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27 June 2023

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

2023 TERM 3 LETTER TO PARENTS

We welcome all students back to school for Term 3 and hope that you had spent quality time with your children during the June school holidays.

1) MANAGEMENT OF C+ / Ag+ STUDENTS

As part of the endemic COVID-19 new norm, while the school remains vigilant, developing students' social responsibility within the school community becomes increasingly important so that our school remains a safe and conducive environment for teaching and learning to take place.

We would like to seek the collective effort of all staff, parents and students to exercise social responsibility and observe the following measures if your child/ ward is C+ or Ag+.

- a) **If unwell:** Students should seek medical attention and/or stay home to rest (regardless of ART result). If their COVID-19 condition is not getting better or has deteriorated, they should seek medical treatment. Please inform the form teacher of the medical leave and symptoms, if any.
- b) **If well:** Students may return to school (regardless of ART result). If the student has mild symptoms after recovering from COVID-19 or test Ag+ but has no symptoms, the student should exercise social responsibility and minimise close physical contact with others in large group settings, and wear masks.
- c) If your child is Ag+ and unwell, please send the photo evidence of the Ag+ test result to the form teacher if your child did not seek medical treatment.

2) TEMPERATURE-TAKING EXERCISE (5 July 2023)

The school will be conducting the temperature-taking exercise **on Wednesday, 5 July 2023**. The temperature-taking exercise serves to educate our students on the need to take personal responsibility of their own health and practice social responsibility.

As part of the school's preparation for this exercise, **we will be conducting a pre-exercise check on thermometers on Friday, 30 June 2023**. We would like to seek your assistance in ensuring that your child/ ward brings his/ her personal oral digital thermometer (ODT) to school on the above-mentioned dates. Students, who have misplaced their thermometers or have faulty thermometers, are to replace their thermometers. Thermometers can be purchased at the pharmacies and supermarkets. Alternatively, thermometers can also be purchased at the school bookshop at \$4.50 each.

3) SCHOOL SAFETY AND SCHOOL ZONE SCHEME

As you approach the school, you would have noticed red-textured surface, “SCHOOL” markings on the road, as well as “40 km/h When Lights Flash” signs outside our school. There are also traffic lights at the traffic junctions near the school. These road safety measures are part of the Enhanced School Zone Scheme implemented by the Land Transport Authority (LTA) to improve road safety for schools. This scheme highlights to motorists that they are approaching a school and should take extra care, slow down, and be alert to look out for school children crossing the road.

As you may encounter heavy traffic during school days especially between 7.15 am to 7.30 am as well as during dismissal time in the afternoon, we seek your understanding to exercise patience when you bring or pick up your child to and from school.

If you walk your child to school, please set a good example by crossing the road at the traffic lights located outside the school. Please remind your child/ward to practice the ‘kerb drill’ before crossing any roads.

LTA has implemented the road safety measures to safeguard the safety of school children. However, it requires your co-operation to make them work effectively. The public road is a shared space for all road users; let us be more gracious and considerate the next time we are in a school zone.

- a) **For parents driving to school** in the morning, your cooperation is required to ensure that traffic is smooth. Please adhere to the speed limit of 10km/h in the school premises and refrain from getting out of your cars so as not to hold up the traffic at the drop off point.
- b) **For parents driving to pick your child up after dismissal**, you are advised to park at the nearby HDB carpark or drive through only after dismissal at 1.45 p.m. The designated drop off/ pick up point is the Foyer (outside General Office).
- c) **For parents sending and picking up your child via the school gates**, please be informed that the gates will only be opened during the stipulated hours below.

