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CEO Weekly Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A late greeting for the New Year to all TES community; it is great to see our students back on campus happily learning. Our Term 1 of current school year (2020-2021) finishes at the end of January and our Term 2 commences from 1st February 2021. As we enter the second half of the school year, there are a few administrative items that require our parents' attention as we continue to refine our process and provision.

EPC Walk Home Pass Permission

At the EPC, students without adult supervision are not allowed off campus unless he or she has a walk home pass issued with the consent from the parents/guardians. After further observation and discussion, we decided to tighten up on this safety concern and only the older children will be allowed a walk home pass. This becomes effective as of 22 February, after the Chinese New Year holidays. For details, please refer to [the letter from Mrs. Kay Chaeter](#), TES Senior Safeguarding Lead.

Parents of children in Y5, Y6, G4, G5, FCM1, and FCM2 wishing to apply for a Walk Home Pass will have to request via the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). The Walk Home Pass Permission form will be available for access **0900hrs Wednesday 20th January 2021**.

2020-2021 Bus Schedule

Term 2 bus schedule has now been completed. Please confirm your child's bus schedule via the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). For any questions, please contact the Student Services Office.

Parent SMS Messaging Tests

As part of our emergency preparedness framework we will conduct two SMS drills to ensure that we test our ability to reach parents in the event of an emergency such as a campus or whole school closure. We will utilise the mobile phone number that is on file (updated via PowerSchool).

The SMS drill schedule is as follows:

- EPC Parents 1000hrs 18/01/2021
- ESC Parents 1000hrs 19/01/2021

Parents can expect to receive an SMS message from TES on these dates. If you do not receive a message on either of these dates please complete the following [Feedback form](#) so that we can identify the root cause. Please be reminded that the Demographic Update function available in



the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) is where parents can keep the school informed of contact detail changes. We need current emergency contact details to be correct and functional.

Unified login for School Systems

As we continue with our digital transformation to enhance the parent experience we will be introducing a unified logon for all platforms (PowerSchool, SchoolsBuddy, and the Parent Website Portal). The school provided unified account will be introduced in February to coincide with the launch of the new TES website and streamline access across all platforms. Further information will be provided at the end of this month regarding both the new website launch and the unified account distribution.

Sincerely,

David Gatley
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