



# WHITE SANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents/guardians,

## 1. Safe Management Measures (SMM)

a) As Singapore makes further progress towards living with COVID-19, we are now in a position to make a significant move to ease our community Safe Management Measures (SMM). In tandem with the easing of community SMMs based on the 5 parameters, the school will be implementing the following measures:

i. Revision of the staggered dismissal **with effect from 18 Apr, Mon** as follows:

Days	P1 to P3	P4 to P6
Monday to Thursday	1.15 p.m.	1.30 p.m.
Friday	1.00 p.m.	1.15 p.m.

- ii. Transition from exam-style seating arrangement to pair/group seating arrangements. Class group work of up to 10 pax is allowed.
- iii. Resumption of level-based assemblies and unstructured play during recess.
- iv. Resumption of face-to-face CCAs, learning journeys and school activities in adherence to overall SMM parameters.
- b) As we relax our SMM postures, we will need to continue to stay vigilant and disciplined by adhering to the prevailing health protocols as follows:
- i. Do continue to share and emphasise the importance of practising good personal hygiene and healthy habits with your child/ward.
- ii. Your child should put on his/her mask at all times within the school premises (e.g. hall, library, classroom, canteen and school bus). Mask wearing is optional outdoors. (e.g. unenclosed spaces and corridors).
- iii. Your child is required to bring his/her working TT token/App to school.
- iv. Pupils are to keep common areas clean by wiping down surfaces where necessary.
- v. Pupils should be socially responsible. Those who are unwell should stay at home and seek medical treatment if necessary.
- vi. Pupils should test ART negative each day if they are on Health Risk Notice (HRN) before entering the school.
- c) We hope to have your support to ensure that our school continues to be safe for our pupils and staff as we begin to ease SMM. By working together, we can look forward to achieving COVID-19 resiliency as a nation.

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## 2. International Friendship Day 2022

The school will be commemorating International Friendship Day (IFD) on the week of 4 Apr to 8 Apr 2022 with the theme 'Singapore in Asia'. To develop pupils to be future ready global citizens, the IFD programme aims to nurture in them the spirit of friendship and collaboration among their peers living within and/ or outside Singapore. Pupils will also be acquainted with the diverse and colourful culture and traditions of the ASEAN region as they take part in the meaningful activities prepared for them.

To instil in our pupils the values of appreciation and gratitude towards migrant workers in our nation, the school will be organizing a donation drive from 4 Apr to 8 Apr 2022. Through this donation drive, we hope to provide the beneficiaries with some of their daily necessities.

Pupils at the various levels are encouraged to bring the allocated items to school on the collection week. They are to place the donated items at a designated space in their classrooms.

Primary	Items
1	Toothbrush, Toothpaste (approx. 200g-250g)
2	Face masks, Hand sanitisers (approx. 50-100ml)
3	Soap bars
4	Cup Noodles (Halal)
5	Biscuits (Halal)
6	Beverages (Halal) Example: 3-in-1 Milo sachets

The donation drive is in collaboration with the Migrant Workers' Centre, a non-government organisation whose mission is to champion fair employment practices and the well-being of migrant workers in Singapore. You may find out more about the organisation from this link. <https://www.mwc.org.sg/wps/portal/mwc/home>

We hope that you can join us in this effort to show kindness to our migrant workers and bring smiles to their faces.

## 3. School-based Assessment

### a) Primary 4 & Primary 6 SA1 Oral Examinations

The Primary 4 and Primary 6 Semestral Assessment 1 Oral Examinations for the English Language and Mother Tongue Languages will be held on the following days as reflected in the table below. More information will be communicated through PG closer to the dates.

Date/Day	Level	Assessment Timing
27 Apr – 29 Apr (Wed - Fri)	P6	After school curriculum hours from 2pm to 5.45pm  (Pupils are allowed to leave school once they have finished their oral examinations for the day.)
5 May – 6 May (Thu – Fri)	P4	During curriculum hours

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#### b) Primary 3 & Primary 5 Weighted Assessment 1

Since 2020, to reduce over-emphasis on grades, the school has re-adjusted the assessment plans for Primary 3 & 5. Weighted Assessments have been introduced to provide timely feedback to address the learning gaps and provide support in the pupils' learning. These bite-sized weighted assessments are conducted during Terms 2 and 3 of a school year. They constitute a total of 30% of the overall assessment weightage for the year.

Pupils from Primary 3 & 5 will be having their Weighted Assessment 1 during Term 2 Week 5 & 6 (18 Apr to ~~26~~ **29** Apr 2022). Their subject teachers will inform them of the dates of the assessments at least a week before.

