

DELIA (MAN KIU) ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER 2022 - 2023

14th July, 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE PTA CHAIRPERSON

As the school year comes to a close, we would like to congratulate our J6 students and wish them all the best as they open a new exciting journey in the Secondary School life. Thanks to all departing parents and students for your support during your time as Delians.

The past few years have been challenging, marked by the pandemic that has affected all of us. As the situation became better this year, we hope to embark School Year 2023-2024 filled with more hope and determination. Let us work together to continue to create a supportive and inclusive environment for our children. I am confident that with your dedication and support, we will achieve remarkable things this year.

Despite the challenging environment, we acknowledged the significant milestones this year, along with the PTA's accomplishments, which could not have been achieved without the generous amount of time our School Principal Mr. Cheung and the standing committee offer to assist the PTA organization, enabling our events to be a successful and enjoyable experience. Their support and contribution have been greatly appreciated and paramount in the success of every event held.

In the coming school year, the PTA will be initiating various events and activities aimed at promoting collaboration between parents, teachers, and students. We encourage you to actively engage with us, voice your suggestions, and share ideas as we believe that when we work hand in hand, the more successful we can be on aiding our children's achievements soar to new heights. Our joint efforts are what make our PTA succeed!

Moreover, we understand that effective communication is crucial for the success of our school community. Our PTA newsletter will serve as an avenue to keep you well-versed about upcoming events, opportunities, and important school updates.

I would like to end this message with a passage from Proverbs 22:6:

“Train up a child in a way he should go, even when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Parents and teachers, our involvement is vital in shaping our children's future.

Training our children with wise choices, and appropriate accountability for their actions and attitudes are tools to help set our children in the right direction for their lives.

Together, we give our best to bring out the best in our children!

On behalf of PTA, we wish everyone a happy summer holiday filled with lots of sun and fun all around!

All the best,
Lawrence Cucio



PTA JOINT PARENT-CHILD ACTIVITIES

1. Fluid Painting Workshop on Saturday, 24th June, 2023

It was our pleasure to invite the instructor from O FreeArt Studio to share a mindfulness and aesthetic joint parent-child fluid art activity. Participants learnt some fluid painting techniques and designed an artistic canvas that was be further assembled as a clock for home use.



Some positive responses from parents:

- *It was a really good experience on playing with colours.*
- *It's a great relaxing activity.*
- *We expect more of this type of activities.*
- *I would like to do it again!*

2. Tie-Dye Workshop on Saturday, 8th July, 2023

The second activity was hosted by Dyelicious. It was fun and meaningful that parents and children learnt how to use food waste for dyeing and several techniques on making different patterns. The blue or purple handkerchief, cloth and scarf are made of natural indigo blue plant and sweet potato skin.



Participants were engaged in the event and the supportive responses are encouraging for us to arrange more activities in the coming year. Here're some positive feedback:

- *Very joyous*
- *So fun and educational. We enjoyed it so much*
- *Wish to have more chances to do similar projects together in the future*
- *We get to be creative and learn more different designs, will definitely try this at home*
- *This is a very good campaign to raise awareness to children and parents on tie-dye using food waste*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF 2022 - 2023

The face-to-face AGM has been suspended since the COVID-19 pandemic in School Year 2019-20. With the full resumption of whole-day school, we could finally arrange the meeting in-school to report on our work progress of the current year. The following are the major items that were reported in the AGM.

PTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2022 – 2024 BY-ELECTION (FOR 2023 – 2024)

The Parent-Teacher Association Executive Committee By-Election was held in the Annual General Meeting this year to fill up the vacancy of the Vice Treasurer due to the relocation of family of the former parent member during this school year. The counting of votes was successfully completed under the supervision of the chairperson. The results of the counting of votes are as follows:

Candidates	No. of votes
1. Dr. Simon Yu	166
2. Ms. Mrugaya T Domadia	25
3. Ms. Marshal Preet Singh	32
4. Mr. Hicham Kahcha	50
5. Ms. Zehra, Syeda Maryam	15
6. Ms. Liu Kam sim Annie	102
7. Ms. Kargapolova Elena	6

PTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2023– 2024

Chairperson	Ms. Cucio Lawrence Castillo
Vice Chairperson	Mr. Cheung Kwok Wai
Treasurer	Ms. Ng Man Yee
Vice Treasurer	Dr. Simon Yu
Committee Member	Mr. Chow Ngai Chung
Committee Member	Ms. Leung Yuk Ping

FINANCIAL REPORT 2022-2023

Description	Income (\$)	Expenditure (\$)	Remarks
Surplus of 2021-2022	68540.55	NA	/
PTA Annual Grant	5855	NA	/
Subsidy for Home-School Co-operation Grants Activities	20000	NA	/
PTA Activity 1 (Fluid Painting)	0	10000	24.06.2023
PTA Activity 2 (Tie-dye)	0	10260	08.07.2023
	94395.55	20260	
Balance(\$)		74135.55	

OTHER IMPORTANT SCHOOL POLICIES

1. *Fee Remission Scheme*

Needy students can obtain the application form for the remission scheme from General Office.

1. Purpose

-To assist students with financial constraint to complete schooling.

2. Method

-To remit fee I proportion with reference to the financial situation of students' families. The school fee remission will be granted full or half, depending on the financial situation of the applicant's family.

3. Condition

i. Priority will be given to the applicants receiving CSSA or beneficiaries of Student Financial Assistance Schemes.

Beneficiaries of CSSA or full subsidies in Student Financial Assistance Schemes will receive full school fee remission.

Half rate beneficiaries of Student Financial Assistance Schemes will receive half school fee remission.

ii. With reference to the SFAA's Adjusted Family Income (AFI), the school provides fee remission in full and half.

iii. Family with income exceeding the maximum of AFI is *ineligible* for the scheme.

iv. The amount of remission and the number of beneficiaries depend on the number of applicants each year which will be adjusted every year.

