



# TEMASEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Homelink H/014/ 2020

2 January 2020

Dear Parents/Guardian,

Happy New Year! We hope you and your family have had a great start to 2020. We welcome you to the new academic year. 2020 promises to be exciting with our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and the many programmes to develop your child/ward holistically. We look forward to your support and partnership in your child/ward's journey of growth in 2020.

## New Staff

We welcome the following new staff members to the Temasek family.

Name of Staff	Appointment	Teaching Subject/ Area of Work
Mdm Ivy Poh Ser Lee	Teacher	Chinese Language and CCE
Mdm Farhanah Bte Suratman	Teacher	Malay Language and CCE

## Home-School Partnerships

We believe that parents/guardians play a key role in supporting the growth and development of our children and in partnering the school to achieve the school's vision where our children learn, lead, serve and grow to become future-ready citizens rooted in values. With support from the home and school, our children will be able to enjoy school life and taste success in school.

### a) Reporting and Dismissal Time

Please ensure that your child/ward arrives in school on time. The timing for reporting and dismissal are indicated in the table below. Only Primary 1 students have a different reporting and dismissal time for the first two days of school (2 January and 3 January 2020). The Flag-raising and Pledge-taking ceremony will start at 7.30 a.m. Students who are not present at the venue for the morning ceremony will be deemed late for school.

Reporting Time	Dismissal Time
7.30 a.m.	1.30 p.m.

### b) Attendance

Regular attendance has an impact on student achievement. We strongly believe that students should not miss lessons unless there is a valid reason. If you know that your child/ward needs to be away from school for a valid reason, you can inform the school of your child/ward's absence in advance by filling in the **Application for Absence From School During School Days** form which is available from the General Office. When approval is granted, students are expected to catch up on any assignments that they have missed.

### c) Homework

Please ensure that your child/ward completes all homework given by his/her teachers and hands it in on time. The homework given to each child may differ based on his/her progress level.



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## d) **School Rules**

The school places emphasis on Character Education and school rules are put in place to educate and guide our students in upholding the expected behaviour and protect the safety and interest of everyone in school. We seek your support to reinforce the school rules that we have laid out in the Student Handbook with your child/ward and help him/her to understand that he/she may lose privileges or face disciplinary consequences if the rules are not adhered to.

## e) **Attire**

All students are required to wear the school uniform as stipulated in the Student Handbook. Socks are also part of the school uniform, hence students are required to wear socks with the Temasek Primary School logo.

Your child/ward will need to put on his/her nametag. This is part of the school uniform and PE attire. Please refer to the Student Handbook for details on how the nametag is to be sewn onto the school attire and PE T-shirt.

All students have to put on the school tie on every Friday. More information will be given to your child/ward by the Form Teacher of the arrangements if students have PE/PAL lessons on Fridays.

## f) **Responsibility**

The school would like to work with all parents to help your child/ward grow to be more responsible and independent. If your child/ward has forgotten to bring his/her belongings (e.g. books, assignment, files, stationery) to school, please note that you do not need to come to the school to hand the item to your child/ward. If the item is required urgently, your child/ward's teacher will contact you. Please allow him/her to learn from these experiences even if he/she has to face the consequences of not bringing his/her belongings as required.

## g) **Communication**

Please share with your child/ward's teacher any information regarding his/her learning needs or health concerns so that we can support him/her better. In addition to the Parent Meetings and Parent-Student-Teacher Conference session, we encourage you to use the Student Handbook as a means of communication with the teachers to monitor your child/ward's progress. Besides indicating the homework given to your child/ward each day, the Student Handbook also allows teachers and parents to keep in contact through short messages. We believe that communication among parents, students and teachers is essential in our students' development.

Please visit our **school website** at <http://www.temasekpri.moe.edu.sg> to access school updates, information and important announcements to keep you informed and involved during the school year. The school will also be issuing you Homelinks to keep you updated on school programmes and activities.

We hope that you will find the various school platforms useful in communicating with your child/ward's teachers. While we would like to encourage you to have regular communication with the teachers, we would also like our teachers to spend time with their families and loved ones, and have enough rest so that they will be able to teach your child/ward better in class. As such, we would like to seek your understanding to contact our teachers between 7.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. on working days from Mondays to Fridays should you have any queries regarding your child/ward or school matters. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation on this.



## h) Student Well-being

- (i) The school places great importance on the well-being and health of our students. We seek your assistance to verify and complete the **Individual Student Details Report (ISDR)** attached. Only Primary 1 students will receive these forms at a later date. Please submit the completed forms to the Form Teacher by **Monday, 6 January 2020**.

