



Dear Parents,

We are now in our last week of Term 3 and would like to share with you the achievements of our students, updates on the school matters for the upcoming Term as well as alert you to some of the changes that we will be making in 2020.

1. White Sandians – Our Pupils, Our Pride

We would like to congratulate our pupils for achieving outstanding results in two areas 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.

➤ CCA Achievement (Scouts)

We would like to congratulate 5 of our Cub Scouts who are awarded with the Akela Award in 2019. The Akela Award is presented by the Singapore Scout Association to outstanding Cub Scouts in recognition of their excellent performances in scouting activities. This award is the highest award that a Cub Scout can achieve.

Name of child	Class
He Jiachen	6A
Koh Wei Lun	6A
Ting Ka Hong	6A
Shankaran S/O Kesavan	6B
Rayshawn Chua	6F

➤ National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore (NMOS)

We would like to congratulate 7 of our pupils for achieving the following awards in the NMOS organised by NUS High School held on 3 July.

Name of child	Class	Award
Boyce Ang Kok Hong (Hong Guo Feng)	5A	Gold
Li Xiwen	5A	Silver
Lim Tian Yu	5A	Bronze
Xavier Ong Qixuan	5A	Bronze
Wu Joye	4G	Bronze
Mohamed Hazarul Rasheed S/O Mohamed Ismail	5A	Honourable Mention
Muhammad Musta'in Bin Mohamad Hizahar	5A	Honourable Mention

2. Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration

The school is organizing our annual Mid-Autumn Festival celebration in school on 20 September 2019 (Friday) from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Apart from providing the pupils with the opportunities to appreciate the customs and traditions of the festival, we hope to invite pupils and their families from all races to have a meaningful time of bonding together. Most of the activities will be conducted in English.

The highlights include: performances including songs and skits, tea and mooncake (halal) appreciation, games, hands-on activities and lantern procession. As it is an evening programme, kindly note that every pupil has to be accompanied by an adult in order to participate in the programme.

3. Usage of Parents Gateway and Discontinuation of SNAC

We would like to inform you that from Term 4 onwards, the school will be discontinuing the usage of the School Notification Acknowledgement Console (SNAC) for sending of notifications. Notifications will now be sent via 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 Term 4, we will be using PG for various administrative functions such as giving of consent and declaring of travel intention.

We would like to invite you to download the Parents Gateway mobile app on your mobile phone (available on iOS and Android platforms only) and perform a simple one-time on-boarding process if you have not done so. Please refer to Annex A for a step-by-step guide.

4. Rallying Together - Conducive Environment for P6 Pupils during the PSLE

The school hall, which is directly above the canteen, will be used for the PSLE Written papers from 26 September to 2 October.

To reduce the noise level and provide a more conducive environment for our graduating pupils, we strongly encourage pupils from P1 to P5 to bring packed food from home for recess during the above mentioned period. For pupils who are unable to do so, arrangements will be made for them to purchase food from the canteen which will be packed for their convenience.

For recess, pupils will eat their food in class and do some relaxing activities such as playing board games. We hope that parents will rally together and support us in the matter.

5. PSLE Listening Comprehension

Please be reminded that there will be no school for P1 to P5 pupils on 20 September 2019 as the P6 pupils will be sitting for their PSLE Listening Comprehension. The School Student Care Centre will still be open on that day.

6. Change in dismissal time for Primary 6 pupils after PSLE.

With effect from 7 October 2019, the dismissal time for P6 pupils on ***Mondays & Tuesdays*** will be at ***1.45 pm***, instead of the usual 2.15 pm, due to the cessation of the P6 supplementary lessons.

7. Installation and usage of Turnstile at Gate E

Please note a single-way exit Turnstile has been installed next to Gate E to enable our students to reach the bus-stop without the need to walk cross the entrance of the main school gate. The Turnstile is already in operations during school-opening hours. We seek your support to remind your child to use this Turnstile to reach the bus-stop if Gate E is closed.

8. School curriculum hours 2020

We would like to share changes to curriculum hours for 2020. We have relooked at the current curriculum hours to cater to the well-being of all students and the diverse needs of the learners. Upon engaging with our stakeholders such as Parents Support Group, teachers and pupil leaders, we will be adopting the following school hours for all levels from the year 2020.

We are sharing the tentative schedule of planned after-curriculum activity for your early planning. However, please note that there may be ad-hoc learning journeys, activities or outside school competitions planned on some Thursdays and Fridays. For such activities, we will provide you with ample notice for your pre-planning.

