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2021 TERM ONE SCHOOL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

A warm welcome to all our students and parents who have joined the school this year! We look forward to a fulfilling year for you and your family in 2021.

1) STUDENT'S HANDBOOK 2021

The students will be receiving the Student's Handbook 2021 over the next few days. Parents and guardians, please read the school rules and discipline policy in the Student's Handbook 2021 and sign on the acknowledgement box on page 24 by **Monday, 11 January 2021**.

2) SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

In light of the prevailing COVID-19 situation, while the nation has moved into Phase 3, it is still necessary to take precautions in the new school year. The school will continue to ensure that safe management measures are adhered to by all staff and students so that our school remains a safe and conducive environment for teaching and learning to take place.

Temperature-taking will continue to take place in school daily at the start of each school day. P1 students have been issued with an oral digital thermometer (ODT) on Monday, 4 January 2021. For P2 to P6 students, we would like to seek parents' assistance in ensuring that your child brings his/her ODT to school every day.

For students who have lost or misplaced their ODTs, or have unserviceable ODTs, please purchase a replacement available in most of the pharmacies and supermarkets. Alternatively, the ODTs can also be purchased at the school bookshop at \$4.50 each.

We also seek parents' continued co-operation and support to adhere to the safe distancing guidelines when you send or pick up your children from school daily, as well as exercise social responsibility so that our school stays safe. Below are some key safe management measures that all parents and students should continue to observe:

- If your child is feeling unwell (e.g. sore throat, fever or cough), please see a doctor and do not come to school. Keep your child's form teacher informed of the medical leave and symptoms.
- If there are any adult household members (18 years and above) unwell with flu-like symptoms, inform the school and keep your child at home. Do ensure that the unwell adult household member seeks medical treatment promptly.

3) SCHOOL CANTEEN FOOD & PRICING

Currently, the school canteen has 5 stalls selling Chinese Economical Rice, Chinese Noodles, Western Food, Muslim Cooked Food and Drinks & Snacks. We are pleased to announce that a new Muslim Noodle stall will open in the canteen sometime in end-January this year.

The school is on board Health Promotion Board's 'Healthy Meals in Schools Programme'. This programme serves to encourage healthier food and beverage choices in schools. Under this programme, the canteen vendors are to serve wholesome meals that include rice/noodles, meat, vegetables and fruits. It will cost \$1.70 per meal in our school.

Parents are encouraged to pack a healthy, balanced breakfast meal for their children for recess. If they are buying food from the canteen, students should bring \$2.50 in order to purchase a set meal & a drink during recess.

4) 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. We may use and publish such photographs and/or video recordings in school publications, website, social media channels, and other official school communication channels. For clarifications, please feel free to contact the school.

5) PARENTS GATEWAY MOBILE APP

To-date, over 95% of our parents have come on board Parents Gateway. We would like to thank you for your support.

Parents Gateway is a mobile app specially designed for parents. Developed by MOE and GovTech, the school will continue to engage parents through Parents Gateway such as sending out consent forms and announcements as well as perform a range of administrative functions including travel declaration.

For parents who have not come on board, we would like to invite you to come on board. It will allow the school to disseminate information to you in a timely manner. You may download the free Parents Gateway mobile app on your mobile phone (available on iOS and Android platforms only) and perform a simple one-time on boarding process to access the app.

2021 School Matters

6) SCHOOL HOURS

The school hours are **from 7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.** We seek the cooperation of all parents to help us to instil in our students the value of punctuality.

7) DISMISSAL TIMING

In view of safe management measures, the dismissal for 2021 will be staggered as follows:

Level	Time
Primary 1	1.15 p.m.
Primary 2	1.20 p.m.
Primary 3	1.25 p.m.

Level	Time
Primary 4	1.20 p.m.
Primary 5	1.25 p.m.
Primary 6	1.30 p.m.

8) RECESS AND SNACK BREAK TIMING

The recess and snack break timings for 2021 are as follows:

Level	Recess Time	Snack Break
Primary 1	9.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	12.20 p.m. – 12.30 p.m.
Primary 2	10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	8.50 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.
Primary 3	11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	8.50 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.
Primary 4	11.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	8.50 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.
Primary 5	9.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	12.20 p.m. – 12.30 p.m.
Primary 6	10.00 am – 10.30 am	12.20 p.m. – 12.30 p.m.

9) SCHOOL SAFETY AND ASSEMBLY ARRANGEMENT

As the school enrolment increases, for the safety and security of our students, we would like to share with you on the following measures with regard to arrival and dismissal arrangements.

- All P1 to P6 students will go directly to their **Classrooms** for assembly every morning.
- 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 to ensure that the waiting time for drop off is short.
- 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).
- 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.

- Please remind your child/ward to practice the 'kerb drill' before crossing any roads.

10) P3 GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMME IDENTIFICATION EXERCISE 2021 (GEP)

The tentative schedule for the two stages of the GEP Identification Exercise 2021 is given below. More information will be sent out to parents nearer to the dates.

Stage	Date	Participants	Papers
GEP Screening Exercise	18 August 2021 (Wednesday)	P3 students enrolled in government and government-aided schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English LanguageMathematics
GEP Selection Exercise	19 & 20 October 2021 (Tuesday & Wednesday)	Primary 3 students shortlisted after the GEP Screening Exercise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English LanguageMathematicsGeneral Ability

Term 1 Activities

To facilitate your planning, here is an update of our activities for Term 1 2021.

JANUARY 2021

11) SCHOOL SMART CARD PHOTO-TAKING (P1 AND P6)

The Ministry of Education (MOE) will be conducting the yearly photo-taking exercise for all students in P1 and P6 for the issue of the School Smart Card (SSC). Our P1 and P6 students will have their photographs taken on **Monday, 18 January 2021**.

The P1 students are expected to get their SSCs by April 2021, while the photo-images captured for P6 students will be used for the printing of Secondary SSCs when they are promoted to Secondary One in 2022.

For your information, children under 7 years old can travel for free on the public transport network with a Child Concession Card (CCD). The CCD will expire on 30th April of the year that the child turns 7 years old.

For P1 students who do not have the CCD and require one in the interim, you may wish to apply for a CCD at any Transit Link Ticket Office. More information on the CCD can be found in Transit Link's website at <https://www.transitlink.com.sg/PSdetail.aspx?ty=art&Id=50>.

FEBRUARY 2021

12) CHINESE NEW YEAR (CNY) CELEBRATION

School will function from 7.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. on **Thursday, 11 February 2021**. Students will be **dismissed at 10.00 a.m.** on that day. The Student Care Centre will operate till 1.00 p.m.

Monday, 15 February 2021 is a scheduled school holiday in lieu of Chinese New Year. There is **no school** on this day. The Student Care Centre will also be closed.

13) TOTAL DEFENCE DAY

Total Defence Day is a day we remind our students that Singapore is defensible and is worth defending, and we ourselves must defend Singapore. Singapore has remained safe and peaceful over the past 54 years because we have work together to keep Singapore strong. This year, Total Defence Day falls on Monday, 15 February 2021. The school will be commemorating the day during the 8th February week. More information will be given to the students nearer to the date.

MARCH 2021

14) 2021 MARCH SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Term 1 March holidays will begin **from 13 to 21 March 2021**.

We hope this termly update is useful for you. Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us at Tel: 63857339 or email at punggolcove_ps@moe.edu.sg.

We look forward to a fruitful and enriching year ahead with your child in Punggol Cove Primary School.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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