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LIGHT SCHOOL BAGS

Dear Parents,

We understand the importance of ensuring our students' comfort and safety, and we continuously endeavour to reduce unnecessary load in the school bags that our students carry to school every single day, while maintaining access to the required learning resources.

We have outlined below some measures that we have implemented from May 2024 in keeping our students' school bags lighter and will continue to further improve our effort in this direction with your support.

1. **Retaining heavier workbooks at school:** The Math in Focus (MIF) and MOE workbooks, which are the heaviest, are kept in school and sent home only upon parental request.
2. **Digital resources:** We use digital resources for English, Math and Science accessible through student devices, reducing the need for physical textbooks.
3. **Notebooks as per the Timetable:** Students bring only 4 to 6 notebooks each day based on the timetable. We kindly request you to check and ensure that your ward brings the books according to the timetable and does not carry all the books.
4. **Frequent bag checks:** To ensure that students are bringing their books as per the timetable, we will conduct more frequent random checks across Grade 2.
5. **Optimized timetables:** To reduce the daily load of books, we have already arranged two periods for English, Math, and Science in the timetable at least once a week.
6. **Flexible storage options:** For those who prefer, we can retain individual students' notebooks in the classroom and send them home only on weekends upon request, though this may result in heavier bags on Fridays and Mondays. Please inform the class teacher if you would like to opt for this arrangement.
7. **Backpacks over trolley bags:** Backpacks are generally lighter and safer for students to carry up and down the stairs as they move to their classes, so we encourage the use of back packs.
8. **Separate tiffin bag option:** We also recognize that snack and water arrangements contribute to the overall bag weight. If possible, we suggest using a separate tiffin bag to carry the two tiffin boxes and the water bottle to balance the load.

We value your feedback and look forward to collaboratively ensuring a comfortable and positive school experience for our little ones. If you have any further concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Warm regards,



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