We would like to request that the following actions be taken:

- check the details and ensure that the information stated in the ISDR is correct and complete. Fill in the missing information, if any.
  - use a red pen to cancel and update information next to the outdated one in the ISDR
    - If the change is on the contact address, please attach a photocopy of both sides of the NRIC of parent(s) for documentation.
  - sign on the bottom right-hand corner of every page of the report as well as at the end of the report to verify that all the information has been checked and corrected (if necessary).
- (ii) If your child/ward is ill, please submit a medical certificate when your child/ward returns to school. We would appreciate it if you could inform the school as soon as possible if your child/ward is diagnosed with Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD), Dengue Fever, chicken pox or other contagious illnesses so that precautionary measures can be taken.

- ***In the event that your child is unwell***

It is recommended that students with high fever fully recover before returning to school. If your child/ward has a fever (temperature above 37.6°C), please ensure that he/she remains at home. If your child/ward is unwell in school, the school will contact you to pick him/her up from the General Office. Students are not permitted to go back home on their own due to safety reason.

- ***School Temperature Taking Exercise***

As part of the school's continuing efforts to provide a healthy and safe environment for all, the school conducts the temperature-taking exercise twice yearly. The exercise is a good way for us to remind our students of the need to exercise personal responsibility and personal hygiene. The first temperature taking exercise will be carried out on **Thursday, 16 January 2020**. The Form Teachers will conduct a check on students' thermometers in the week of Monday, 6 January 2020. Please ensure that your child/ward brings a working personal Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) to school.



## School Smart Card Photo-taking (Primary 1 & 6)

There will be a photo-taking session on **Wednesday, 8 January 2020** for all Primary 1 and Primary 6 students for the issue of School Smart Card (SSC). Students are required to be in their school uniform. Hence, students who are having PE lessons have to bring along their school uniform on that day.

Please be informed that if your child/ward is absent on the day of the photo-taking session, he/she will have to submit a recently-taken colour passport size photograph (35mm by 45mm) without border, taken full face and in school uniform against a white/light blue backdrop (with no rest chair), to the school by **Friday, 17 January 2020**. Please also write clearly the (1) School Name, (2) Student Name, (3) Student ID and (4) Class on the reverse side of the photograph. The School Smart Card for Primary 1 students will be ready by end-March 2020 while the photo-images captured for Primary 6 students will be used for the printing of Secondary School SSCs when they are promoted to Secondary 1 in 2021.

## Co-Curricular Activity (CCA)

The school creates various platforms to provide opportunities for our students to develop holistically. CCA is one such platform that the school provides for every student to develop their character and leadership.

The CCAs offered in the school in 2020 are as follows:

Physical Sports	Uniformed Groups	Visual and Performance Arts Group	Clubs and Societies
Netball Football Badminton Taekwondo Track & Field	Scouts Brownies Red Cross Society	Choir Art Club Guitar Ensemble Modern Dance Club	Robotics Club Eureka Drama & Debate Society Content Creators Club

CCA is conducted on Monday mornings from 7.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Students will be allowed to report to school in their CCA attire and are to change back into their school attire at the end of the CCA session. Students identified by their CCA teachers as showing potential to represent the school for competitions may be invited to come down for additional training sessions on Tuesday and/or Friday afternoons.

Primary 3 students are to refer to the "Allocation of Co-Curricular Activity (CCA) and Swimming Group for 2020" Homelink H/303/2019 that was given out in November 2019 for their Monday morning programme.



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## Parent Meetings (Primary 1 to Primary 6)

The school recognises that parents/guardians play an important role in their children's education. The objectives of the Parent Meetings at the start of the year are to keep parents informed of school curriculum and programmes and introduce the class teachers. The details are in the table below.

Level	Date
P1 & P2	Friday, 28 February 2020
P3 to P6	Friday, 31 January 2020

You will receive more details regarding the Parent Meetings through another Homelink.

## Focused Group Learning (Primary 2 to Primary 5)

The Focused Group Learning for selected Primary 3 to Primary 6 students will begin in Term 1 Week 3. More information on the lessons will be given at a later date.

## Assessment

Please refer to the Student Handbook pages 35 to 40 for details on academic assessments for 2020 Primary 3 to Primary 6 students.

## Primary 3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise 2020

The GEP Identification Exercise aims to identify suitable students with high intellectual potential. The tentative schedule for the two stages of the GEP Identification Exercise 2020 is as follows:

- **GEP Screening Exercise**

Wednesday, 19 August (English Language and Mathematics)

Shortlisted students will be invited to participate in the Selection Exercise.

- **GEP Selection Exercise**

Tuesday, 20 October and Wednesday, 21 October (English Language, Mathematics & General Ability)

The GEP Screening and Selection Exercises will be based on the Primary 1 to Primary 3 English Language and Mathematics syllabuses.

a) Screening Exercise (Mathematics)

All topics in the Primary 3 Mathematics syllabus are included except for the topics of "Area and Perimeter", "Geometry" and "Time".

b) Selection Exercise (Mathematics)

All topics in the Primary 3 Mathematics syllabus are included except for "Angles" and "Perpendicular and Parallel Lines" in Geometry.



