



# BLANGAH RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As we welcome a new school year, I extend my warmest greetings to you and your children. Each academic year brings fresh opportunities for us to nurture curiosity, character, and confidence in our students, preparing them to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Globalisation, shifting demographics, and rapid technological advancements continue to shape the way our students live and learn. To prepare them for the future, it is essential that we deepen their 21st Century Competencies - Critical, Adaptive, and Inventive Thinking; Communication, Collaboration and Information Skills; as well as Civic, Global, and Cross-Cultural Literacy. These competencies are increasingly important, as they form the foundation of a holistic education that enables our students to navigate challenges, embrace diversity, and seize new opportunities with confidence.

We are pleased to share that some of our Future of Learning classrooms are now ready. These future-oriented learning environments will serve as platforms for developing 21st Century Competencies, promoting active engagement in learning, enhancing student well-being, and supporting technology-enabled, collaborative learning experiences.

Our theme for 2026 – RISE to Shine aims to anchor our values of Respect, Integrity, Self-Discipline, and Empathy in continuing to develop Active, Bold, Contributing, and Disciplined (ABCD) Learners, nurturing confident learners and caring leaders who embody the character and competence needed for the future. While all values are equally important, we will be focusing on a value each term.

We look forward to deepening our partnership with parents as we journey together in supporting each child's growth.

## 1. Welcome and Farewell

We welcome the following teachers to our BRPS community.

- Mrs Booma
- Mdm Yu Yunyan

We bid farewell to the following staff who have left our school and we wish them all the best.

- Ms Chermaine Chua
- Mrs Ko Siok Har
- Mdm Thajunisah d/o Mohidin Pillai
- Ms Teo Siew Kuang

## 2. Introducing the Year Heads of Junior, Middle and Senior Primary

A Year Head plays a vital leadership role in school by overseeing the holistic well-being and overall development of students in a particular level. They work closely with Form Teachers, subject teachers, parents and School Leaders to ensure consistent expectations, effective support and timely intervention when students face challenges. As a key link between students

and the school, the Year Head nurtures a positive school culture grounded in values such as respect, integrity, self-discipline and empathy. Through monitoring behaviour, attendance and mental well-being and by guiding students through key developmental milestones, the Year Head helps create a safe, supportive and motivating environment where every student can thrive.

Please feel free to reach out to the Year Heads and Assistant Year Heads for any matters pertaining to your child.

Junior Primary (P1 & 2)	<b>Year Head</b> – Mdm Kimberly Koh <b>Assistant Year Head</b> – Mr John Chia
Middle Primary (P3 & 4)	<b>Year Head</b> – Mr Patrick Goh <b>Assistant Year Head</b> – Mr Victor Lim
Senior Primary (P5 & 6)	<b>Year Head</b> – Mdm Stephanie Song <b>Assistant Year Head</b> – Ms Munirah

### 3. School Choir

The school choir will continue to meet weekly on Tuesdays from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM for selected P2 to P6 students.

In these weekly sessions, students will develop their vocal skills with a focus on strong, foundational singing techniques across a variety of musical styles. They will also learn the art of harmonious ensemble singing, all while fostering a deeper appreciation for music from different cultures and genres.

The choir will be taking part in school-based and community performances, offering students the chance to showcase their talents. Most excitingly, the choir will be participating in the Singapore Youth Festival for the first time this year. We look forward to your support.

### 4. Koobits Math for Primary 1 to 6 students

We are delighted to continue offering KooBits Math to all Primary 1 to 6 students in 2026. This interactive online learning platform is designed to strengthen students' mathematical skills, build confidence, and encourage independent learning.

Parents/Guardians of Primary 2 to 6 students were informed via PG on 28 November 2025. Parents/Guardians of Primary 1 students will receive a separate letter on Koobits Math via PG by Term 1 Week 2. To **opt out**, please email a withdrawal request to [brps@moe.edu.sg](mailto:brps@moe.edu.sg), attention HOD Math, by January 19, 2026.

### 5. After-school Programme - APEX and Remedial Programme

We are committed to nurturing every child's potential through a tiered approach to learning. The two after-school programmes - APEX (Accelerated Programme to Enhance students' eXperience) and Support Programme - collectively cater to the students (from Primary 3 onwards) at different stages of their academic journey, ensuring both acceleration for those with higher aptitude and targeted intervention for those needing a stronger foundation. Parents of selected students for either after-school programme will be informed through a personalised letter detailing their child's specific schedule and curriculum.

