



# WHITE SANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We are reverting to printing the hardcopy of the IN LINK bulletin for **this month only** as the take-up rate on Parent Gateway (PG) app has been low. On this note, we would like to urge parents to download the app as we will be moving fully towards using the PG app to disseminate information as well as carry out a range of administrative functions. To ensure that you do not miss out on important school information, we encourage you to download the app as soon as possible. More details are shared in point 3 as well as Annex B of the IN LINK. We look forward to your support.

## 1. White Sandians – Our Pupils, Our Pride

We would like to congratulate our pupils for achieving outstanding results in the various domains listed below. We also recognise that these achievements have been made possible because of the strong support from all parents and staff. Thank you for the support.

- SPSSC National School Games (NSG):
  - Football National Championship 2019 Senior Boys: 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Table Tennis National Junior Division Boys (Singles): 2<sup>nd</sup> in Tier Competition; Leo Sun (P5 Attentive)
- Singapore Press Holdings Foundation National Primary School Tchoukball Championships 2019 Senior Division: 9<sup>th</sup>
- Good Neighbour Award 2019: Li Yishi, Elsie (P5 Attentive)
- 11th National Story-telling Competition "Leaders of Greatness" 2019 [Chinese Language]; Primary School Category A: 4th; Lee Ying Xuan (P2 Compassionate)

## 2. National Day Celebrations 2019

The school will be celebrating National Day on Thursday, 8 August 2019. This year's National Day celebration marks the 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our nation's independence. The theme, "Our Singapore", commemorates our Singapore bicentennial and allows us to tell Our Singapore story from past to present.

The National Day celebration will be from 7.30am to 10.15am for all pupils. To enhance the celebrative mood and atmosphere, pupils are encouraged to come in their best representations of Singapore and, or red T-shirts with school shorts and, or skirts. Footwear is to be confined to school shoes and socks. Pupils can choose to be in the school uniform. They are encouraged to bring a small National flag to school. Do note that the canteen will be closed on that day. Parents are to make arrangements to fetch their children when the celebration ends. For pupils taking school bus, the school bus operator has been informed of the school hours for the day.

## 3. Home-Based Learning

The PSLE Oral Examinations will be held on Thursday, 15 August and Friday, 16 August. During the two days, Primary 1 (P1) to Primary 5 (P5) pupils are not required to report to school. The school will be conducting Home-based Learning for all P1 to P5 pupils on these days. Please refer to **Annex A** for the details.



#### 4. Praising children right



Praise is often viewed positively as it makes the recipient feel good about themselves. Thus it may be natural for parents to praise their children. Praising children for the grades or their talent such as saying they are good at something is not helpful as it promotes a fixed mindset. Therefore, what is more important is to praise the way children approach a task, not how hard they tried or how well they did. For instance, you might praise your child for the way he or she solved a problem or how he or she organized her homework to get it all done. It puts the emphasis on the steps your child took to get to the end result. More information can be also found at

- <https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/why-certain-types-of-praise-can-backfire>
- <https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/how-do-you-praise>

#### 5. Procedures for Primary 6 Pupils during Preliminary Examination Written Papers

The Primary 6 (P6) pupils will be sitting for the 2019 Preliminary Examination Written Papers from 22 August to 28 August 2019 as shown below:

DATE	SUBJECT & PAPER
22 August 2019	English Papers 1 & 2 Foundation English Papers 1 & 2
23 August 2019	Mathematics Foundation Mathematics
26 August 2019	Mother Tongue Papers 1 & 2 Foundation Mother Tongue Paper 1
27 August 2019	Science Foundation Science
28 August 2019	Higher Mother Tongue Papers 1 & 2

The reporting time for all pupils will be as per normal at 7.30 am, including pupils taking Foundation Mother Tongue Paper 1. The school will be simulating the dismissal procedures taken during the PSLE for the Preliminary Examination. This means all P6 pupils will be dismissed after the end of each paper on every examination day. If your child is exempted from Mother Tongue/ takes an NTIL subject or foreign language in lieu of Mother Tongue, he or she does not need to report to school on 26 August 2019. For pupils who do not take Higher Mother Tongue, they do not need to report to school on 28 August 2019. Normal school hours will resume for all P6 pupils on 29 August 2019.

Separately, the subject teachers will carry out consultation sessions after each paper on a needs basis. The pupils will be informed separately should they be required to attend the consultation session(s). Sufficient break will be given to your child after the end of each paper, before the consultation session begins.