4. Procedure

I Obtain application form from School Office or the school website.

li Return application form to School Office with original and photocopy of relevant certificates.

lii School Fee should be settled in full before the approval of application.

For more information, please contact School Office at 2432-5123 in office hours.

2. *Fee Remission Scheme Appeal Mechanisms*

Appeals from applicants who disagree with the results can be done orally or in writing to the branch school within one month from the date of notification and are to be forwarded to Headquarters promptly. The Chairperson of the School Management Committee (SMC) may appoint an ad hoc committee comprising members of suitable rank from other branch schools to review the decision.

After investigation, the committee will present a report for the decision of the SMC.

3. *Scholarship Scheme*

The school continuously provides a scholarship scheme to appreciate students' outstanding academic achievement. The school scholarship is awarded to the overall top 3 students of each grade in academic performance. The scholarship is non-transferrable for cash. 50% of annual school fee remission will be awarded to the first of each grade, 40% to the second, and 30% to the third. The scholarship will be granted through a proportionate amount of school fee deduction in each instalment of the next academic year during the period that the student studies in our school, which parents need not to apply for.

4. *School-based Complaint Handling Mechanism*

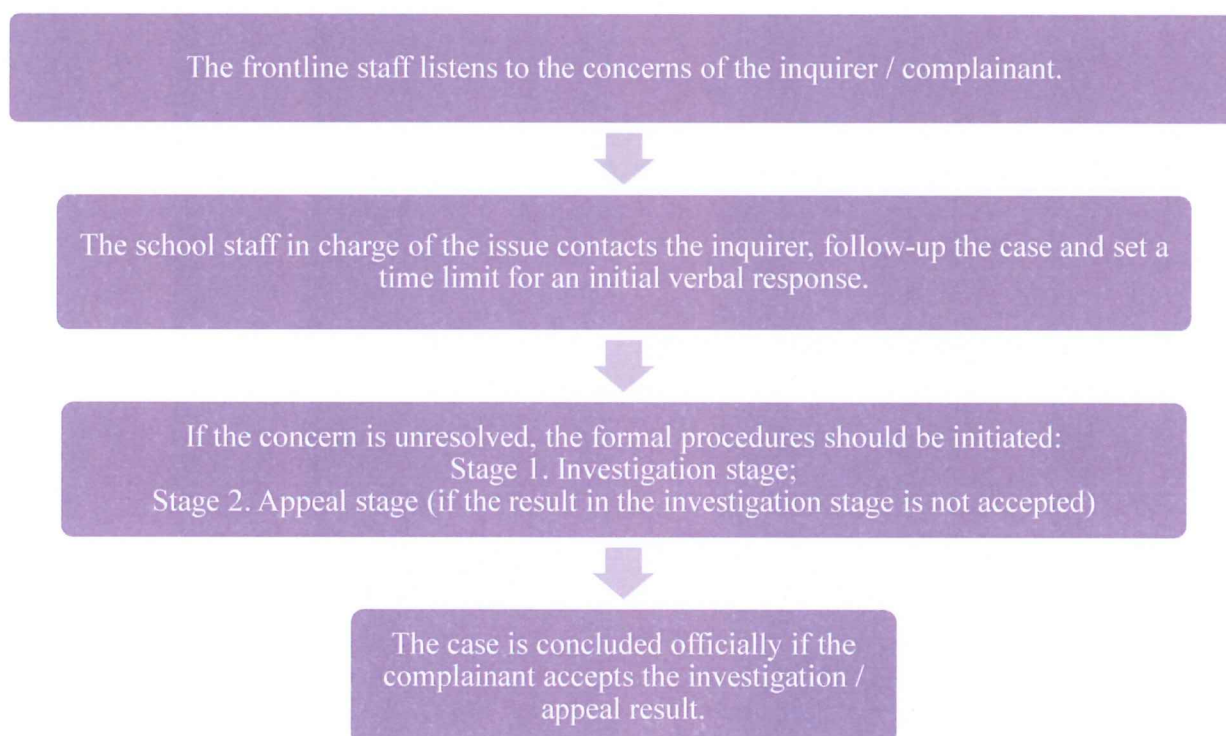
Education is greatly valued in Hong Kong. With the advancement of society, parents become more aware of their own rights and interests and have growing expectation that school should provide quality education to nurture future generations. Key stakeholders, especially parents, consider the holistic development of students imperative. Parents often make enquiries and provide feedback and suggestions regarding the performance of school. It is therefore vital for school to maintain good communication with our stakeholders. In addition to providing effective communication channels, school encourages parents to make good use of them to express your views and feelings, to build up mutual trust and confidence and avoid any unnecessary misunderstanding.

1. Aim

- a) Building a Culture of Communication
- b) Handling Complaints in a Positive Manner
- c) Formulating a School-based Mechanism
- d) Enhancing Effectiveness of Governance

2. In general, the following types of complaints will not be handled:

- Anonymous complaints
- Complaints not made by the person concerned
- Complaints involving incidents that happen more than one year
- Complaints with insufficient information



5. **Reserve for Construction, Maintenance & Upgrading of Above-standard Facilities**

Every year, school will transfer up to 10% of the school fee income to the Reserve for Construction Maintenance & Upgrading of Above-standard Facilities. This reserve can be deployed to finance above-standard activities for enhancing the quality of education and to the benefits of students.

PTA ONLINE SURVEY

We would like to seek your opinions in helping us to organise activities in the future. You are most welcome to leave us any ideas online via the following link / QR code: <https://forms.office.com/r/AkJFzPgT43>



Warmest regards,


Ms. Lawrence Cucio
Chairperson