### 6. CCA Mentoring Programme

We are grateful for the partnership with secondary schools to support our students in their holistic development through CCA Mentoring. The CCA Mentoring Programme provides opportunities for our primary students to be mentored by exemplary secondary students in their respective CCAs. Each mentoring programme is differentiated and customised according to the relevance and scope of CCA.

Our partnering secondary schools include:

- Anglo-Chinese School (Independent) - Badminton Boys
- Crescent Girls' School - Red Cross Youth
- Raffles Girls School – Student Leadership
- School of the Arts (SOTA) – Performing and Visual Arts

We look forward to a meaningful partnership with the schools involved.

## **7. House Practice**

In 2026, House Practice will be enhanced to House Day where P1 to P6 students will participate in a range of House activities organised by level. Through these House activities, students will have opportunities to work and bond with friends in other classes. House Day will be organised in Term 2 and Term 3. More information will be shared at a later date.

## **8. Updates on Physical and Learning Environment**

As we move into 2026, the school will continue to undergo improvement works to enhance the learning environment. Planned upgrades include the establishment of a new Aesthetics Hub, installation of LED lighting and DC fans in all classrooms, air-conditioning of the School Hall, and a fresh coat of paint for the buildings to improve temperature regulation. These enhancements are intended to provide a more conducive environment for our students' learning and well-being.

### Future of Learning Classrooms

Some of our Future of Learning (FOL) classrooms have now been set up. These new spaces feature modular and flexible designs that can be easily reconfigured to support different pedagogical approaches and learning activities. They are also equipped with interactive whiteboards to enable more dynamic, multimodal teaching and learning. This future-oriented environment aims to develop 21st Century Competencies by promoting active and collaborative learning, enhancing student well-being and technology-enabled education.

## **9. Homework Policy and E-Learning**

### Homework

Homework is an essential part of our students' holistic development. Homework can be an effective tool for intellectual development and academic learning as well as for forming good study habits. For more information about our homework policy, please refer to your child's **Student Handbook**.

### Online Interactive E-Learning for Students through Student Learning Space (SLS)

To equip our students with 21<sup>st</sup> century competencies, students will need to be familiar with the use of online resources to acquire knowledge, communicate and develop their creativity. SLS is an online learning platform that contains curriculum-aligned resources and learning tools. P1 students will be receiving a separate letter on SLS by Term 1 Week 3, when their accounts are ready.

## **10. School Safety & Security Measures**

School safety is the collective responsibility of everyone. The safety and security arrangements are outlined in [Annex A](#).

## **11. Regular Attendance**

To ensure every child has an equal head start and builds a strong foundation in learning, consistent attendance is crucial. Missing school without a valid reason creates learning gaps

and disadvantages the child. The school takes a firm stance on unexcused absences. Parents are reminded that it is mandatory to provide either a medical certificate or a written explanation for your child's absence. Without these, the absence will be deemed invalid, and follow-up actions, including possible reporting to the Compulsory Education Unit in MOE, will be taken. Attendance is also a key factor in eligibility for bursaries and awards. For details, please refer to our Attendance Policy in **Annex B**.

## **12. GOe Meals – 2026 School Meals**

From 2026, Blangah Rise Primary School will partner with Gourmetz to provide nutritional and tasty recess meals for our students. These meals are designed in accordance with HPB's Healthy Meals in School Programme guidelines. Parents can now pre-order meals via [GOe's web ordering portal](#) to pre-buy recess meals and lunches, manage wallets, and track nutrition securely online. Accepted modes of payment would be VISA, Mastercard, or PayNow. Students will collect their pre-ordered meals from the dispensers using their EZ-Link cards. For students who did not pre-order, limited meal options are available for on-site purchase.

For clarifications or questions, please email at [support@goe.sg](mailto:support@goe.sg) and the Gourmetz team will help you with account setup, wallet issues, or meal orders as soon as they can.

## **13. Parent-Teacher Meetings on 21 and 23 January**

We extend an invitation to all parents to join us for the Parent-Teacher Meeting on 21 January for students in Primary 2, 4, and 6 (Online session), and on 23 January for students in Primary 1, 3, and 5 (Face to Face session). Further information about the meeting will be communicated by your child's Year Head at a later time.

## **14. Breakfast Huddle with Principal**

As part of our continued efforts to strengthen home-school partnership, we are introducing a new initiative - Breakfast Huddle with Principal at selected points of the year. These informal morning sessions will provide a warm and personal platform for our school leaders to connect with you, share key updates, and better understand how we can support your child's learning and well-being. More information will be shared with you at a nearer date, and we look forward to partnering you through these conversations as we work together to nurture every child holistically.

