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Dear Parent/Guardian of Primary 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 Students,

Thank you for your partnership and support for the staff and the students during the term. As we will be stepping into a new cycle of another term, I would like to bring to your attention to the following:

1. Travel Plans During the March School Holidays

As the short break comes along, do spend quality time bonding with your child/ward during the March school holidays. Please refer to the attached instructions to declare your travel plans, if any, i.e., 10 Mar to 18 Mar 2018, via McOnline portal at www.mconline.sg using your child's/ward's account. You may also edit or delete the forms if there is a change of plans.

If you encounter any problem accessing the McOnline portal, please call the helpdesk at 6777 5198 from Mondays to Fridays, 7am-9pm and Saturdays, 7am-2pm.

Please continue to monitor your child's/ward's well-being when school re-opens and inform his/her Form Teacher if he/she is not well and to rest at home after seeking medical advice from a doctor.

2. Calendar of Events for Term 2

The following are highlights of the Term 2 events:

EVENT	DATE	REMARKS
TERM 2		
English Fun Week	19 Mar to 23 Mar	Various activities will be organised for all students during curriculum hours throughout the week.
Good Friday	30 Mar	Scheduled Public Holiday
P5 Science Practical Assessment (SPA)	6 Apr	During curriculum hours. More details will be given nearer the date.
*Semestral Assessment (SA) 1 (P3 to P6)	9 Apr to 8 May	A detailed SA 1 Timetable will be sent separately.
International Friendship cum MusArt Day Celebrations	11 Apr	During curriculum hours.
Labour Day	1 May	Scheduled Public Holiday
P6 NAPFA (1.6 km)	14 May	During curriculum hours.
P4 NAPFA (5 items)	15 May	Confirmed details will be given later.
P4 NAPFA (1.6 km)	21 May	
P6 NAPFA (5 items)	22 May	
P1 to P6 Parent-Teacher Meetings	24 May to 25 May	There will be school as usual for P1-P6 on 24 May. There will be no lessons on 25 May for all 6 levels. More details will be given nearer the date.
SAP Scholars Programme	26 May to 15 Jun	More details will be given nearer the date.
P6 Supplementary Classes	28 May to 1 Jun (June Holidays)	Supplementary classes are held in the morning. A detailed timetable will be given nearer the date.

3. Smart Notification Acknowledgement Console (SNAC) Updates

We like to thank all parents/guardians who have registered with SNAC. We have attained about 98.0% usage. We will continue to send school letters through SNAC and monitor the effectiveness and workflow efficiency in our information dissemination and communication with our parents/guardians.

We urge those parents who have not downloaded the SNAC application to do so. If you are still experiencing technical problems in uploading or/and registering SNAC, please email our vendor at snac.support@apptitude.sg for technical support or write to redswastika@moe.edu.sg and we will gladly assist you.

4. Safety and Health Matters

I like to reiterate the importance of ensuring the safety of our students during school arrival and dismissal time. For students who walk or cycle to school, please be reminded to take extra precaution when on their way to school. For students who travel by other modes of transport such as by cars, the drop-off point is at the HDB car park next to Gate 5. There is to be no drop-off at Gate 3 at all times.

As a safety measure for students who commute by bicycle, we seek your cooperation in ensuring the following road safety guidelines:

- (a) Check that the bicycle is in good condition always.
- (b) Obey traffic rules at all times.
- (c) Note the following points as highlighted by the Singapore Traffic Police:
 - Always wear protective gear such as a helmet.
 - Always alight at the pedestrian crossing and push your bicycle across.
 - Never ride along expressways.
 - Never ride against the flow of traffic.

Under the Environmental Protection and Management (Vehicular Emissions) Regulations, it is an offence to leave the engine of a motor vehicle running when it is stationary for reasons other than traffic conditions. Errant motorists could be fined up to a maximum of \$5000. Please turn off your car engines while waiting for your child/ward in order to achieve better air quality and safeguard public health.

We also seek your assistance to remind your child/ward to practice good hygiene. If your child/ward feel unwell, please take him/her to a doctor to seek medical help and let him/her rest well at home until he/she has fully recovered.

5. Cyber Wellness

MOE's Cyber Wellness education develops our children's instinct to protect themselves and empowers them to take responsibility for their well-being in cyberspace. The focus of Cyber Wellness is about helping students to become responsible digital learners. We believe that Cyber Wellness is an area that parents and we must work together. Parents can partner the school in helping your child/ward to be a positive peer influence online.

Parents can develop in their children the ability to be a positive peer influence online by (i) valuing its importance, (ii) encouraging them to act positively online, (iii) role-modeling positive habits and (iv) guiding them to use technology for good. Please read the parents tip sheet to have a better understanding on how to develop your child/ward to be a positive peer influence online.

