this period.

For the upcoming mid-year holidays, in view of the COVID-19 restrictions, we have compiled some activities and resources which we hope will be timely and useful to support parents. We hope it is also an opportunity for parents and students to deepen relationships and bond closer as a family, as well as look after each other's well-being.

#### 1. Mid-Year School Holiday Enrichment Programmes

The mid-year school holiday enrichment programmes are designed for our students to learn independently and be meaningfully engaged. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in the activities which our teachers have curated. The stipulated time for each enrichment is only a guide. Details are available in the document "Mid-Year School Holidays Enrichment Programmes" which we will upload on Student Learning Space (SLS) **by Monday, 31 May 2021**.

#### 2. SYFgoesOnline!

SYF Celebrations is an annual arts festival for Singapore schools. Held in July every year, SYF Celebrations provides students with a platform to express their artistic talent and creative voice, as well as opportunities to learn, collaborate, grow and engage with the community. In view of COVID-19 and the current national posture, SYF 2021 Celebrations will continue to be held online this year.

A series of Open Calls have been launched to invite schools and students to submit entries for SYF 2021 Celebrations. These activities include **Pixel Perfect, Art Labs, DanceVerve 21, Let's Jam Together, and Young Playwright Presents**. Details are available in the documents "SYFgoesOnline2021". Students can look forward to engage in a rich offering of online activities in Art, Dance, Drama and Music. Students are encouraged to participate and to adhere to the latest safe management measures (SMMs) when completing their chosen activities.





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### 3. Resources for Children and Caregivers

Singapore Children's Society has compiled a list of resources for children and caregivers to remind them of their right to always feel safe. These include a [guide](#) and [video](#) for children to stay safe as well as [tips for parents and caregivers](#) in supporting their children through the changes caused by the pandemic and [keeping children safe at home](#). Youths from Singapore Children's Society have also created an original song, '[Signs](#)', to remind listeners of the importance of seeking support in times of difficulty. In addition, as more of us stay home, there are some [activities](#) for children to keep occupied at home. If you are a caregiver, we hope these resources will be useful for you as well!

### 4. Direct School Admission – Secondary (DSA-Sec) [For P6 Students]

Primary 6 students are reminded that the DSA-Sec application is ongoing from now **to 1 Jun 2021 (Tue), 3pm**. Students may refer to <https://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec> for more information on DSA-Sec process, application, DSA-Sec schools and the talent areas offered, as well as the DSA-Sec FAQ in <https://go.gov.sg/dsa-secfaqs>.

MOE has also taken note that some schools are unable to complete the P6 SA1 exams due to school closures and hence there will be no P6 SA1 results for some subjects. DSA-Sec schools have been advised to use multiple sources of data in their shortlisting and selection and hence parents should be assured that DSA-Sec schools will give due considerations during the selection process.

### 5. June Holiday Travel Declaration

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has advised Singapore residents to defer all travel overseas unless it is permissible under the prevailing MOH travel advisory. When planning your travel, please refer to the attached advisory on travelling as returning travelers, under Singapore's requirements for entry, will have to factor in time to serve Stay Home Notice (SHN), before the date they are required to report back to school in Term 3.

Parents, who intend to bring their child for travel overseas, and have **not** made a travel declaration for your child as previously requested to do so on Parents' Gateway at [SERVICE>DECLARE TRAVELS] by 21 May 2021, are required to **inform the school directly**. If there is a **change** of travel plan(s) after declaration, please **inform the school** directly rather than through Parents' Gateway.

### 6. Recruitment of Parent Volunteers

We would also like to thank parents who have been assisting us in our school programmes and events. If any parent would like to volunteer for Semester 2 activities, please fill in the registration form available on <https://go.gov.sg/ats-recruitmentofpv>. The last day of registration is **25 June 2021 (Friday)**. Please submit a new registration if you are interested to sign up for a programme of another level.





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Due to overwhelming responses for some programmes/events, Parent Support Group (PSG) PSG will contact you if the programmes/events are confirmed and if you are selected to assist as it will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

Last but not least, if your child is unwell or has household members on Home Quarantine Order/Stay Home Notice, we seek your cooperation to keep your child at home and inform your child's form teacher. With your continuous support and cooperation, we will definitely overcome this new wave of COVID-19 transmission.

We will also be sending you details on the back-to-school plan for all students in Term 3 and updates to calendar of events for Semester 2, if any, before school re-opens on 28 June 2021.

For further clarifications, kindly contact your child's Form Teachers.

Thank you for your partnership and support to keep our school safe.

Yours sincerely,  
ATS School Management Team