#### 6. Parents Gateway (PG)

The school shared through the IN LINK Bulletin in May and July that it is on-boarding Parents Gateway (PG), a mobile app specially designed for parents. Developed by MOE and GovTech, the app allows parents to engage with schools, receive information and perform a range of administrative functions such as giving consent for school trips. Starting this semester, we will begin using PG for the above functions. It will ultimately replace the school's usage of SNAC by the **end of Term 3**. As such, please download the PG mobile app on your mobile phone and perform a simple one-time on-boarding process if you have yet to download it. Please refer to **Annex B** for a step-by-step guide.

Your partner-in-education,

Ms Audrey Wong  
Principal

School Motto – Learn Grow Excel Together

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



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### 2019 Home-Based Learning Information

Pupils in Primary 1 (P1) to Primary 5 (P5) do not need to report to school on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019 due to the PSLE Oral Examination. On the two days, the school will be conducting Home-Based Learning (HBL) for the P1 - P5 pupils. Pupils can complete the learning activities anytime over these two days.

The objectives of HBL are to provide opportunities for pupils to cultivate independent learning strategies and to ensure that learning can still continue to take place during a school closure due to emergencies.

During this period, your child will be doing online learning assignments from home through the Student Learning Space (SLS) via <https://vle.learning.moe.edu.sg/>. The use of Internet browsers on personal computers to access the website is recommended. Planned learning activities will be assigned by teachers to your child through SLS.

A list of learning activities for HBL and additional information on accessing the website are attached in the following pages. For technical assistance, you may contact:

- the SLS helpdesk at 6702 6513 from 9.00am to 9.00pm on Monday to Friday, and 9.00am to 3.00pm on Saturday.
- the school's technical support helpline at 6922 9100 from 9.00am to 12.00pm on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August.

As teachers are involved in the PSLE Oral Examinations on the above dates, teachers will only be able to provide clarification on the learning activities from the next school day on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

We seek parents' support on the above and in making alternative arrangements for your child to access HBL if your child does not have a computer with Internet connection at home. Kindly contact your child's C4RE teacher if you require any clarification on HBL.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Liew Guan Jie  
Subject Head (ICT)

**Learning Activities for HBL 2019 (15<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019)**

P1 – P2:

Subject	Approximate Time Required per Subject
English	20 minutes
Mathematics	
Mother Tongue	

P3 – P5:

Subject	Approximate Time Required per Subject
English	30 minutes
Mathematics	
Science	
Mother Tongue	

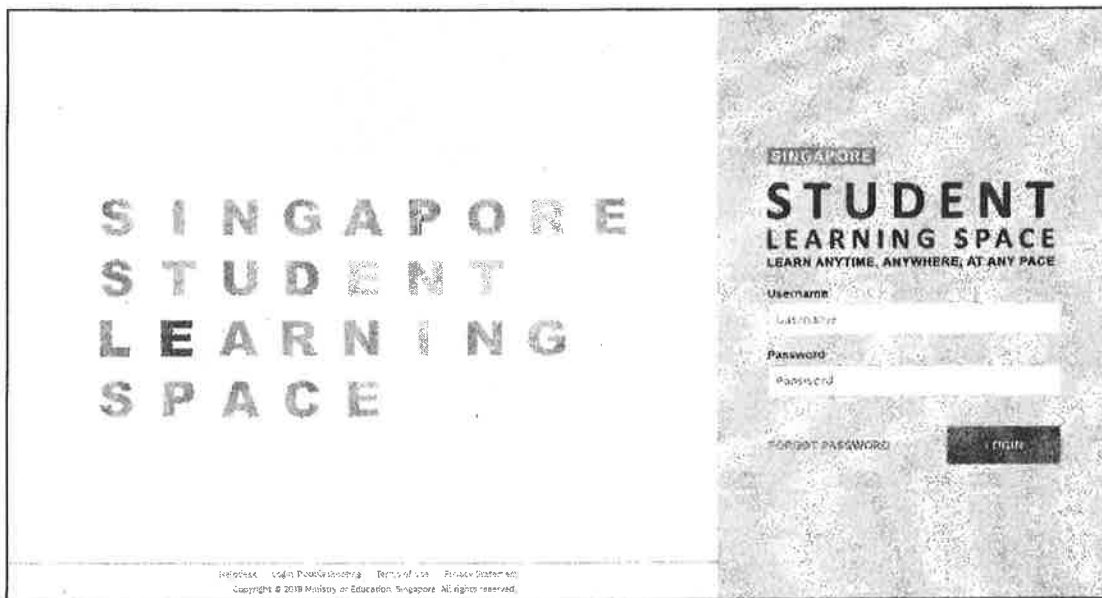
*Pupils can complete the above learning activities anytime over the two days of HBL.*