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## Notification on Use of Pictures and Videos

Photograph(s) or video image(s) of your child/ward may be captured during school programmes and events. From time to time, the school will be using these photographs, images or video footages on the school website, social media, feature walls, newsletters and publications. We seek your understanding that the school may feature your child/ward's photographs and videos on these platforms.

## School Security and Safety

For the security and safety of all members of the school, all visitors including parents/guardians are required to report at either of the two security points first upon arrival at the school.

## School-wide Snack Time

We will continue to implement the Snack Time to allow students to consume a snack during class time. The Snack Time schedule for all the levels is as follows:

LEVEL	DAY	TIME
P1 & P2	Mondays	11.30 a.m.
P3 to P6	Mondays	8.50 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.
P1 & P2	Tuesdays to Fridays	11.30 a.m.
P3 & P5		12.00 p.m.
P4 & P6		9.00 a.m.

We encourage parents to prepare a healthy snack for your child/ward. Some examples of a healthy snack are wholemeal sandwich, bun, fruits, biscuits, nuts or healthy snack-bar. Please note that sweets, chocolates and any form of chips/crackers are strictly not allowed. As the students will be having their snack in class while the lesson is on, we seek your understanding that only a small portion of food should be prepared for your child/ward.



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## School Canteen

The prices for food in our School Canteen are indicated in the table below.

Portion	Price
Set Meal Portion 1	\$1.50
Set Meal Portion 2	\$1.80
For Japanese and Western set meals	
Set Meal Portion 1	\$1.70
Set Meal Portion 2	\$2.20

The following table shows the food options available in the School Canteen. We will indicate at the relevant stalls if the stall is Muslim-owned or Halal-certified.

Name of Stall	Food/Drinks Sold
Cold Delights	Fruits, Cold drinks, Juices, Milk
Auntie Em's Japanese Delights	Japanese rice and noodles, Steamed egg custard
The Noodles Shop	Dry noodles, Noodles with soup, Chicken noodles
Wild Wild West (Muslim-owned) Opening by mid-January 2020	Pasta, Quesadillas, Chicken chop, Potato salad
Selera Temasek (Muslim-owned)	Rice and dishes, Noodles
Hot Delights (Halal)	Hot drinks, Snacks

## Calendar of Activities for Semester 1 2020

Please refer to Annex A for activities that will be held in Semester 1.

## Parents Gateway

Parents Gateway is a mobile app specially designed for parents. Developed by MOE and GovTech, the app allows parents to receive information and perform a range of administrative functions including giving consent for school activities.

We strongly encourage all parents to download the free Parents Gateway mobile app on your mobile phone (available on iOS and Android platforms only) and perform a simple one-time onboarding process using your Singpass. You may also wish to 'allow notifications' so that you will be notified of any communications via the app. A step-by-step guide is available on the School Website under Communication.

Moving forward, to support our efforts in going green, some of our subsequent Homelinks will be sent to you through Parents Gateway (PG). You are able to give consent for activities where relevant, through PG. If a reply beyond consenting is required, we will issue a hard copy of the Homelink to your child/ward for you to indicate your response.



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## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

As mentioned in Homelink H/354/2019, this year, the school celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we will be organising a host of activities to commemorate this significant milestone. The activities include:

Event	Date
Homecoming Dinner	Friday, 5 June 2020
Joint Carnival with Temasek Secondary School	Saturday, 25 July 2020
School Musical	Friday, 20 November 2020

We hope you will save the dates and we look forward to seeing you at these events.

## Thank You

We strongly believe in home-school partnership and hope that you will continue to partner your child/ward's teachers in making 2020 a meaningful year of learning and growth for your child/ward. We look forward to enriching your child/ward's education journey with us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Alison Ho  
Principal





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## Annex A

Calendar of Events for 2020 Term 1		
Date	Events/Programmes	Level
1 January	New Year's Day ( <b>Public Holiday</b> )	All levels
2 – 3 January	Temasek Starts Right	All levels
14 & 15 January	NE Learning Journey	P6
22 January	Chinese New Year Festive Outreach	All levels
24 January	Chinese New Year celebrations (dismissal at 10.30 a.m.)	All levels
27 January	Chinese New Year ( <b>Public Holiday</b> )	All levels
28 January	Chinese New Year ( <b>School Holiday</b> )	All levels
31 January	Parent's Meeting	P3 – P6
6 & 7 February	NE Learning Journey	P5
7 February	Temasek Environment Day	All levels
11 February	Temasek Safer Internet Day	All levels
13 February	Total Defence Day Assembly	All levels
14 February	School Ground Deployment Exercise (GDX)	P3 – P6
28 February	Parent's Meeting	P1 & P2
3 – 4 March	NE Learning Journey	P1
2 – 13 March	Mother Tongue Fortnight	P3 – P6
4 March	Student Leadership Training	All levels
12 March	Breakfast Chat	P6
13 – 14 March	Combined Uniformed Group (UG) Camp	UG Students
14 – 21 March	March School Holiday	All levels

Homelinks will be issued as necessary to provide more information on the various events/programmes.

