



Dear Parents,

### 1. Resilience: Managing Transition

We hope your child has started adapting to a new semester and the school. As transition to a new environment or level may have its own challenges, you may want to be on the watch for signs of strain and stress. The following are some signs that may indicate your child needing some help:

- a) repeatedly refusing to go to school
- b) throwing tantrums whenever school is mentioned
- c) recurring meltdowns when you try to bring them to school
- d) suffering separation anxiety and needing you more than they have in recent months or years
- e) changes in sleeping or eating habits

If you notice your child's showing signs of concern with the transition, it's important to talk to them about it. You can talk to the C4RE teachers in school who will be able to support further in making the transitions smooth. More information can be also found at <https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/supporting-your-child-during-transitions>

### 2. Sports Carnival 2019

As part of the school's Physical Education programme, the school is organising a Sports Carnival on 15 March 2019, Friday from 7.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. The Sports Carnival aims to provide an opportunity for pupils to appreciate sports and display the values of Respect, Friendship and Excellence. The Sports Carnival also helps pupils to demonstrate sports ethics, promote socialisation and encourage a healthy lifestyle. The theme for this year's Sports Carnival is 'Get Active, Get Fit!' More details will be provided for the pupils at a later date.

### 3. P3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise 2019

Every year, MOE conducts the GEP Identification Exercise to identify suitable pupils for the Gifted Education Programme. This programme provides enriched curriculum to cater the needs of pupils with high intellectual potential. Pupils who are not ready to handle the intellectual rigour and demands of the programme will struggle with the enriched curriculum, causing undue stress on the pupils and impact their self-esteem. With this in mind, we would like to urge parents to avoid any test-preparation activities which could inflate the pupils' scores and inaccurately reflect their suitability for the programme. The tentative schedule for the 2 stages of the GEP Identification Exercise 2019 is given below:

#### GEP Screening Exercise

Date(s)	Papers	Participants
23 August (Friday)	English Language Mathematics	Primary 3 pupils enrolled in government and government-aided schools

#### GEP Selection Exercise

Date(s)	Papers	Participants
15 & 16 October (Friday)	English Language, Mathematics, General Ability	Primary 3 pupils shortlisted at the GEP Screening Exercise

The GEP Screening and Selection Exercises will be based on the **Primary 1 to Primary 3** English Language and Mathematics syllabuses. Please note the following:

a) Screening Exercise (Mathematics)

All topics in the P3 Mathematics syllabus are included except for the topics of "Area and Perimeter", "Geometry" and "Time".

b) Selection Exercise (Mathematics)

All topics in the P3 Mathematics syllabus are included except for "Angles" and "Perpendicular and Parallel Lines" in Geometry.

#### 4. Birthday Celebrations in School

We seek parents understanding that the school does not encourage parents to send goodie bags, titbits and cakes to school for their children's birthday celebrations. While, we appreciate the good intention of parents who wish to share the joy of their children's birthdays with their classmates, we are concerned with food allergies and the consumption of unhealthy food. Your kind understanding and co-operation is greatly appreciated.

#### 5. Residents' Feedback

The school has received feedback of vehicles parked illegally at the service road of Block 180 – Block 182 during school dismissal hours. We seek parents' co-operation to use designated parking facilities such as the Multi-Story Carpark at Block 180a when fetching your child during school dismissal hours. Alternatively, parents can make arrangements to drive into the school compound 15 minutes after school dismissal to pick your child as the vehicular flow in the school is generally lighter then. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

#### 6. Updates on Our Key Personnel

Please note the change in email of Mr Roy Tay, our Operations Manager. We are also pleased to share that Mr Tan Tong Mou has also joined the school as an Operations Manager.

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Your partner-in-education,



Ms Audrey Wong  
Principal

School Motto – Learn Grow Excel Together

School Values – Care, Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Rallying together, Excellence (C4RE)