



Dear parents/guardians,

Happy New Year and welcome to the new school year 2025. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents and guardians, especially those who are joining our White Sands family for the first time. As we begin this exciting new school year, we look forward to partnering with you to support the growth and development of our pupils.

Guided by our school's vision, mission, and core values, we remain committed to fostering the holistic development of each pupil. Together, with the continued partnership between parents and the school, we will create a caring and positive environment where our children can thrive, form lasting friendships, and make wonderful memories as they learn and excel.

1. Staff Appointment and Movement

a) Congratulations to the following staff on their new appointment:

- Ms Gunita Kaur Shahi (SH Mathematics)

b) We would like to welcome the following staff to the WSPS family:

- Mr Maizatul Anwar B Mohd Yassin (Year Head/ Middle Primary)
- Mdm Julie Katherina Bte Abd Samad (Assistant Year Head/ Upper Primary)
- Mdm Nur Syahirah Binte Sa'adon (SH CCE)
- Mdm Gangadaran Kalpena Mrs Prashanth (Teacher)
- Mr Muhammad Zulhimi Bin Zolkefli (Teacher)

c) We would also like to bid farewell to and thank the following staff for their contributions in WSPS:

- Mdm Erica Cheah (Year Head/ Lower Primary)
- Mdm Qiu Suguan (HOD MTL)
- Mdm Chern Shiyong Cheryl (Teacher)
- Ms Maybelline Chan (Teacher)
- Mdm Mazida Binti Mohamed Noor (Teacher)
- Mdm Norhayati Binte Maksom (Teacher)
- Mdm Shahira Bte Daud (Teacher)

2. Communications between Parents and School

a) Below are the email address of the school leaders and key personnel for your reference.

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b) Student Handbook Details

All pupils would receive the Student Handbook 2025 by the first week of school. Please do spend some time to go through the details provided in the Handbook. We would like to draw parents' attention to the section on gate opening hours, school rules, information for pupils and parents, school uniform, list of offences and possible consequences and school assessment. Thereafter, do acknowledge on page 32 of the Student Handbook.

c) Parents Gateway (PG)

The school will continue to use Parents Gateway (PG) as the primary communication channel between the school and parents/guardians. You will also receive important messages through PG that are centrally sent by the Ministry of Education (MOE). Therefore, it is important to stay logged in to PG and enable push notifications to receive announcements and forms promptly. Please read the messages carefully, as some may require a quick response, acknowledgment, or feedback.

d) Use of Photographs and Videos for Publicity Purposes

We are excited about the activities and programmes planned for your child/ward this year! As part of these activities, which may take place during or after school hours, photographs and/or video recordings may be captured to document the educational journey of our White Sandians. These images and videos may be used and published in our school publications, website, social media, and other official school communication channels.

We also seek your understanding regarding the following:

i. Sharing Photos/Videos on Social Media

If you take any photographs or videos of your child/ward during a school event that include other pupils or staff, please refrain from sharing them on social media out of respect for the privacy of others who may not wish for their images to be shared publicly.

ii. ClassDojo and Informal Platforms

The same guideline applies to any photos or videos shared via ClassDojo or other informal platforms, especially if they feature other pupils.

e) White Sands on Social Media

Our school maintains a presence on Facebook and Instagram. These platforms are used to share updates on school activities, learning experiences, relevant resources, and exciting news. Parents can access and follow the school's official accounts at:

i. Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/whitesandsprimaryschoolofficial>

ii. Instagram – https://www.instagram.com/whitesandsprisch_official

Please be informed that photos and videos of pupils participating in school events and learning experiences may be posted on these platforms and those of other educational institutions. These are shared to highlight the vibrant learning environment at school and keep our community informed.

3. Daily Assembly and Punctuality

We seek parents' support in ensuring that your child/ward is punctual. Being punctual will imbue the habit of responsibility and develop self-discipline and time management. We would like to remind parents that pupils who are not present for the flag-raising ceremony by 7.30 a.m. at the hall/classroom will be considered as late for school.

As we also have pre-assembly programmes planned, we strongly encourage your child/ward to be in school by 7.30 a.m.

4. Pupils' Well-Being

We would like to seek your partnership to inculcate good habits and personal hygiene practices in your children to keep school a safe environment for our pupils.

Personal Hygiene

- a) Washing hands with soap/ sanitising of hands when they reach school and before their snack break/ recess.
- b) Wiping down of canteen tables/ desk areas and common shared equipment after using them.