#### 4. Schedule for Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE)

Please be informed of the following dates for PSLE 2022:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Paper</b>
15 Aug and 16 Aug	Oral
16 Sep	Listening Comprehension
29 Sep	English Language Paper 1 & 2
30 Sep	Mathematics Paper 1 & 2
3 Oct	Mother Tongue Paper 1 & 2
4 Oct	Science
5 Oct	Higher Mother Tongue Paper 1 & 2

More information on the PSLE can be found in SEAB website at:

<https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/psle>

#### 5. Triple P Level 2 Parenting Seminars (Transition to Primary School: P1 & P2)

Methodist Welfare Service Family Support Programme (MWS FSP) will be conducting 3 parenting seminars especially for parents of Primary 1 & 2 pupils. These seminars seek to provide added support for parents with children transiting to Primary 1 & 2. The details for the seminars have been shared to you via Parents' Gateway on 21 Mar 2022.

- Seminar 1: **16 April 2022 (Sat), 9:00am - 10:30am** - Power of Positive Parenting
- Seminar 2: **23 April 2022 (Sat), 9:00am - 10:30am** - Raising Confident and Competent Children
- Seminar 3: **30 April 2022 (Sat), 9:00am - 10:30am** - Raising Resilient Children

Parents who are interested in attending the seminars, please register by 8 Apr 2022 using this link, <https://forms.office.com/r/6ZZszi2Rvu>. Once you have registered, MWS FSP will be sending you the confirmation email closer to the seminar date. We look forward to seeing you at the seminars.

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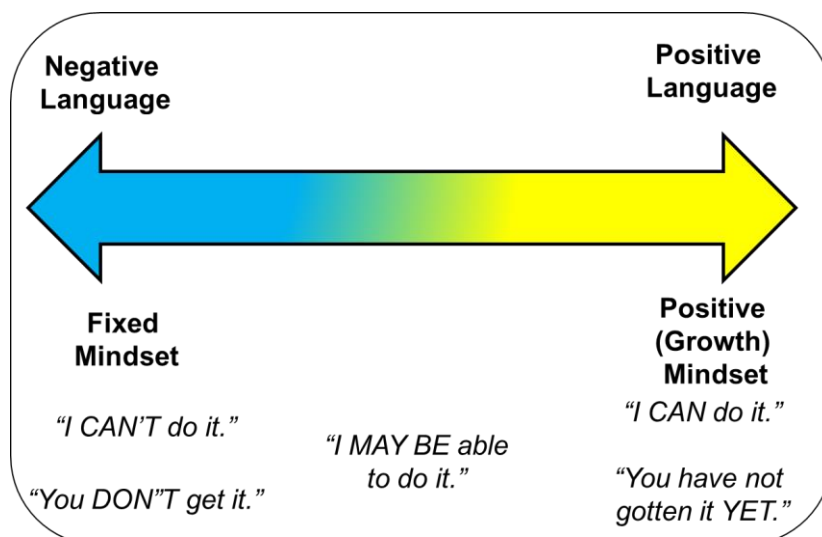
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## 6. Developing Growth Mindset through Positive Language

For April, we would like to focus on using Positive Language to create a Growth Mindset. Using Positive Language reassures, inspires, and provides alternatives to negative language or behaviours.

To understand how Positive Language works, one has to recognize the effects of negative language. Negative language tends to be sweeping, all-or-nothing statements that jump to conclusions. There are certain words that are flags for negative self-talk, such as “I can’t,” “I am not” or “I don’t.” When children say something negative, we can help them reframe their thoughts into positive ones using the following 3Ps approach:

1. **Process** the problem by finding out what the problem is – **Ask** “How can I help you?” “What happened?”
2. **Praise** and reassure them that their efforts are still appreciated and that we can overcome obstacles with the right strategy – **Say** “It is alright. We can overcome this. What can you do?” “How can you approach this differently?”
3. **Positive** statement reinforcement to help them opt for a more positive alternative – **Say** “I haven’t gotten it yet” instead of “I didn’t get it”



We have attached a video and other articles on positive language for your reference:

- a) <https://go.gov.sg/positivelanguage>
- b) <https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/are-your-words-actually-hurting-your-child-s-learning-ability>
- c) <https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/why-certain-types-of-praise-can-backfire>

Do share your experience with us via <https://go.gov.sg/experiencepositivelanguage> by 15 April 2022 so that we could learn collectively. We look forward to hearing from you.

Your partner-in-education,

Ms Audrey Wong  
Principal

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