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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to inform you that your child will be participating in **the MOE-OBS Challenge Programme** in 2020. This is part of the National Outdoor Adventure Education Master Plan which the Ministry of Education (MOE) has put in place to strengthen the holistic development of all our students. The programme seeks to develop ruggedness, resilience, and build cohesion amongst our youths. The programme comprises a series of school-based PE and CCE lessons as well as a 5-day Course at Outward Bound Singapore (OBS).

Programme information

This 5-day Course will be conducted **from 3 August 2020 to 7 August 2020** by OBS with students on different expedition modes journeying across and camping at different parts of Singapore, Pulau Ubin and Coney Island. Using the outdoors as the 'classroom' for learning and development, this course will offer your child a unique opportunity to work together with students from other schools to overcome various outdoor challenges and develop valuable life-skills.

Through the 5-day expeditionary course, our students will learn to:

1. manage challenges positively through self-directed learning and making the right choices to influence their circumstances;
2. build friendships with students from different school backgrounds and actively help each other to achieve team goals in an inclusive manner; and
3. commit to play an active role in the improvement of one's community and the environment.

MOE has co-designed the programme with OBS to ensure that it is of high quality, supports the school curriculum and is suitable for our students.

We would like to assure you that the positive learning experience and well-being of your child is our priority. The programme is supported by a robust risk management system to ensure the safety of our students. The OBS Instructors are proficient in outdoor skills and trained in Wilderness First Aid. OBS has an on-site medical centre staffed by Outdoor Nurse Practitioners (ONP) who are Registered Nurses. With an excellent safety record built on stringent requirements from its international network of Outward Bound centres around the world, you can be assured that safety remains as OBS's top priority.

Online Registration and Medical Examination

MOE-OBS requires you to register your child for the programme online. A briefing on the registration process will be conducted for your child on **5 February 2020**. Please refer to **Annex – E-Registration**



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Guide for Parents and register at www.go.gov.sg/2020moeobs-yuanchingss. The registration dates will be from **29 January 2020 to 17 February 2020.**

Basic Medical Examination

To ensure the safety and well-being of your child, he/she will be required to be certified fit by a medical doctor to attend the course. We will arrange for a mobile medical team to visit our school on **24 February (3N1, 3N2, 3T1), 25 February (3E2, 3E3, 3E4) and 27 February (3E1 and the rest), from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** to facilitate the basic medical examination. The cost for the basic medical examination will be borne by the school. However, if you prefer to have your own doctor carry out the medical examination, you will have to bear the cost. There may also be additional costs if your child is currently on follow-up with a doctor for a pre-existing condition, as he/she may need to submit a specialist memo as part of the registration process. Please refer to the "Important Note" attached for more details. For students who do not have any Tetanus immunisation, the mobile medical team is also providing Tetanus Vaccination (Boostrix) during the medical examination. The cost of the vaccination is approximately **\$35.00** which is fully payable by students in cash to the medical team.

Payment

The programme is heavily subsidised by MOE, and hence the fees payable for each student is only **\$50** for the 5-day Course. Parents may choose to pay by cash or withdraw funds from your child/ward's Edusave account. Fees payable for students on financial assistance scheme is **\$20.00**. We seek your cooperation to ensure full participation from your child so as to fully benefit from the programme.

Briefing for Parents

We have arranged for a briefing for parents on **28 May 2020, 6.00 p.m.**, which we hope you will be able to attend and find out more about the programme. An "Important Note" regarding certain conditions of concern, a sample of the programme and a list of "Frequently Asked Questions" are enclosed for your reference. For more information about OBS, please visit the website at <https://www.nyc.gov.sg/obs>

Thank you and please feel free to contact Mr Jack Liew Wei Sheng HOD/PE&CCA or Mdm Chai Jiamin SH/PE&CCA (Covering) at 62666591 if you require further information.

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Miss Ng Sook Kit
Principal
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