



# WHITE SANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents/guardians,

Happy New Year and welcome to the new school year 2022. For parents/guardians who just joined our White Sands family, a very warm welcome!

Our school vision and mission statements, in addition to our values and motto, will continue to guide us in developing our students holistically. With the strong partnership between parents and the school, we will continue to make White Sands Primary School a conducive and caring environment where our children forge lasting friendships and wonderful memories learning, growing and excelling together.

We would like to bid farewell to and thank the following staff for their contribution:

- Mdm Rahanim (Science teacher)
- Mdm Zulaiha (Math & Sci teacher)
- Ms Saraniya (Tamil language teacher)
- Mr Seng Liak Soon (Chinese language teacher)
- Mdm Hafiza (Math teacher)
- Ms Yvonne Goh (Chinese language teacher)
- Ms Low Kit Yong (CSO)

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

- Ms Brenda Ng (HOD/SEN)
- Mdm Nurfarahin Bte Salleh Udin (EL and Sci teacher)
- Ms Maybelline Chan (Chinese language teacher)
- Ms Poh Hui Qin (Chinese language teacher)
- Mr Mohammad Jamalludin B Mohd Affandi (Malay language teacher)
- Mdm Jembu Krishnamurthy Nalini (Tamil language teacher)
- Mrs Goh Bee Chew (EL and Math teacher)

## 1. Safe Management Measures (SMM) and Health-related matters

In alignment with national measures to combat newer COVID variants, and to mitigate the risk of transmission in school, we would like to seek your support to continue to inculcate good habits and personal hygiene practices in your child/ ward to ensure that **Safe Management Measures** are implemented well. The measures are as follows:-

### Importance of Social Responsibility

- a. Bring their TraceTogether token or app with them wherever they go and throughout the school day to facilitate contact tracing. For contact tracing purposes, students should carry it with them at all times.
- b. Bring their Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) to school daily for temperature taking. Kindly check that the thermometer is in good working condition.
- c. Take the ART when required to do so.

- d. Stay away when unwell and remain at home if they are have any flu-like or COVID symptoms (e.g. fever, runny nose, cough, loss of smell). Please bring your child/ ward to see a doctor to seek medical attention and be tested. Do inform the school immediately.
- e. Put on high filtration surgical face masks (>95% BFE) as a default. Students are reminded on the strict adherence and wear masks at all times except when eating or drinking. Students should not talk when their masks are off. Students should not interact while unmasked and eating/drinking.

It is of utmost importance for you to reinforce the following measures with your child/ ward. You can do this by ensuring that your child/ward carries out the same routines whenever you and your family go out or return home. We will also need your help to be good role models to your child/ward in these areas:

### Reinforcing good habits

- i. Adherence to cleaning routines and personal hygiene habits (e.g. handwashing, wipe down personal space). All students will wipe down their desk areas and common/shared equipment each time they need to move to a different classroom/venue.
- ii. Students should stay at home as much as possible and refrain from visiting each other's homes. Project meetings and other schoolwork that require collaboration should be done online.
- iii. Students should continue to wipe down surfaces of public spaces, e.g. canteen, after they use them.
- iv. Students should be reminded to wash their hands frequently with soap, and use hand sanitisers found in the classroom. Continue to wash hands frequently at home, ensure good ventilation in the house and use serving spoons while eating during meal times.

The school will continue to stay vigilant and put in our best efforts to ring-fence and keep all students and staff members safe in school. We seek your partnership to win this battle against Covid-19 for the safety and wellbeing of our staff and students.

## **2. Communications between Parents and School**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Email Contact</b>
Ms Audrey Wong	Principal	wsp@mo.edu.sg
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#### b. Pupil Handbook Details

All students would receive the Pupil Handbook 2022 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 school rules, school procedures, school uniform and school assessment. Thereafter, do acknowledge on page 14 and page 25 of the Pupil Handbook.

#### c. Parents Gateway (PG)

Other than emails, phone calls and the student handbook as mode of communications, the school uses the PG mobile app to convey important messages and notifications to parents. Developed by MOE and GovTech, PG allows parents to receive information and perform a range of administrative functions such as giving of consent and declaring of travel intention.