Let us work hand-in-hand to develop our children to be a positive peer influence online as we build the next generation to be future-ready and responsible digital learners.

6. School Semestral Assessment

The SA1 timetable for P3-P6 will be given separately.

Unwell Students On Day/s Of School Assessment

If a student is unwell and has a temperature above 37.6°C, he/she will be taken to the general office. The school will contact his/her parent/guardian to take him/her home. Any student who attends school but is supposed to be on medical leave will not be allowed to take his/her assessment/s.

We urge all parents/guardians to co-operate and assist us in this matter. In insisting that the student comes or remains in school when he/she is unwell will expose the other students to the virus he/she has contracted. We urge all parents and students alike to practice social responsibility.

In addition, it is in the **child's/ward's best interest not to be in school when he/she is unwell** as the assessment scores will not be a fair reflection of his/her academic ability since he/she will not be able to focus and be at his/her best.

Absence During School Assessment Days

Students who are absent will be given the assessment papers as practice and the marks will not be included in the overall marks computation.

The following are only considered as **valid reason/s for absence/s** during assessments:

- Medical reasons supported by a Medical Certificate (MC) from a doctor. MCs from Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) practitioners are not accepted unless the TCM clinic is under the purview of a hospital.
- Bereavement of family members. A medical certificate or copy of the death certificate has to be given to the form teacher when the student returns to school to support his/her absence.

All other reasons are to be considered **on a case-by-case basis, subject to the school's approval.**

No marks will be given for any assessment in which a student is absent without a valid reason. This will be taken into account for the computation of the subject and overall total for the year.

7. Updating of Personal Particulars

If there is any change to the address, contact number/s and commuter status of your child/ward, please inform his/her Form Teacher with the updated details so that we can also update our records for any immediate contact in times of emergency.

If there is any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your child's/ward's Form Teacher or the administrative staff at the General Office.

I wish you and your child/ward a meaningful bonding time during the March school holidays.

Thank you.

Best regards,



Mrs Jenny Leong
Principal

Steps to declare your travel plans via MC Online portal

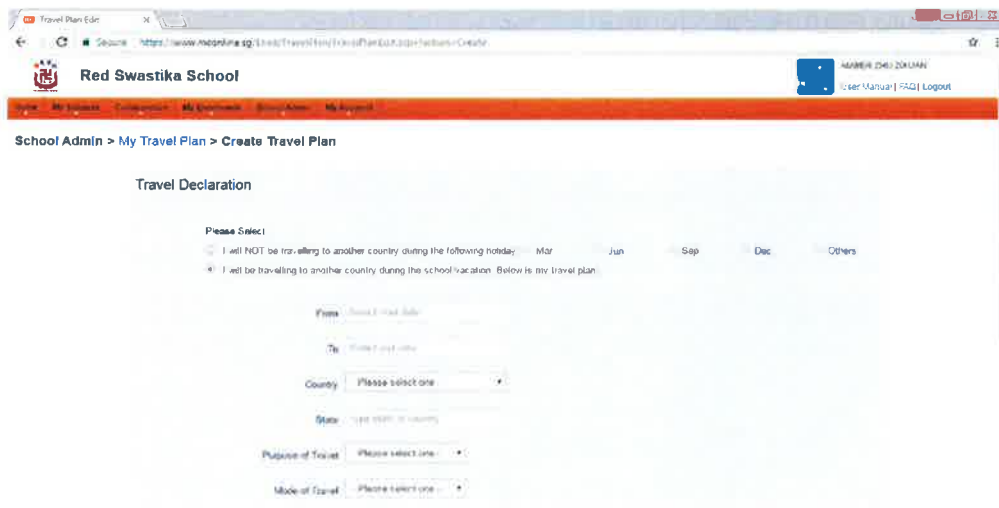
1. Log on to MC Online portal at www.mconline.sg using your child's/ward's login ID and password.
2. Go to School Admin / Travel Plan



3. Click on **Declare**



4. Fill in the details and click **Save**



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What is Positive Peer Influence?



Positive peer influence is a key principle in MOE's Cyber Wellness Framework which encourages our students to:

- ✓ Be a positive role model online (e.g. share healthy and positive content, harness technology to do good); and
- ✓ Advocate positive online behaviours (e.g. stand up for their peers online, report cases of cyber bullying to a trusted adult/authority, post encouraging remarks on social media).

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Why is Being a Positive Peer Influence Online Important?



Being a positive peer influence online will help your child to:

- ✓ Exercise empathy and kindness online
- ✓ Develop resilience and moral courage to stand up to negative peer pressure and unhealthy online influences
- ✓ Learn responsibility for words and actions
- ✓ Leave positive digital footprints and establish a good online reputation

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How can Parents Help?



