



**Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)**  
*A Methodist Institution (Founded 1886)*

21 January 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

1. Thank you for taking time to attend the first Meet-the-Parents session of the year via Zoom. The slides for these sessions are on the School Website. We thank God that our boys have settled in well into the school year. In this journey of stewarding the hearts of our boys, we take a long term view as we raise them in the ACS family and develop each boy into a young gentleman of character, ready for the future to lead and serve. We continue in various ways to uphold the theme of the year 'Build to Last', by teaching the boys to become the person that they are called to be. Every skill they master, every knowledge they acquire, and every value they learn to demonstrate, helps to strengthen the foundation upon which they will build enduring traits that will aid them as they progress through the 6 years in primary school and beyond.
2. In 2022, the school continues to give emphasis to its key areas of focus in the holistic development of our boys. These efforts are in line with our mission, which is "to nurture our students with a quality, holistic education, rooted in Christian values, that allows each to reach his fullest potential, equipped with life skills to face the future and to serve God and nation."
3. To realise our objectives, we continue our efforts to review our lesson design and pedagogical approaches. Through these refinements, we hope to better motivate our students through increased engagement in lessons and deepen their understanding of content knowledge and skills.

#### **Primary One Orientation 2022**

4. The Primary 1 Orientation started on the first day of school with the Primary 1 students as the only cohort in the school. Accompanied by their parents to the classrooms, most of them settled down quickly, ready to begin their adventure at ACS(J). From learning new routines to familiarising themselves with the new school environment, our Primary 1 students have assimilated well these past few weeks. They demonstrated independence and confidence as they learnt to be responsible to manage their belongings and line up in an orderly manner to purchase their food and drinks. It is also heartening to see the boys actively making friends and building friendships to last. We are grateful to our Primary 1 parents and guardians for their understanding as we continue to observe Safe Management Measures in school. We also appreciate your support in preparing your sons well for the start of primary school.

## Chinese New Year Celebration

5. The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year (CNY) on Monday, 31 January. **Students will be dismissed at 10.20 am.** Please take note of the staggered dismissal timings from 10.20am to 10.40am.

Time (am)	Staggered Dismissal
10.20	Leaving by School Bus
10.30	<u>Leaving on Foot</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting Parents/Siblings in the foyer, or</li> <li>• Walking home or taking public transport, or</li> <li>• Walking out of school to meet parents, or</li> <li>• Walking to the location where parents' cars are parked (eg. Newton carpark, 10 Winstedt Road carpark).</li> </ul>
10.40  (Cars should arrive only after 10.40)	<u>Leaving by Car/ for SCC</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Picked up by car at foyer <b>(Gate 1 will open at 10.40am)</b></li> <li>• Picked up by car at external lay-by <b>(Cones will be removed at 10.40am to free up the external lay-by)</b></li> <li>• Proceed to ACS(J) SCC or External SCC</li> </ul>

6. There will be a special virtual assembly programme for CNY with class-based activities on 31 January. To add to the festive mood, all students are encouraged to wear traditional Chinese costumes to school on that day. Lessons will resume on Thursday, 3 February.

## Methodist Welfare Services (MWS) Hong Bao Drive 2022

7. As part of our initiative to inculcate the joy of giving in our boys, we are working with Methodist Welfare Services (MWS) to support them in their Lunar New Year Hong Bao (Red Packet) Donation Drive. We would like to seek your kind support in encouraging your son to donate a portion of his red packet which will be used to benefit several beneficiaries under MWS. MWS runs 20 centres and programmes for over 12,000 underprivileged children, at-risk youth, distressed families, the chronically ill, destitute and frail, and the socially isolated. You may visit <https://mws.sg> for more details on MWS' centres and services. Your son will be receiving an MWS envelope from his Form Teacher in the last week of January. Please encourage your son to place his donation in the envelope and return the envelope to his Form Teacher after the Lunar New Year, from 7 to 10 February 2022. Please note that cheques issued are to be made payable to: **Methodist Welfare Services**. Please indicate 'Hong Bao Drive 2022' on the back of the cheque. We thank you for your kind support. Your support goes a long way in enabling MWS to extend help to those in need.

## Total Defence Day Commemoration

8. The school will be commemorating Total Defence Day (TDD) on Monday, 14 February. The theme for TDD is 'Together We Keep Singapore Strong' and encourages students to play a greater role in Total Defence. Activities will be conducted during CCE lessons to help students understand that their participation in Total Defence is important, and everyone can and should play a part in defending the country.
9. Through the commemoration of Total Defence Day, we hope to rally and mobilise Singaporeans to prepare for future threats and challenges, and show resilience when crises strike. The COVID-19 experience has heightened the importance and relevance of Total Defence. When Singaporeans play their part, we will emerge stronger even as we battle the virus.

