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Dear Parents

Monthly Focus: Keeping in Touch with You – SGSecure & Island-Wide Public Warning System (PWS) sounding on 15 Sep 2017 at 12.05 pm

We would like to inform you that the SCDF will be sounding the “Important Message” signal through the island-wide network of Public Warning System (PWS) sirens on Friday 15 Sept 2017 at 12.05 pm. Do not be alarmed by the minute-long sounding exercise.

This signal will also sound for all smartphones that have the SGSecure Mobile App downloaded, and are not on silent or vibration mode. The signal will stop once the message is acknowledged or cease after 20 seconds. This will be followed by a brief text on the PWS sounding. When you hear the “Important Message” signal, tune in immediately to any local radio station for a brief message on the PWS. If you miss the radio message, visit the SCDF website at www.scdf.gov.sg to know more about the PWS signals. The sounding and the radio broadcast message are part of the SCDF’s continuous efforts to familiarise the public with the PWS signals and to raise awareness on how the public should react upon hearing the signal.

Global terrorism is on the rise and Singapore is facing our highest terror threat level from the so-called Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS). We are an ISIS target, as seen from the August 2016 arrests of individuals in Batam for plotting a rocket attack on Marina Bay. The threat to us is not just from the outside, but from within Singapore too. The danger of ISIS lies not just in terror attacks, but also in its propaganda which has the potential to attract and radicalise. **It is not a matter of ‘if’ but ‘when’ we are hit.**

What is SGSECURE?

SGSecure is our community’s response to the terror threat. It is a national movement to sensitise, train and mobilise the community to play a part to prevent and deal with a terrorist attack. It is a call to action for everyone to unite and safeguard our way of life. The intent of terrorists is to inject fear and weaken the psychological resilience and social fabric of our society. This is why the cornerstone of our counter-terrorism strategy must be the strengthening of community vigilance, cohesion and resilience. We can all do our part to keep Singapore safe and secure.

There are plenty of information and resources that you can read and learn about from the website: <https://www.sgsecure.sg>. Please do make time to read about SGSecure.

The SGSecure response is built on 3 core pillars: Vigilance, Cohesion and Resilience.

Our Mission
Touching Lives, Inspiring Future



Our Vision
Confident Learners, Active Citizens



STAY ALERT (VIGILANCE)

- Be vigilant, look out for security threats and know how to respond.
- Call 999 or SMS 71999 if you see something suspicious.
- Use the [SGSecure app](#) to provide information to the authorities



STAY UNITED (COHENSION)

- Build strong ties with your community.
- In a crisis, stay calm and do not spread rumours.
- Resume daily activities as soon as possible.



STAY STRONG

- Be prepared and know what to do in an emergency.
- Know and apply 'Run, Hide, Tell', Improvised First Aid Skills and CPR-AED procedure.

We hope that this information will provide a brief idea of what we can do to make Singapore a secure home for everyone.

Lockdown Drill

Last term on Wednesday 30 Aug, we had successfully conducted a Lockdown Drill for the entire school. It is intended to protect our students from intrusions with malicious intent that may result in injuries and fatalities of students, staff and others who are in the school. Some of these intrusions may even escalate to hostage situations. Therefore, at the onset of such incidents the school population would have to move quickly and quietly and lockdown in safe areas and to remain hidden till the arrival of the Singapore Police Force to minimise the number of casualties and hostages. Our students and staff responded very well and this will be conducted annually so that the right responses will become second nature to the School Population when faced with such intrusions. You may wish to ask your child about his or her experience during the Drill.

Let's make Singapore more Secure and Safe for everyone

Time passes really fast. We started the Term on Monday 11 Sep 2017 and 16 years ago marked the 9/11 terror attacks on the World Trade Centre in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. that left nearly 3,000 people dead and injuring more than 6,000 in what remains the deadliest terrorist attack on U.S. soil. We hope that such an event will never happen on our Singapore soil. Let us do our part to protect our children and families, regardless of our race, language or religion.

May Singapore continue to be safe and strong for our loved ones and everyone staying in Singapore. Let us keep our eyes on tomorrow and grow our children well; undaunted by challenges, instead working together to realise a bright future for all of us.

Keep in touch,

Kelvin Tay
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