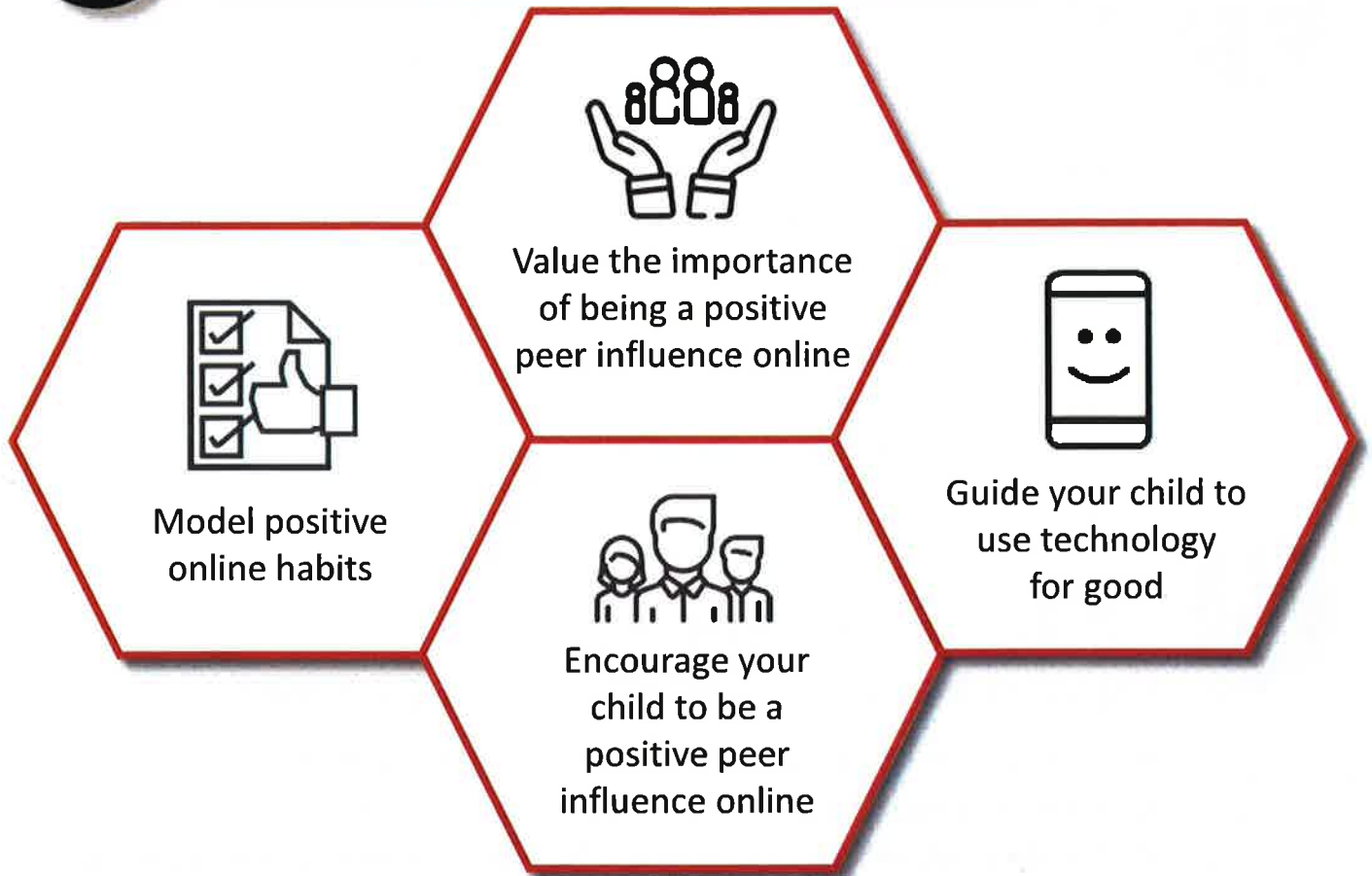
Encourage your child to:

- ✓ Be **S.U.R.E.** before sharing. Check the **S**ource, **U**nderstand the facts, **R**esearch and **E**valuate
- ✓ **T.H.I.N.K.** before posting. Ask: "Is it **T**ru? **H**elpful? **I**nspiring? **N**ecessary? **K**ind?"
- ✓ Be an upstander for friends who are cyber bullied
- ✓ Use technology for good





Key Messages



Resources



Ministry of Education

Check out MOE's Cyber Wellness Portal for up-to-date cyber wellness tips and resources for parents.

ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness/for-parents



Media Literacy Council

Check out "Media-WISE: A SMART guide for YOUTHs" for tips on how your children can stay safe and kind online.

medialiteracycouncil.sg/-/media/MLC/Resources/Pdf/Youth/Media-Wise.pdf



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Pick up some research skills and learn more about the S.U.R.E. method from NLB's eLearn Centre, an e-learning portal for Internet users of all ages.

nlb.gov.sg/sure/elearn-centre

