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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Getting ready for the start of the new school year

As a result of the months-long, ongoing controversies in our society and the resultant restless atmosphere, the school is likely to face a much greater challenge at the start of the new school year. As the school is the place for students to learn and grow, it is our fervent hope that school and family will join forces to foster a safe, orderly and peaceful campus environment so that our girls will focus on their learning and benefit from a healthy development.

While the school is primarily concerned with nurturing the young and should therefore accord proper respect for people's views on different issues, it must be stressed that the school should not be used by anyone as a forum to express political demands, as this will be detrimental to students' normal learning and school life. It is the responsibility of teachers to always put the well-being of their students first by performing their duties diligently and making every effort to educate those in their charge. This is the reason why the school is against any form of class boycott because it will deprive students of their learning opportunities.


The school has always done its best to impress on our students the importance of loving and helping their peers and of cultivating a harmonious relationship, and it is also adamant that nobody is to be bullied simply because she has a position, view or background which is different from that of other people. We pledge that we will keep a close watch on our students and will adopt a zero-tolerance policy on any form of bullying by seriously following up on and dealing with any relevant cases.

We understand that the social incidents in recent months may affect the emotions of students and that the start of the new school year may cause them to be in emotional distress. In response, beginning next week, our teachers and school social workers will step up their effort to ease our girls' emotions and to keep in close contact with their family. We sincerely hope that you will communicate with your child on a regular basis so that you are always aware of her thoughts and concerns and can give her timely support. We would also be very grateful if you would remind her not to participate in any potentially dangerous or illegal activity and to constantly be mindful of her own safety. If you have any need for professional support or advice, you are welcome to contact your child's Class Teacher or the school social workers.

When the new school year commences, you should watch out for any contingency, for example, serious traffic congestion that causes students to be late for school. In case of such scenarios, the school will exercise discretion in light of the circumstances. In addition, in the event of any emergency or major incident which necessitates special arrangement, the school will act promptly to get in touch with you while, at the same time, you can either visit the school website or contact the school office to obtain the latest information. We are confident that through close school-home liaison and collaboration, students' safety will be fully secured.

Please be assured that the school and all the teachers, as educators, will continue to maintain our professionalism and put the best interests of all our students, namely their learning and safety, as our top priority. We earnestly invite your support, as our partners, to wholeheartedly safeguard our girls so that they will learn and grow in a harmonious and caring school environment..

Yours truly


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Principal