#### d. White Sands on Social Media

Our school maintains a presence on Facebook. This is a platform for us to share on the vibrancy of learning in our school, relevant resources and interesting news. Parents can access it at <https://www.facebook.com/whitesandsprimaryschoolofficial>. Please be informed that photos of students for their involvement during various events and learning experiences will be posted on this page. Parents are to contact Mr Liew Guan Jie at [liew\\_guan\\_jie@schools.gov.sg](mailto:liew_guan_jie@schools.gov.sg) if they have any feedback on the matter.

### 3. Daily assembly and punctuality

In line with the school value of responsibility, we seek parents' support in ensuring that your child be punctual. Being punctual will imbue the habit of punctuality and develop self-discipline and time management. We would like to remind parents that students who are not

present for the flag-raising ceremony at the hall/classroom will be considered as late for school.

As we have pre-assembly programmes planned and temperature taking routines, we strongly encourage your child/ward to be in school by 7.30am.

#### 4. Co-curricular Activities (CCA) Schedule for Term 1 2022

All our students, from Primary 3 to Primary 6, are strongly encouraged to participate in and contribute to one CCA. CCA forms an integral part of our students' holistic education where our students 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. As to date, our CCA participation rate has been more than 99%.

This year, our CCA sessions will be conducted on Wednesdays and will start in Term 1 Week 3, 19 Jan 2022.

In line with the national stance on SMM, we will adopt a blended approach this term (i.e. via both Face-to-Face and eCCA modes) with the exception of Choir CCA which will be conducted fully in the eCCA mode.

The table below reflects the schedule for the CCA in Term 1:

TERM 1			P5 & P6	P3 & P4
Week 1	5-Jan	No CCA		
Week 2	12-Jan	No CCA		
Week 3	19-Jan	<b>CCA</b>	<b>Face to Face</b> 2 to 3.30 p.m.	eCCA (Zoom) 3 to 4 p.m.
Week 4	26-Jan	<b>CCA</b>	<b>Face to Face</b> 2 to 3.30 p.m.	eCCA (Zoom) 3 to 4 p.m.
Week 5	2-Feb	No CCA		
Week 6	9-Feb	<b>CCA</b>	<b>Face to Face</b> 2 to 3.30 p.m.	eCCA (Zoom) 3 to 4 p.m.
Week 7	16-Feb	<b>CCA</b>	<b>Face to Face</b> 2 to 3.30 p.m.	eCCA (Zoom) 3 to 4 p.m.
Week 8	23-Feb*	<b>CCA for P3,4,5</b>	eCCA (Zoom) 3 to 4 p.m.	<b>Face to Face</b> 2 to 3.30 p.m.
Week 9	2-Mar	<b>CCA</b>	eCCA (Zoom) 3 to 4 p.m.	<b>Face to Face</b> 2 to 3.30 p.m.
Week 10	9-Mar	<b>CCA</b>	eCCA (Zoom) 3 to 4 p.m.	<b>Face to Face</b> 2 to 3.30 p.m.

\*There is no CCA session for P6 on 23 Feb due to CA1.

The Face-to-Face sessions will be from 2pm – 3.30pm while the eCCA sessions will be from 3pm - 4pm with the exception of these two CCAs: **Choir and Football Girls**. The timings for these two CCAs will be communicated to parents via PG separately.

#### 5. Supplementary and remedial schedule

P6 remedial lessons will be held weekly on Tuesday afternoons from Term 1 Week 6 (8 Feb 2022) onwards. Remedial for the other levels will start from Term 2. Parents will be notified via PG if your child is selected for remedial lessons.

## 6. Assessment schedule for P6

Please note the assessment schedule in the table under point 12 below. More details on topics and assessment coverage will be sent via PG.

## 7. School-Parents Engagement and Communication Sessions (SPECS)

SPECS is the school's annual platform for School Leaders and teachers to share with parents on the students' learning experiences for the year ahead so that parents may provide the necessary support and reinforcement at home. This year, SPECS would be carried out via zoom in Term 1 on the following days:

Level	Date
P1	4 Mar 2022 (Fri)
P2	18 Feb 2022 (Fri)
P3 & P4	11 Feb 2022 (Fri)
P5 & P6	21 Jan 2022 (Fri)

More information about the respective level's engagement session will be sent to you via PG nearer the date. We look forward to seeing you at the virtual engagement sessions!

