**Appendix A – Letter/e-memo to Parents**

Pre-lesson Preparation:

1. Teachers can use the letter/e-memo below to inform parents of the upcoming lesson on Appreciating NSmen Art Jam. Fathers or male family members are encouraged to share their NS involvement and experiences with their children prior to the lesson.
2. As part of the Art Jam craft activity, children will need to include a family photograph in their craft. To ensure it fits the craft, we’ve provided a photo template (below) with the correct size. Teachers may choose one of the following approaches:
   1. Share the photo template with parents so they can insert their family photo, print it to the required size and pass it to the teacher when they send their child to preschool; or
   2. Request a digital copy of the family photo from parents so that the teacher can insert it into the provided template before printing it for the children to use in class.

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| Dear Parents,  RE: Lesson on National Service: Appreciating our NSmen  We will be conducting a lesson on [school to insert date accordingly] on National Service (NS) in the lead-up to SAF Day and National Day. Children will learn the importance of NS and the contributions of NSmen in safeguarding Singapore to ensure that their loved ones continue to have a safe place to call home and have a future.  To enrich the children’s learning, we would like them to hear more about NS from their fathers or male family members who have served NS, prior to the lesson in school. This personal sharing will help the children connect more meaningfully with the topic and complement their classroom learning.  Some of the things their fathers or male family members can share with the children are:   1. Which service did they serve National Service? (Army, Air Force, Navy, Digital and Intelligence, Police or Civil Defence) 2. What was their role? 3. How was their experience? Any interesting stories or events that happened?   As part of the lesson activity, your child will be creating an appreciation gift for their father or extended family members who have served National Service. The gift will be a simple handmade photo frame with the inclusion of a printed family photograph. A sample is attached below.  [School to update: Please insert your family photo into the attached template, print it, and pass it to the teacher when you drop your child on <date>. **OR** Please email a digital family photograph by <date>, and we will assist with printing it in school.]  A picture of a person and a cartoon  AI-generated content may be incorrect.  Thank you,  Best Regards,  [S**chool name**] |

*Cut and insert this template into the photo frame*



Instructions:

1. Place the photo digitally within this box.
2. Print the template and cut along the dotted line.

*Example of photo digitally placed within the box.*