Social Responsibility

- c) Seeing a doctor and stay at home if they are unwell.
- d) Wearing a mask and minimise social interactions with big groups if they are recovering from respiratory-related illnesses.

We appreciate your support and will continue to work with you closely. Let us all do our part to exercise personal and social responsibility and stay safe.

5. Attendance and Temperature Taking Exercise (ATTEEx)

The school will be conducting the ATTEEx on **Wednesday, 15 January 2025**. Its objective is to educate pupils on taking personal responsibility for their own health and practising social responsibility. Please ensure that your child/ ward has a working thermometer on the day of exercise.

6. School Hours on Eve of Chinese New Year, Tuesday, 28 January 2025

Please note that on **Tuesday, 28 January 2025**, the school will be having early dismissal as part of the Chinese New Year celebrations. There will be staggered dismissal timings for the pupils – P1 to P3 pupils will be dismissed at 10.25 am and P4 to P6 pupils will be dismissed at 10.30 am.

Pupils are to report to school as per normal. They are strongly encouraged to be attired in a red coloured top with the school shorts/skirt or in a Chinese traditional costume with school shoes. Pupils may also come to school in their school uniform.

Please ensure that your child/ward has breakfast before coming to school, as there will be no recess break that day. However, a snack break will be included as part of the programme planned for the day. Please make the necessary transport arrangements for your child/ward. For pupils taking the school bus, the school has informed the bus operator of the change in school hours for that day.

7. School-Parents Engagement and Communication Session (SPECS)

The school believes in the importance of two-way communication between parents and teachers to support the holistic development of our pupils. School-Parents Engagement and Communication Sessions (SPECS) is the school's annual platform for school leaders and teachers to engage parents on the pupils' learning experiences for the year ahead so that parents may provide the necessary support and reinforcement at home. This year's schedule is appended below for your convenience to join us on campus/virtually for the engagement sessions.

Level	Date	Mode of Engagement	Time
Primary 1	14 March 2025, Friday	In-person	11.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
Primary 2	24 January 2025, Friday	Virtual	3.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
Primary 3	17 January 2025, Friday		
Primary 4			
Primary 5	24 January 2025, Friday	In-person	3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.
Primary 6	7 February 2025, Friday		

Invitations will be sent to parents via PG nearer the dates for the respective levels' engagement sessions. We hope to see you then.

8. Remedial Schedule

P6 remedial lessons will be held weekly on Tuesday afternoons in Term 1 after Chinese New Year. Remedial for P5 will start from Term 2. Parents will be notified via PG if your child is selected for remedial lessons.

9. Assessment Schedule

Please take note of the assessment schedule in the table below. More details on topics and assessment coverage for the whole year will be sent via PG by 24 January 2025.

Date	Event	Remarks
24 Feb – 7 Mar	P3 to P6 WA1	Dates of the WA1 will be provided by the subject teachers to the class one week before the assessment.

10. Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Schedule for Term 1/ 2025

All our pupils, from Primary 3 to Primary 6, are strongly encouraged to participate in and contribute to one CCA. CCA forms an integral part of our pupils' holistic education where our pupils discover their strengths, interests and talents. It also helps to develop values and life skills that are essential for them to do well in life.

CCA sessions are held on Wednesdays. They begin at 2.15 p.m. and end at 3.45 p.m., unless stated otherwise. Please refer to the table below for the relevant dates. More specific details will be shared by the respective CCA teachers.

CCA Calendar 2025 (Term 1)

	Dates		P3 to P6
Term 1	Week 1	8-Jan	No CCA
	Week 2	15-Jan	CCA
	Week 3	22-Jan	CCA
	Week 4	29-Jan	No CCA
	Week 5	5-Feb	CCA
	Week 6	12-Feb	CCA
	Week 7	19-Feb	CCA
	Week 8	26-Feb	CCA
	Week 9	5-Mar	CCA
	Week 10	12-Mar	CCA

Note: The CCA Football (Girls) sessions for 2025 have been moved to Friday afternoons at 3.30 p.m. Please look out for further details, which will be shared by the CCA Teacher IC via Parent Gateway.

11. Group Personal Accident (GPA) Insurance for Pupils

The Ministry has purchased a Group Personal Accident (GPA) insurance plan from Income Insurance Limited (Income Insurance) for all pupils. Information on claims, FAQs and other details pertaining to the GPA insurance plan can be found on Income Insurance's website at <https://www.income.com.sg/studentgpa>.

For claims submission, parents are to submit their claims online and check their claims status through the Income Insurance's online claims portal <https://studentgpa.incomegroupins.com.sg>.

