

Friday January 17th 2025,

Dear parents,

Thank you to all parents for your typically wonderful support to a new term in our school. As always, almost all of our students are coming to school fully prepared and equipped to learn, and are dressed in their complete and correct Straits International School Rawang uniform each day. Your role as parents in our educational partnership is to simply ensure that your children are ready – both mentally and physically – for school when they arrive each morning, and our job as educators is to provide them with the best possible provision so that they flourish in the present and are set up successfully for the lives they will lead once they have left us. Together – as one team – we will achieve great things for the young people in our collective care.

I would remind parents also of our ongoing motto refresh initiative, as outlined during last week's CP letter. We have an online meeting with parents from our sister school – Straits International School Penang – on Friday January 24th at 08.15, should anyone wish to attend. Our aim here is to ensure that we have a motto which reflects the values and beliefs of our current school communities, so you as parents will have a huge role to play in shaping the vision behind what we do each day. In my opinion, it really matters that schools are clear about the values which underpin the practice, and, perhaps most importantly, that the values agreed upon are lived and not just laminated on walls. Whatever the final motto is that we all decide upon, it has to be something that we not only believe in but also that we live by with our daily words and actions.

Another value that I believe in is transparency, and for this reason I would like to give parents a heads up about a small fee which will be included with term 3 invoices once they are sent out later this term. Our cyber fee, which covers the significant investment in online safety software so that we can ensure that our students are safe whilst using devices both in school and at home, is RM250. This is in line not only with all other ISP schools but also with a similar announcement made in April 2024 by our school's former Campus Principal. Moving forward, we will combine the cyber fee with our annual resources fee, for

ease of payment.

Our next celebration assembly will be for Chinese New Year and will take place on Monday January 27th from 13.00 – 14.30. Further information will follow in due course from Ms. Haifaa.

Finally, please be reminded that we seek to keep channels of communication between home and school constantly open. Teachers' email addresses are published on both our website and weekly in our newsletters, should you need to contact anyone at any time. In addition, our parent café area – which includes the fully open (Parenthesis) Coffee Shop – is your area as parents, and you are welcome to meet with teachers or other professionals in person, if you prefer.

Yours sincerely,

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