## 8. P4 Values In Action- Project ExCITE! (EXperiencing Community Involvement Through Engagement of self and others!)

In our efforts to provide learning experiences to nurture our students into socially responsible citizens who contributed meaningfully to the community, the P4 students will take part in "Project EXCITE!" during school curriculum hours over the course of the year. Students will have the opportunity to collaborate with their peers to decorate the school compound for the three festivals namely Chinese New Year, Hari Raya Puasa and Deepavali. Through this programme, students will learn to appreciate the cultures and traditions observed by the different races.

## 9. Chinese New Year Celebrations, 31 January 2022

Our school Chinese New Year celebrations will be held on Monday, 31 January 2022. Please note that students will be dismissed according to the staggered dismissal timings as shown in the table below. Please make the necessary pick-up arrangements for your children. The school has informed our bus operator of the change in the school hours.

Levels	Dismissal Time
P1 & P2	9.45am
P3 & P4	10.00am
P5 & P6	10.15am

Students are to report to school as per usual. They are strongly encouraged to come in a red coloured top with the school shorts/skirt or in a Chinese traditional costume with school shoes. Students may also come to school in their school uniform. Please ensure that your child bring a small snack to school as the canteen stalls will not be opened. A snack break will be part of the programme planned for the day.

## 10. Mode of Cash Payments

Parents are strongly encouraged to make use of electronic means (e.g SAM) for cash payments. However, should you wish to make cash payments at our school's General Office, you may do so at the following designated time:

Day	Time
Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays)	9 am to 3 pm

A receipt will be given to parents for the cash payments made.

## 11. A Positive Mindset for a Great Start in School!

As we approach the start of a new school year, many parents are understandably concerned about what is expected in the new school term. The transition may seem daunting, but as parents, you can support by cultivating a positive mindset in your child!

It is important that children are equipped with the necessary socio-emotional skills to settle well into school life, make friends, and feel excited about learning. Children can enjoy a wonderful start to the fresh school term with some help and support from you. Following are some suggestions for your consideration to prepare your child/ward and to cultivate that love for school and learning:

- Modelling a sense of wonder and curiosity
- Sharing with your children what is exciting about school life
- Getting involved in your child's school activities.
- Teaching them responsibility
- Praising your child for incremental improvement
- Encouraging them to share with you everything about school

Ultimately, a child's educational journey should not be defined by just their academic achievements. We want to see the bright smiles on the faces of our children each day when they return home from school. Let us seek to nurture the joy of learning in our children, encourage their healthy social and emotional development, and enable them to create good memories of school to look back on.

More information can be found in these following links:

<https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/what-matters-when-our-children-start-primary-school>

<https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/back-to-school-with-a-bang>

## 12. Major Events and Holidays for Term 1

Date	Event	Remarks
21 Jan (Fri)	P5 & P6 SPECS	More details will be provided at a later date.
31 Jan (Mon)	CNY celebrations	--
11 Feb (Fri)	P3 & P4 SPECS	More details will be provided at a later date.
1 Feb (Tues) & 2 Feb (Wed)	<b>Chinese New Year (Public Holiday)</b>	Pupils do not report to school
18 Feb (Fri)	P2 SPECS	More details will be provided at a later date.
24 Feb (Thu)	P6 CA1 Eng /Foundation Eng	
25 Feb (Fri)	P6 CA1 Math /Foundation Math	
28 Feb (Mon)	P6 CA1 MT /Foundation MT	
1 Mar (Tues)	P6 CA1 Sci /Foundation Sci	
2 Mar (Wed)	P6 CA1 HMT	
4 Mar (Fri)	P1 SPECS	
12 Mar (Sat) – 20 Mar (Sun)	<b>Term 1 School Holidays</b>	--

Once again, thank you for your kind attention to the contents of this bulletin. Looking forward to a fulfilling Term 1 2022 with your child/ward.

Your partner-in-education,



Ms Audrey Wong  
Principal