Day	Curriculum hours	After curriculum
Monday	7.45am – 1.30pm	Pupil related sessions, for example, Enrichment, Student Leaders' meeting
Tuesday	7.45am – 1.30pm	HMT, *Remedial classes (2.00pm – 4.00pm)
Wednesday	7.45am – 1.30pm	P3 – P6 CCA (2.00pm – 3.30pm)
Thursday	7.45am – 1.30pm	No Planned Student Programme
Friday	7.45am – 1.15pm	No Planned Student Programme

Daily Assembly and punctuality

For 2020, the flag-raising ceremony will begin at **7.35 a.m.** and all pupils are expected to be present in the hall/classroom for the ceremony. **Pupils who are not present for the flag-raising ceremony at the hall/classroom will be considered as late for school.** We seek parents cooperation to send your child to school by 7.30am so as to allow your child enough time to settle down and start the day right.

Recess

There will also be a change in recess timings for some levels as follows:

Levels/ Recess Timing	9.15am - 9.45am	9.45am - 10.15am	10.15am - 10.45am	Snack Break Timing
P1 & 4	Recess			12.05pm
P2 & 5		Recess		
P3 & 6			Recess	

9. Parenting in the Digital Age – What is the right age to give my child a smart phone?

Children today are growing up in a radically different and digitally-connected environment. How does this change and shape the roles that parents play in their learning and growth? Issues ranging from 'How do I know if my child is ready for a smartphone?' to 'What kind of rules can I set for my child when using the phone?' can be found in the QR code below. Hope that you will find the reading helpful.



Thank you once again for taking time to go through this bulletin. I wish your child a fulfilling September holiday.

Your partner-in-education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AWong'.

Ms Audrey Wong
Principal

School Motto – Learn Grow Excel Together

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

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, please contact SingPass Helpdesk at 6643-0555.



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.

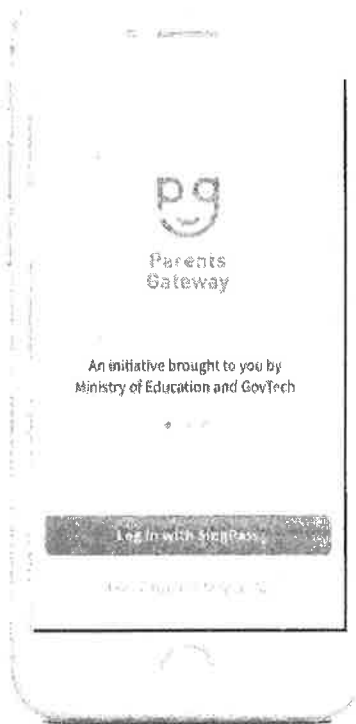


- c. Download and install the app onto your phone.
- d. Enable 'Allow Notifications' to receive push notifications.

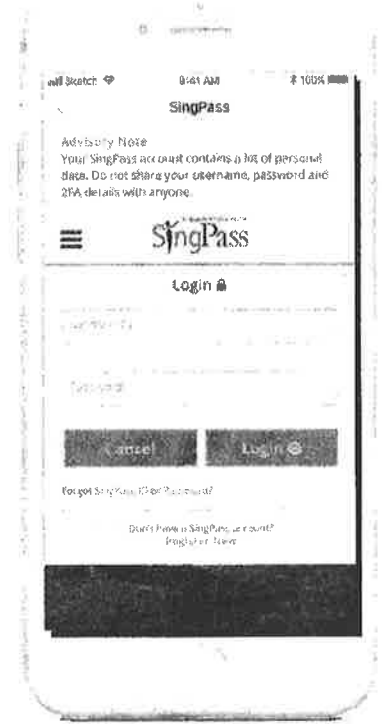
Note: Supported OS Versions - Android 5.0 or later & iOS 9.1 or later

Step 3 – One-Time On-boarding

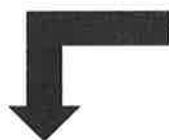
1. Tap on “Log in with SingPass”



2. Log in with your SingPass (2FA)

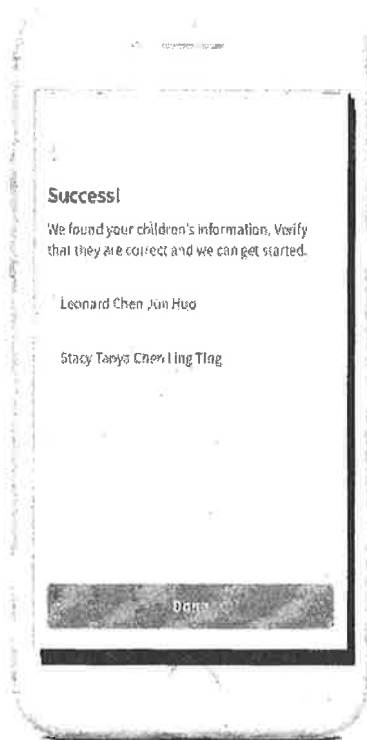


3. Tap on “Retrieve” to retrieve your child(ren)’s information



Annex A

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



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

