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Dear Parents/Guardians,

MOE SEXUALITY EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Sexuality Education (SEd) in schools is about enabling students to understand the physiological, social and emotional changes they experience as they mature, develop healthy and rewarding relationships including those with members of the opposite sex, and make wise, informed and responsible decisions on sexuality matters. SEd is premised on the importance of the family as the basic unit of society. This means encouraging healthy, heterosexual marriages and stable nuclear family units with extended family support. The teaching and learning of SEd is based on respect for the values and beliefs of the different ethnic and religious communities in Singapore on sexuality issues.

2. The **Goals** of Sexuality Education are:

- (a) To help students make wise, responsible and informed decisions through the provision of accurate, current and age-appropriate knowledge on human sexuality and the consequences of sexual activity;
- (b) To help students know themselves and build healthy and rewarding relationships through the acquisition of social and emotional skills of selfawareness, management of their thoughts, feelings and behaviours, development of empathy for others, possession of effective communication, problem-solving and decision-making skills; and
- (c) To help students develop a moral compass, respect for themselves and for others as sexual beings, premised on the family as the basic unit of society, through the inculcation of positive mainstream values and attitudes about sexuality.

3. The **Key Messages** of Sexuality Education are:

(a) Love and respect yourself as you love and respect others;

(b) Build positive relationships based on love and respect (which are the

foundation for strong families);

(c) Make responsible decisions for yourself, your family and society; and

(d) Abstinence before marriage is the best protection against STIs/HIV and

unintended pregnancies. Casual sex can harm and hurt you and your

loved ones.

4. Please visit the school's Sexuality Education webpage

https://www.chongfu.moe.edu.sg/curriculum/sexuality-education/ for more

information on Chongfu School's Sexuality Education Programme for 2023.

Parents may opt their children out of Sexuality Education lessons. Parents who

wish to opt their children out of the Sexuality Education lessons need to complete

an opt-out form. This form is downloadable from the link provided.

The completed opt-out form is to be submitted through your child's/ward's form

teacher by 31/01/2023.

5. Parents can contact the school at chua jennifer joanne@moe.edu.sg /

67585527 for discussion or to seek clarification about the school's Sexuality

Education programme.

Thank you

Yours faithfully,

Mdm Foo Mui Chuw

Signature of Principal