**Accessing SLS for HBL**

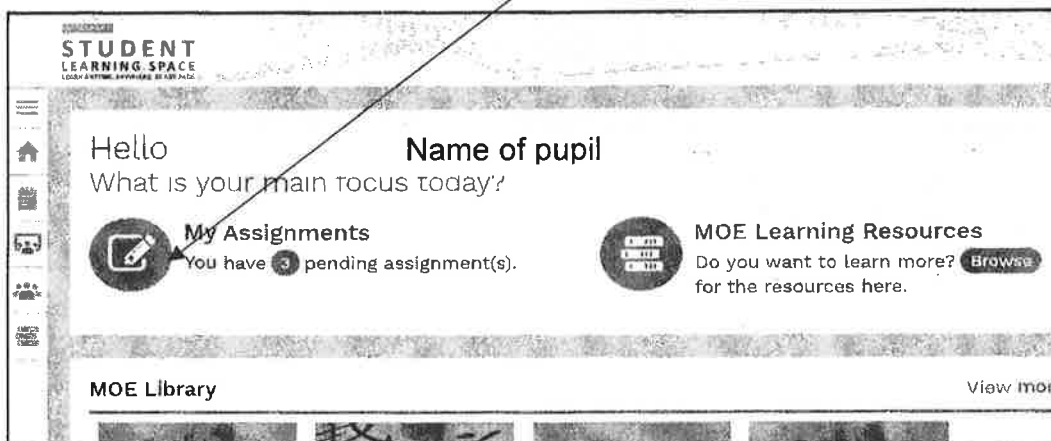
1. Using any Internet browser, visit <https://vle.learning.moe.edu.sg>.
2. Login after entering the username and password.

Your child's SLS login details are:

Username (pupils to fill in)	
Password (pupils to fill in)	



3. Access the learning activities via My Assignments.



## Guide to set-up Parent Gateway

### Step 1 – SingPass Registration and 2FA Setup

SingPass 2-Step Verification (2FA) is required for on-boarding. If you have not registered for a SingPass or have not set up the 2FA, please visit the SingPass website (<https://www.singpass.gov.sg>), or scan the QR codes below to do so. Should you require further assistance on SingPass, please contact SingPass Helpdesk at 6643-0555. For other matters, please contact Mr Liew at 6922 9124 if you need any further clarifications



### Step 2 – Download Parents Gateway Mobile App

- a. Open the Apple App Store or Google Play Store app on your mobile phone.
- b. Search for the 'Parents Gateway' mobile app, or scan the QR code below.

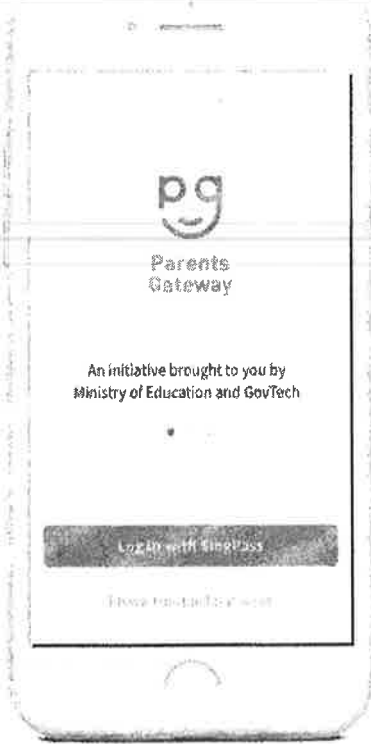


- c. Download and install the app onto your phone.
- d. Enable '**Allow Notifications**' to receive push notifications.

**Note:** Supported OS Versions - **Android 5.0 or later & iOS 9.1 or later**

**Step 3 – One-Time On-boarding**

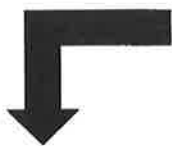
1. Tap on “Log in with SingPass”



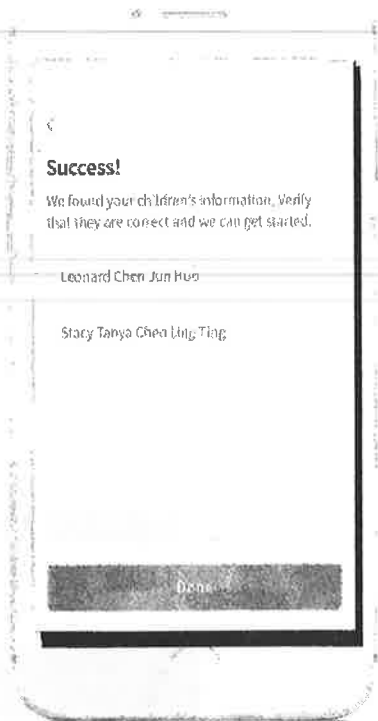
2. Log in with your SingPass (2FA)



3. Tap on “Retrieve” to retrieve your child(ren)’s information



4. Tap on "Done" to complete on-boarding



5. You should see your child(ren)'s school announcements and activities (if any)