## 136<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day Programme

10. Our 136<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day Service and Academic Award Presentations will take place on Tuesday, 1 March 2022. All students will report to school as per normal on that day. In celebration of our theme for the year, 'Build to Last', there will be a special Founder's Day programme and class-based activities for all our students in their classrooms.

## Programme for Active Learning (PAL)

11. PAL, which started in Term 1 Week 2 this year, aims to provide enriched learning modules for all Primary 1 and 2 students beyond the curriculum. PAL modules are experiential in nature and incorporate values education and social emotional learning.
12. The PAL modules cover domains such as Sports, Visual Arts, Drama, Music, Outdoor Education and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills. All PAL modules are facilitated by the respective Form Teachers. In addition to the PAL modules, Lifeskills, Cyberwellness, Science and Thinking Skills are also incorporated into the curriculum on PAL days to further enrich students' learning.

### Primary 1 PAL

**Sports** - P1 PAL Sports promotes the learning of social emotional competencies through traditional games. Examples of traditional games include hopscotch, 5-stones and marbles. During PAL Sports, the boys learn self-awareness and self-management as they experience the fun of playing traditional games. They also learn about local culture and appreciate games that have been in existence for many years.

**Visual Arts** - P1 PAL Art promotes the learning of social emotional competencies through the exploration of various types of art medium and materials.

**Drama** - Students are introduced to drama elements through teamwork and experiential learning in P1 PAL Drama. They are trained to develop greater confidence when speaking to an audience.

### Primary 2 PAL

**P2 PAL Rugby** - Students learn about co-operation and teamwork, and are more aware of their surroundings, environment and their interaction with peers in P2 PAL Rugby. They also learn important values like resilience and discipline while honing their skills.

**Visual Arts** - P2 PAL Art promotes the learning of social emotional competencies through the exploration of various types of art medium and materials.

**Dance** - P2 PAL Dance promotes the learning of social emotional competencies through music and movement.

**Outdoor Education (OE)** - The main objective of P2 PAL OE is for students to appreciate the outdoor environment, and learn important safety tips and skills through various outdoor activities. This year, we will continue to teach navigational skills and provide opportunities for our boys to experience the great outdoors.

#### **Assessment Handbook for Parents (Primary 1 to Primary 6)**

13. The P1 to P6 assessment details will be sent to you via Parents Gateway by next week. The information will also be made available on the School Website.

#### **Operating Hours of ACS(J) Student Care Centre (SCC) 2022**

14. School Term: Monday to Friday (1.30pm to 7pm)  
School Holidays: Monday to Friday (7.30am to 7pm)

The SCC is **closed** on Public Holidays and the following dates:

- a) Eve of Chinese New Year – 31 January, 2pm onwards
- b) Teachers' Day – 2 September
- c) Children's Day – 7 October
- d) P1 Orientation – 11 November
- e) Year-End Staff Gathering – 30 December

#### **School Safety & Security**

##### Road Safety

15. Thank you for your co-operation and support in getting your child to school on time. To ease congestion along Winstedt Road, we encourage you to park at the nearby public car park (Newton Food Centre) and walk your child to and from school. If your child is alighting at the foyer or external lay-by, we seek your understanding to ensure that your child comes out of the car swiftly without holding up the traffic. If you are picking up your child after school at the foyer or external lay-by, kindly ensure that he is ready to be picked up promptly as there is strictly no waiting at these areas.
16. Please be reminded to observe the following when driving into the school compound:
- a) There is no parking in the school compound;
  - b) Drive carefully within the speed limit both in the school premises and along Winstedt Road; and
  - c) Be mindful of the zebra crossing within the School Zone.

##### Security Pass

17. The safety of our boys continues to be the top priority in school. Thank you for displaying your security pass prominently when entering the school. This has greatly helped our security staff to manage trespassing. We would like to remind you to continue to wear your pass without demand whenever you are in school. **Security passes are non-**

**transferrable.** If you wish to apply for a security pass for your helper or care-giver, please approach the General Office for assistance.

#### **Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA)**

18. Please observe the Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) if you are taking a photograph or video recording of your son in any area within the school premises. Any image of an identifiable individual (other than your son) that is captured in a photograph or video recording is considered the personal data of that individual. You will need to obtain the consent of the individual(s) or school if you are collecting, using or disclosing their personal data, including uploading the image(s) to social media.
19. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our parents/guardians a blessed Lunar New Year. May you have a wonderful time of celebration and bonding with your loved ones over the festive period. Take care, and stay safe!

Yours sincerely

Ms Cheryl Chee  
Principal