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**Mid-term assessments**

Dear Parents,

The mid-term assessments will soon be underway and I wanted you to consider the context in which your children will be taking these assessments.

For the first time after several months of online learning, students are taking a face to face assessment. They are bound to be less confident and a lot more anxious especially if they were being supported at home by your very presence. Some students do not have all the learning material and maybe afraid to say so. I have instructed all teachers to upload whatever they need over the next few days to help students prepare. Students are also anxious of not meeting parental expectations. Please let them know that this is just one assessment. Anxiety leads to poor performance. Some students are anxious about the transportation issues which we are trying to resolve. That said, I will try and resolve this as soon as I have information related to this from STS.

We will have teachers revising content, offering assertive mentoring as necessary for students that need it and ensuring that students have the best chance to succeed.

As parents, please ensure that the learning environment at home is conducive to retention. Students should not be worrying about anything. We will make sure that our students are supported to the best possible degree. We are facilitating early dispersal for all students of Grades 1-6 during the assessment days so that children get enough time to get back home, rest, have their lunch and prepare for the next day's assessment. This is just one assessment. Please let students perform as they should. Failure is a great starting point to guide future learning. All students will not be able to excel in every discipline and we must have realistic expectations. Some of our young ones are under tremendous strain and I want us to work together to allow them to learn fearlessly.

I want to reassure you that our students' mental health and well-being are critical and we must help them overcome the anxiety that is brought about by assessments. I seek your support and understanding even as we will do everything possible to make the assessments an enjoyable and fulfilling experience for our children.

Warm regards,



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