12. Starting the School Year Right!

As we begin 2025, it is important as parents, to prepare your child/ward to start the school year off right. This requires some planning to ensure that he/she is prepared. By following these easy tips, not only will you make it a smooth transition into the school year, but your child/ward will come to school with confidence, ready for a successful year ahead.

a) Set specific goals

Work with your child/ward to determine what they want to achieve this school year. Help them break long-term goals down into smaller goals that they can see themselves achieving. Every little step is important in reaching those goals!

b) Deliver genuine praise often

Praise your child/ward not only for what they accomplish, but also for what they try to accomplish. Let them know that you believe in them and reflect on any new skill they gained over the year like resilience, time management and responsibility.

c) Set up a study area

Make study time more effective by creating a distraction-free zone away from the television, tablets and phones. Be sure this area is stocked with necessary supplies like pens, paper, markers, books, magazines that they can use as they are engaged in a task.

d) Establish a consistent homework routine

Schedule a daily homework time and make it a part of your family's routine right from the start. This also helps children to see that homework is a priority.

e) Get to know your child's/ward's teachers

One of the most important aspects of any parent-teacher-child relationship is the establishment of regular communication. This will strengthen the relationship in developing healthy skills and habits which will in turn help your children start the school year off right and finish it off successfully.

13. Growth Mindset Nuggets #1: G.R.O.W. with Me! @ WSPS

The **G.R.O.W. with Me! @ WSPS** programme remains the school's signature initiative in promoting pupil well-being and fostering resilience through the cultivation of a Growth Mindset. The acronym G.R.O.W. stands for the school's commitment to developing pupils with a **G**rateful heart, a **R**esilient spirit, the ability to **O**vercome obstacles, and the mindset to **W**in together.

At 2024 Schools Work Plan Seminar, Minister for Education Mr Chan Chun Sing highlighted the importance of strong collaboration between parents and teachers to create a positive and supportive environment for our children's holistic development.

As we look ahead to 2025, let's begin the year with a positive focus on respectful communication, being good role models for our children, and supporting them in building strong relationships and healthy habits in this digital age. Together, as a community, we can help our young learners develop greater resilience and strive for excellence in all their learning endeavours!

Respectful Communication
Foster kind words and actions between parents and educators

- Listen to and understand each other's perspectives and concerns regarding each child.
- Communicate kindly using official channels. Teachers are not required to share their personal mobile numbers.
- Respect each other's time by communicating during working hours.

Role Models
Show our children the skills and values they need for life

- Practise gratitude and find joy in everyday experiences with our children.
- Instil confidence by encouraging responsibility and believing in each child's abilities.
- Model good values in words and actions, at school and at home.

Real Connections
Cultivate strong relationships and healthy habits in this digital age

- Build strong bonds through shared experiences and meaningful conversations.
- Establish good habits for our children to stay confident and in control of their technology use.
- Provide a balanced mix of engaging online and offline activities, at school and at home.

14. Major Events and Holidays for Term 1

Date	Event	Remarks
1 Jan (Wed)	New Year's Day	Public Holiday
2 Jan (Thu)	Back to school for P1 pupils only	P2 – P6 pupils do not report to school.
3 Jan (Fri)	Back to school for P2 – P6 pupils	All pupils to report to school.
13 Jan (Mon)	Annual SSC Phototaking for P1 and P6 pupils	--
15 Jan (Wed)	Attendance and Temperature Taking Exercise	For all pupils.
15 Jan (Wed)	Commencement of CCA	For P3 – P6 pupils only
17 Jan (Fri)	P3 and P4 SPECS	More details will be provided at a later date.
24 Jan (Fri)	P2 and P5 SPECS	
29 Jan (Wed) – 30 Jan (Thu)	Chinese New Year	Public Holiday
7 Feb (Fri)	P6 SPECS	More details will be provided at a later date.
24 Feb (Mon) – 7 Mar (Fri)	P3 – P6 Weighted Assessment (WA) 1	
14 Mar (Fri)	P1 SPECS	
15 Mar (Sat) – 23 Mar (Sun)	Term 1 School Holidays	--

Thank you for your kind attention to the above information. We look forward to a fulfilling Term 1 in 2025 with your child/ward. On behalf of the school, I would like to extend our heartfelt wishes in advance to our Chinese pupils and their families for a joyous Chinese New Year. May the Year of the Snake bring good health and abundant success to everyone!

Your partner-in-education,



Ms Audrey Wong
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