## **15. Other Matters**

<b>School Service Providers</b>	
<b>School Bus Services</b>	<b>DKJ Transport Service</b> Contact Person: Mr Leo Bai Ming (Manager) Contact No.: 97723370 Email: <u><a href="mailto:leodkj@yahoo.com.sg">leodkj@yahoo.com.sg</a></u>
<b>School Uniform Supplier</b>	<b>Beau Voix Uniform</b> Address: 2 Sims Close #03-08 Gemini@Sims Singapore 387298 Contact Person: Mr Tony Ng Contact No.: 6743 6645 / 6744 7084 / 9637 6598
<b>Bookshop Services</b>	<b>HB Book Centre</b> Contact Person: Mr Jason Loh (Manager) Contact No.: 6270 1060 Email: <u><a href="mailto:hb.bk.ctr@gmail.com">hb.bk.ctr@gmail.com</a></u>
<b>Student Care Centre</b>	<b>Commit Learning@Blangah Rise Student Care Centre</b> Contact Person: Shawn Emmanuel Contact No.: 82067656

<b>School Service Providers</b>	
	Email: <a href="mailto:shawn_emmanuel_jay_suresh@commitlearning.com.sg">shawn_emmanuel_jay_suresh@commitlearning.com.sg</a>
<b>School Dental Clinic</b>	<b>School Roving Dental Clinic</b> Please refer to school website or contact the school office for more information

### A Poem on Respect

In every corridor, every class,  
Respect is where our hopes begin.

A gentle word, a listening ear,  
A space where every child feels seen.

Respect is choosing kindness first,  
In moments big and moments small.  
It guides our hands, it shapes our voice,  
It lifts us when we start to fall.

It lives in how we greet each day,  
In how we learn, in how we lead.  
It grows when we give others time,  
And notice when a friend's in need.

Within our joyful school we share  
This value that unites us all -  
To walk with heart, to act with care,  
To rise with character, strong and tall.

So as we journey through the year,  
In every step and choice we make,  
May Respect remain our compass true,  
For the future we share, and our experiences we shape.

Wishing you and your family a meaningful, fulfilling, and joyful year ahead!

Yours sincerely

Ms Pearly Ng  
Principal

## **Safety & Security Measures**

### ***Arrival and Dismissal Arrangements***

<b>During Dry Weather</b>	<b>During Wet Weather</b>
<u>Arrival</u>  Students can enter through the <b>Main Gate</b> and <b>Side Gate E</b> that is the sheltered walkway next to the school canteen. All other gates will be closed.  Parents/Guardians who wish to enter the school will need to enter by the Main Gate.  For those driving, please alight the child at the Main Gate or Side Gate E.	<u>Arrival</u>  Students can enter through the <b>Main Gate</b> and <b>Side Gate E</b> that is the sheltered walkway next to the school canteen. All other gates will be closed.  Parents/Guardians who wish to enter the school will need to enter by the Main Gate.  For those driving, you may enter the school and alight your child at the foyer. Please prepare your child to alight quickly and safely so as not to hold up the traffic.
<u>Dismissal</u>  Students can exit through the <b>Main Gate</b> and <b>Side Gate E</b> .  For those driving, you may pick your child at the <b>Main Gate</b> or <b>Side Gate E</b> .	<u>Dismissal</u>  Students can exit through the <b>Main Gate</b> and <b>Side Gate E</b> .  For those driving, there is a sheltered car park next to Blk 72 and you can fetch your child at the sheltered walkway from <b>Side Gate E</b> .

### ***Other Arrangements***

#### **1. Daily Necessities**

We would like to reinforce the importance of being prepared and organised. Please help us to train your child to pack his/her bag daily according to the timetable given. It is equally important to ensure that your child is not carrying extra weight unnecessarily.

Below is the list of items your child should have in his/her bag every day:

- Student's Timetable
- Student's Handbook (you will be able to leave notes/messages for your child's form/subject teacher in the Student's Handbook)
- Pencil Box (with at least two pencils sharpened, an eraser and a ruler)
- Colour Pencils
- A new or recycled folder/file for keeping of homework and letters neatly in the bag
- A suitable storybook for silent reading
- A working thermometer

## 2. Lunch Arrangements for After-School Activities

You are encouraged to pre-order lunch for your child with after-school activities via the GOe Online Portal. For students on MOE and school-based FAS with after-school activities, parents will need to pre-order meals via GOe's web ordering portal to pre-buy recess meals and lunches, which are fully subsidised.

Students who have lunch brought to them can receive the lunches at the Main Gate or Side Gate E.