MAIN GATE (School Vehicular Traffic Gate)	6.30 a.m. – 7.00 p.m.
GATE A (Small Gate at Main Gate)	6.30 a.m. – 6.45 a.m. 8.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. 1.45 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.
GATE B (Side Gate beside Main Gate)	6.50 a.m. – 8.15 a.m. 11.45 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. 3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
GATE E (Side gate towards LRT Station)	6.50 a.m. – 8.15 a.m. 1.15 p.m. – 2.00 p.m. 3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. (Student Care dismissal)

Parents will not be allowed to enter the school premises (e.g. Canteen) when dropping off or picking up their child from the school every morning and during dismissal. Parents will also not be able to pass through The Cove and Canteen to get to the LRT Station and vice versa.

We seek the understanding and cooperation of parents to wait for your child at the designated Parents' Waiting Area at **Gate B** (*side gate*) or **Gate E** (*towards Nibong LRT*) accordingly.

- i. Parents' Waiting Area (Gate B) – Walkway along Gate B leading to the zebra crossing.
- ii. Parents' Waiting Area (Gate E) – Walkway along Gate E leading to gate of The Cove.

4) 2023 PRIMARY ONE REGISTRATION EXERCISE (PHASE 1)

Phase 1 registration is for a Singapore Citizen (SC) or Permanent Resident (PR) child born between 2 January 2017 and 1 January 2018 (both dates inclusive) and has a sibling currently studying in our school.

For the 2023 P1 Registration Exercise (**2023 P1 Ex**), parents who are registering their younger child under Phase 1 are to **register during the Phase 1 registration period from 4 July 2023 (Tuesday), 9am to 5 July 2023 (Wednesday), 4.30pm** through the P1 Registration Portal.

You may refer to MOE P1 website for information on the 2023 P1 Ex at <https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/p1-registration>.

You may also find out more about the registration phases and how to register on MOE P1 website at <https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/p1-registration/how-to-register>.

5) PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY

We would like to inform parents that throughout the course of the year, photograph(s) or video image(s) of you and your child may be captured at all school events. The photos and videos will be used for publicity purposes, on platforms such as school publications, school website, school social media channels, and other official school communication channels.

If you have any concerns or do not wish that your child's images are captured, please inform the school via this link – <https://go.gov.sg/pcps-nophoto> so that we can take appropriate steps to ensure your child is not included. Note: You do not need to submit again via the link if you have done so earlier in Semester 1.

Term 3 Activities

To facilitate your planning, here is an update of our activities for Term 3 2023.

JUNE/JULY 2023

6) PUBLIC HOLIDAY: HARI RAYA HAJI (29 June 2023)

There is no school on Thursday, 29 June 2023. The Student Care Centre will also be closed.

7) SCHOOL HOLIDAY: YOUTH DAY (3 July 2023)

Monday, 3 July 2023 is a school holiday. There is no school on this day. The Student Care Centre will operate full day on that day.

8) P5 NATIONAL EDUCATION (NE) SHOW (8 July 2023)

The P5 students will be attending the National Education Show on Saturday, 8 July 2023 at the Padang. A separate letter has been sent out to parents on 23 June 2023.

9) PRIMARY 1 LEARNING JOURNEY TO THE ZOO (14 July 2023)

As part of experiential learning, our P1 students will be going on a learning journey to the Singapore Zoo during school hours on **Friday, 14 July 2023**. The reporting and dismissal time on that day will remain the same. More details will be provided at a later date.

10) RACIAL HARMONY DAY (21 July 2023)

The school will be celebrating Racial Harmony Day during curriculum time on Friday, 21 July 2023 and the week of 24 July 2023. The theme for this year is **'Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic'**, which will focus on the appreciation of the diverse races and religions that make up our multicultural society. Students will be engaged in a variety of activities to deepen their understanding of racial harmony in Singapore and learn about the commonalities that bind Singaporeans together, which are food and games, to create the shared sense of cohesion and harmony. **Students may come to school in their ethnic costumes on 21 July 2023.**

11) PRIMARY 6 PRELIMINARY ORAL EXAMINATIONS (27 & 28 July 2023)

The P6 Preliminary Oral Examinations will be conducted on Thursday, 27 July and Friday, 28 July 2023. There will be **no school for P1 to P5 students**. Instead, they will be engaged in Home-Based learning (HBL) on both days. More details will be given at a later date. The Student Care Centre will operate full day on both days. School will resume for all students on Monday, 31 July 2023.

