



# TEMASEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Homelink H/111/2020

10 March 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,



## Appreciation and Accolades

As we come to the end of Term 1, we would like to thank you for your support and understanding as we made adjustments to school activities and procedures this term in response to the COVID-19 situation. We are grateful to one of our parents, Mdm Wendy Koh, who donated 50 bottles of hand sanitizers to the school for our student and staff use.

We would also like to share that our Brownies have done the school proud by attaining the Puan Noor Aishah Honour Award – Bronze Award.

With regard to other CCAs, you would have been informed of the suspension of National School Games (NSG) and other competitions this term due to the COVID-19 situation. We will keep you updated of the situation accordingly.

## Enhanced Student Dismissal Procedure at Gates B and B1

We have observed that at our school dismissal at 1.30 p.m., an average of 150 parents/caregivers enter the school to fetch our students, congregating at the Parents' Waiting Area. At the same time, our students are also dismissed at this Parents' Waiting Area. This creates a safety concern for us.

After much deliberation and thought, we will be making adjustments in our dismissal from Term 2 onwards in our efforts to provide a safe environment for our students at dismissal. As such, students will be dismissed directly from the two side gates, B and B1. For the lower primary (Primary 1 and Primary 2), the teachers will accompany the students to the dismissal gate.

From Monday, 23 March 2020, the first day of Term 2 2020, no parents/caregivers will be allowed inside the school to fetch students directly from the Foyer or Parents' Waiting Area during dismissal. Please inform your child/ward where you will be waiting for him/her at dismissal. The level and gate dismissal details are as follows:

Level	Gate
Primary 1, 3 and 5	B
Primary 2, 4 and 6	B1

Dismissal will be staggered by levels with the lower levels being dismissed first. We seek your co-operation not to block the dismissal gates so that the flow of human traffic will be fast and smooth.

In the event of rain, all students will be dismissed at Gate B.

We look forward to your support and understanding in this matter.



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## Student Well-Being

We are happy to share with you that our P1 students have settled well in school and enjoy school.

We would like to reinforce that the school places emphasis on the following important areas for the well-being of all our students:

### 1. Personal Hygiene and Grooming

Maintaining good personal hygiene promotes a positive self-image and cultivates healthy habits.

It is essential for our students to practise good personal hygiene habits daily such as keeping their hair tidy and their nails short and clean, and wearing clean school uniform/PE attire, school shoes and socks. Girls with long hair must have their hair plaited so that their hair is neat. All PE T-shirts must be neatly-tucked into school shorts at all times.

### 2. Social Responsibility

In the event that your child/ward is sick, please take him/her to see a doctor and ensure that he/she is well before returning to school. Do inform the school immediately if your child/ward is diagnosed with Dengue Fever, Chicken Pox, Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) or other illnesses that may be contagious and/or given Medical Leave, so that the school can take the necessary precautionary measures. Students should strictly adhere to the duration of all Medical Leave given.

Please ensure that if your child/ward has had a fever, he/she has fully recovered before returning to school. If your child/ward still has a fever in the morning, please do not send him/her to school.

All students are to have their own Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) for the daily temperature-taking exercise.

If your child/ward is in school and is unwell, you will be contacted to pick him/her up from the General Office. Students are not allowed to go home on their own due to safety reasons.

We seek your full cooperation and partnership in ensuring that our school is a safe and conducive teaching and learning environment for all our students and staff.

## Punctuality and Attendance During Term Time

We would like to seek the cooperation of parents to ensure that your child/ward arrives in school by 7.30 a.m.

Students are required to submit the "Application for Absence From School During School Days" form if they are absent from school during curriculum time due to personal/family reasons and not medical reasons. This application should be submitted at least three working days in advance and is subject to approval by the school on a case-by-case basis. For applications that are not approved, absence from school will be considered as "Absent without Valid Reason".

We would like to reiterate the importance of your child/ward's attendance in school during term time, and appreciate your support in this matter.



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## Travel Declaration for March Holidays

For parents/guardians who have done the travel declaration for the March holidays for your child/ward, we thank you for your quick response. For other parents/guardians who have not done so, we have extended the deadline for submission of the travel declaration on Parents Gateway to Thursday, 12 March 2020. A nil return is required.

## Taking Home of Study Materials for March Holidays

As the March holidays are approaching, we are requesting that students take home their textbooks, files and exercise books for their reference as part of their revision. The teachers will stagger the number of books and files to be brought home by students so that it is manageable for them.

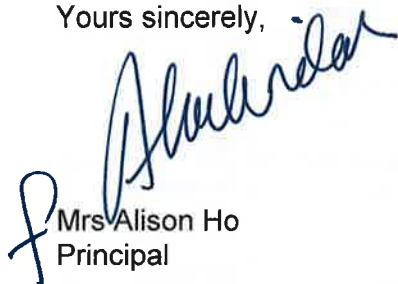
Our school operations support officers will be doing a thorough cleaning of the school including the lockers and the classrooms during the March holidays.

## Calendar of Activities for March Holidays and Term 2

Please refer to Annex A for activities that will be held in Term 2. Homelinks will be issued as necessary to provide more information on the various events/programmes. We seek your understanding that we may need to make adjustments depending on advisories in the management of the COVID-19 situation.

We look forward to your continued support next term and we wish you a restful and enjoyable holiday. School will reopen on **Monday, 23 March 2020**.

Yours sincerely,

  
Mrs Alison Ho  
Principal



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## Annex A

Calendar of Events for 2020 Term 2		
Date	Events/Programmes	Level
27 March	Earth Hour – Lights off @ TMPS	All levels
31 March – 6 April	Learning Tapestry	P2
2 & 3 April	Breakfast Chat	P6
7 April – 9 April	International Friendship Day	All levels
2 April – 8 April	Learning Tapestry	P3
8 & 9 April	Breakfast Chat	P1
10 April	Good Friday ( <b>Public Holiday</b> )	All levels
13 April – 17 April	NAPFA Test	P6
16 April	E-Learning for Students Students do not report to school	All levels
20 April	SA1 English & Mother Tongue Oral	P4
21 & 22 April	SA1 English & Mother Tongue Oral	P6
21 April – 23 April	NAPFA Test	P4
22 April	Earth Day	All levels
29 April	SA1 Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension	P4
1 May	Labour Day ( <b>Public Holiday</b> )	All levels
4 May	SA1 English Language Paper 1	P4
4 May	SA1 English Language Listening Comprehension	P6
5 May	SA1 Mother Tongue Paper 1	P4
5 May	SA1 Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension	P6
5 & 6 May	NE Learning Journey	P2
7 May	Vesak Day ( <b>Public Holiday</b> )	All levels
11 May	SA1 English Language Paper 2 & Listening Comprehension	P4
11 May	SA1 English Language Paper 1 & Paper 2	P6
12 May	SA1 Mathematics	P4 & P6
13 May	SA1 Mother Tongue Paper 1 & Paper 2	P6
13 May	SA1 Mother Tongue Paper 2	P4
14 May	SA1 Science	P4 & P6
15 May	SA1 Higher Mother Tongue	P6
18 May – 26 May	Learning Tapestry	P1
20 May – 27 May	Learning Tapestry	P5
22 May	Hari Raya Concert	All levels
25 May	Hari Raya Puasa ( <b>Public Holiday</b> )	All levels
27 May	Support Staff Appreciation Day	All levels
28 & 29 May	Student Parent Teacher Conference	All levels
30 May – 28 June	June Holidays	All levels

2020 June Holidays			
Date	Time	Activity	Level
24 – 26 June	8 a.m. to 12.30pm	Supplementary Lessons	P6