## 3. Entrance for Parents/Guardians or Visitors

Any parent/guardian or visitor who wishes to enter the school would need to enter by the **Main Gate** where there will be security clearance and an issue of a visitor pass.

## 4. Waiting Areas for Parents/Guardians

The waiting area for parents/guardians is just outside the Main Gate, where some benches are provided.

There is also another waiting area at the void deck of Blk 72 outside Side Gate E.

## 5. Students Who Fall Sick

We seek parents' support to keep the school a safe environment for students.

If your child is unwell, please ensure that he/she stays at home and seeks medical attention if necessary. If your child is recovering from respiratory-related illnesses, please encourage him/her to exercise social responsibility (e.g., wear a mask, minimise social interactions with big groups).

Students who are sick or hurt while in school must inform their form/subject teachers. When there is a need for a student to see a doctor or go home early, the form/subject teacher will assist the student in making a telephone call to his/her parent/guardian to come to school to fetch the student home. Parent/guardian must co-operate by coming to school as soon as possible.

The teacher has to record the necessary information in the "Early Dismissal" book, and the parent/guardian must sign in the book before the child/ward can be taken home.

We appreciate your support and will continue to work with you closely. Let us all do our part to exercise personal and social responsibility and stay safe.

## 6. Making Appointments via Phone

Call our General Office at 62717387 and leave a message for your child's form/subject teacher to return a call OR set a day/time for an appointment with his/her form/subject teacher.

## 7. Making Appointments via Email

Contact your child's form teacher at [brps@moe.edu.sg](mailto:brps@moe.edu.sg) or at their respective email addresses.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY****Expectations of Attendance**

School provides opportunities to learn and grow; hence we expect all students to be regular and punctual for school. The following are the expectations we have as a school community:

- a. All students should attend school on **ALL** school days except for medical or valid reasons.
- b. A valid medical certificate must be submitted to the class teacher upon return from medical leave.
- c. For other reasons (e.g. death in family), a signed letter giving details and the specific dates is required. All such letters will be accepted on a case-by-case basis. **The school only permits up to ten Letters of Excuse per year to explain the student's absence from school.**
- d. For non-valid reasons, the student will be deemed as Absent Without A Valid Reason.

**Benefits of Regular Attendance**

The community-at-large values education and often links bursaries and financial assistance to attendance. The school reviews the following subsidies and will take into consideration students' attendance during the approval process:

- a. Transport Subsidy (EZ-link top-up concessions) and Bus Transport.
- b. Recommendation for public bursary application by family/guardian such as the Buddhist Lodge Bursary, etc).
- c. Participation in sponsored activities (e.g. concerts at the Esplanade).

**Failure to Attend School Regularly**

The Compulsory Education Act has provided clear directions that **all Singaporean children between the age of 6 and 15 must attend school**. It may be an offence when a child fails to attend school regularly. If found guilty, the penalties provided in the Act are a fine not exceeding \$5,000, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, or both.

The school will inform the Compulsory Education Unit (CEU) of Ministry of Education (MOE) if a child fails to attend school regularly. Some of the follow-up actions by CEU may include:

- (i) A home visit by officers from MOE.
- (ii) referral to other external agencies e.g. Family Service Centres, Child Protection Unit.
- (iii) Summon to court to face charges that may lead to a fine for the parent / guardian, not exceeding \$5000.00, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, or both.

**Upcoming Events in Term 1**

Date	Event	Remarks
19 to 21 Jan	P5 Outdoor Adventure Camp	
21 Jan	<b>Parent-Teacher Meeting for Primary 2, 4 and 6</b>	Online session
23 Jan	<b>Parent-Teacher Meeting for Primary 1, 3 and 5</b>	Face to Face session in school
28 Jan	P4 Museum Based Learning: Kreta Ayer Heritage Gallery	4 Sapphire students 4 Topaz students During Curriculum Time
30 Jan	P4 Museum Based Learning: Kreta Ayer Heritage Gallery	4 Opal students During Curriculum Time
5 Feb	P3 Museum Based Learning: Geylang Serai Heritage Gallery	3 Topaz students 3 Opal students During Curriculum Time
6 Feb	P3 Museum Based Learning: Geylang Serai Heritage Gallery	3 Sapphire students During Curriculum Time
10 Feb	Commemoration of Total Defence Day	
16 Feb	Chinese New Year Celebrations	School to end at 1030am
17 and 18 Feb	<b>Public Holiday – Chinese New Year</b>	
14 to 22 March	<b>Term 1 School Holiday Break</b>	
21 March	<b>Public Holiday – Hari Raya Puasa</b>	
23 March	<b>Designated off in lieu for schools – Hari Raya Puasa</b>	