12) PRIMARY 5 COHORT CAMP (31 July to 2 August 2023)

Outdoor learning is an important part of our students' education. As part of our efforts to develop their confidence, courage and curiosity, we are conducting a 3-day residential cohort camp for all P5 students at Sarimbun Scout Camp **from Monday, 31 July 2023 to Wednesday, 2 August 2023**. A separate letter has been sent out to parents on 24 May 2023.

AUGUST 2023

13) NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS (8 August 2023)

The school will be commemorating National Day on **Tuesday, 8 August 2023**. This year's theme is **'Onward As One!'** – a call for all Singaporeans to look forward confidently and move onward together in building our shared future as one united people.

The students will report to school as usual at 7.30 a.m. and will be dismissed at 10.30 a.m. Students will be participating in fun-filled classroom activities lined up for them on that day.

Please note that **students may come to school in red T-shirt and school P.E. shorts**. There will be a snack break on that day. Kindly prepare some light snacks for your child to bring to school. For students taking the school bus, the bus operator has been duly informed. The Student Care Centre will operate after school dismissal on that day.

14) PUBLIC HOLIDAY: NATIONAL DAY (9 August 2023)

There is no school on Wednesday, 9 August 2023. The Student Care Centre will also be closed.

15) SCHOOL HOLIDAY: DAY AFTER NATIONAL DAY (10 August 2023)

Thursday, 10 August 2023, is a school holiday. There is no school on this day. The Student Care Centre will operate full day on that day.

16) PSLE ORAL EXAMINATIONS (15 & 16 August 2023)

The PSLE Oral Examinations will be conducted on Tuesday, 15 August and Wednesday, 16 August 2023. There is **no school** for **P1 to P5 students**. The Student Care Centre will operate from 1.00 p.m. on both days. School will resume on Thursday, 17 August 2023.

17) P3 GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMME (GEP) SCREENING EXERCISE 2023 (17 August 2023)

The GEP Screening Exercise 2023 for P3 students is given below. More information will be sent out to parents at a later date.

Stage	Date	Participants	Papers
GEP Screening Exercise	17 August 2023 (Thursday)	P3 students enrolled in government and government-aided schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English LanguageMathematics

18) TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION (31 August 2023)

The school will be celebrating Teacher's Day on Thursday, 31 August 2023. More information will be sent out to parents at a later date.

For your information, your child/ward's class will be presenting their teachers with handmade cards or gifts for Teacher's Day to show their appreciation for their teachers. If you wish to send your appreciation to our teachers, we would like to encourage you to write notes of appreciation or send an email to our teachers to affirm their efforts. Heartfelt words of appreciation are the best gifts that a teacher can receive.

SEPTEMBER 2023

19) SCHOOL HOLIDAY: TEACHER'S DAY (1 September 2023)

Friday, 1 September 2023 is a school holiday. There is **no school** on this day. The Student Care Centre will also be closed.

20) 2023 SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (2 – 10 September 2023)

The September school holidays will commence **from 2 to 10 September 2023**. School will resume on Monday, 11 September 2023. Note: The Student Care Centre will be closed on Monday, 4 September 2023 for their Staff Development Day.

21) PSLE LISTENING COMPREHENSION EXAMINATIONS (15 September 2023)

PSLE Listening Comprehension examinations will be conducted on Friday, 15 September 2023. There is **no school** for **P1 to P5 students**. The Student Care Centre will also be closed.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us at Tel: 63857339 or email at punggolcove_ps@moe.edu.sg.

We wish you and your child a very engaging and fruitful Term 3 as we work closely with you in support of your child's learning and development.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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