



COMMONWEALTH SECONDARY SCHOOL
Nurturing Champions of Today and Leaders of Tomorrow

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Working Together to Prevent Dengue

In recent weeks, there has been a surge in dengue cases in Singapore. With the warmer months ahead, we can expect the number of cases to rise further unless immediate actions are taken by everyone in the community to remove mosquito breeding habitats.

2 The National Environmental Agency (NEA) has stepped up its public communications efforts and outreach across Singapore. A collective national effort is critical to keep the dengue situation under control.

What the school is doing

3 We have stepped up efforts to detect and destroy potential breeding sites. Our school cleaners, in addition to their daily cleaning routines, have been briefed to be on the lookout for potential breeding grounds and to remove disposed receptacles that may contain stagnant water. Our pest control contractors have also been tasked to intensify inspections and 'search and destroy' efforts. Our staff are also assisting to look out for potential mosquito breeding grounds and ensure proper housekeeping too.

4 We will be going through the 5-step Mozzie Wipeout with your children to remind them of things each one of us can do. We hope that they will stay vigilant and play their part in keeping the dengue situation under control.

What you can do too

5 We would like to encourage you to take the opportunity to help your child stay vigilant by practising the following dengue preventive measures:

- a) Practise the "5-step Mozzie Wipeout" with your child at home to reduce dengue transmission, so that we can keep everyone safe in the community.
- b) If your child is showing symptoms suggestive of dengue, he/she should see the GPs early to be diagnosed. Refer to the MOH website for dengue symptoms <https://www.moh.gov.sg/diseases-updates/dengue>. Your family may also wish to use mosquito repellents especially if your home is in a dengue cluster, to minimize mosquito bites and the possibility of dengue transmission.

6 If you wish to have the latest updates on dengue clusters, please visit <https://www.nea.gov.sg/dengue-zika/dengue/dengue-clusters> or use the myENV app.

7 Thank you

Yours faithfully

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