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School Vision: Joyful Learners, Responsible Citizens, Creative Leaders in a Connected Community

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

End-of-Year COMMUNIQUÉ

As we come to the end of the 2022 academic year, I thank you for your support in your child's/ward's holistic education journey with us as well as the trust you have placed in us as we progressively resumed school activities with the easing of the Safe Management Measures this year. It has been an enriching and purpose-driven year for us at Cedar Primary School. We hope that your child's/ward's experience with us has been meaningful too.

In the upcoming school vacation, we also encourage you to engage your child in activities that enable him or her to continue to learn and grow. You can consider the following R.I.V.E.R. activities for your child/ward:

- **Read widely and for enjoyment** because reading is a key skill for lifelong learning. It is also a healthy stress-relieving strategy.
- **Interact with knowledgeable others** such as yourself (parents) and other adults in the family. Every good role model that your child interacts with helps him/her to grow in knowledge and character.
- **Volunteer in community and environmental values-in-action activities** because if we can serve, we should. Serving others also build our resilience because we become stronger in character when we know that we can make a positive difference to those around us. Doing house chores is a good way to serve the family too.
- **Exercise for good health and enjoyment** because engaging in sports builds our physical and mental strength. Engaging in sports also strengthens family relationships and deepens family bonds.
- **Reflect** on our experiences and feelings **through art and music making or writing**. Art and music as well as reflective writing allow us to express our experiences and emotions in creative ways which are often therapeutic too. Art and music appreciation also relaxes the mind.

Public libraries, parks, museums, community centres, and charitable organisations are some places where you and your family can find and engage in these R.I.V.E.R. activities. On behalf of the school, I wish all of you a restful, peaceful and meaningful school vacation.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Chua Choon Hock
Principal

(I) PSLE Results Release Day

The 2022 PSLE results will be released tentatively between 23 to 25 November 2022. Parents of students who have sat for the exam will receive an SMS informing them of the results release date. On the day of the results release, students are to report to school in their full school uniform or PE attire.

Students who are unwell or self-isolating due to being tested positive for COVID-19 should not return to school to collect their PSLE results. SEAB has made provision for all students to view their results online via SEAB's Candidates Portal (<https://myexams.seab.gov.sg>) on the result release day. The results will be available for viewing 45 minutes after the official time of the result release.

Results will be available for viewing in the Candidates Portal for two (2) weeks from the date of result release. Hardcopy mailers containing the unique system-generated user account name for each candidate will be delivered to the students from Monday, 14 November 2022.

To view the results online, students or their parents would need to activate the candidates' account before the results release. The step-by-step guide for account activation is available at this link <https://myexams.seab.gov.sg/faq/ActivateAccount.pdf>. For enquires related to the activation of account, students may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page at this link: <https://myexams.seab.gov.sg/faq>.

After receiving the PSLE results, you and your child/ward can shortlist the secondary schools, and submit the school choices to MOE within 7 calendar days after the release of PSLE results. The secondary school posting results will tentatively be between 21 December and 23 December 2022 via online, SMS and through Cedar Primary School.

All The Best to our P6 students!

(II) Outgoing School Bus Vendor, Incoming School Bus Vendor 2023

Our current School bus Vendor, Comfort Delgro, will be handing over the responsibility to our new bus vendor, Yeap Transport Pte Ltd, by the end of this year.

Yeap Transport Pte Ltd will begin operation at Cedar Primary School from 3 January 2023. Students who are taking the bus under Comfort Delgro will have to register with Yeap Transport by **18 November 2022** to prevent a service disruption to your child's school bus service.

You are to register online via this link: <https://bit.ly/cdpsbus>

For clarification, you may contact the following persons-in-charge:

Yeap Transport Pte Ltd

Ms Joanne Ng (Tel: 8823 5255)

Mr Mo Hui Ren (Tel: 8718 5255)

Email: cdpsbus@yeaptpt.com

(III) Purchase of School Textbooks and Uniforms for 2023

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to purchase your child's/ward's textbooks and uniform online and opt for delivery to your homes.

Order textbooks online : Pacific Bookstores Pte Ltd www.pacificbookstore.com

Order uniform & PE attire online : <https://beauvoix.com>

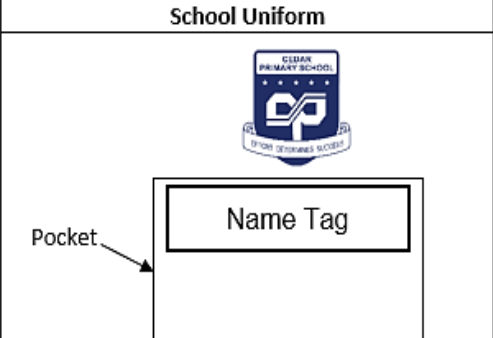

Alternatively, you may place your order online and collect them from the school bookshop on the following dates:

Dates /Day	Activity	Time
18 Nov 2022 (Fri) 29 Nov 2022 (Tue)	For P1 only P1 & P2	3.30pm – 5.30pm 9.00am - 3.00pm
30 Nov 2022 (Wed) 1 & 2 Dec 2022 (Thu & Fri) 7 Dec 2022 (Wed)	All levels	9.00am – 3.00pm
8 & 9 Dec 2022 (Thu & Fri)	FAS collection only	9.00am – 3.00pm
14, 15 & 16 Dec 2022 (Wed, Thu & Fri)	All levels	9.00am – 3.00pm
27 & 28 Dec 2022 (Tue & Wed)	All levels	9.00am – 3.00pm

(IV) Preparation for 2023

a. In preparation for the new school year, please take note of the following:

- Students must be well groomed at all times and take pride in wearing their school uniform. All students should have at least 2 sets of school uniform and 2 sets of PE attire.
- Girls are to put on their school skirts at all times, except during CCA/PE/PAL lessons.
- All boys are to maintain a short hairstyle. Girls are to tie up their hair if it touches the collar, and only black hair accessories are permitted. Fringe should not fall below the eyebrows.
- Students are to wear white canvas shoes with socks which are both part of the school uniform. Mary Jane shoes are not permitted.
- Name tags should be sewn on the pockets on the uniform, and above the school crest on the PE T-shirt, as illustrated below:

School Uniform	PE T-Shirt
 <p>The diagram shows a school uniform with a crest at the top. Below the crest is a pocket with a name tag attached to it. An arrow points to the pocket with the label 'Pocket'.</p>	 <p>The diagram shows a PE T-shirt with a name tag above a crest. The name tag is a rectangular box with the text 'Name Tag' inside. The crest is the same as the one on the school uniform.</p>

b. First Day of School (2023)

- P1 students** are to report to school on **3 January 2023 (Tuesday)**.
- P2 to P6 students** are to report to school on **4 January 2023 (Wednesday)**.
- On their first day of school, students should:
 - put on their school uniform;

- bring writing materials (pen/pencils and a notebook), Maths Workbook A and a storybook; and
- report to the Parade Square by 7.30 am. If it rains, students will report to their classrooms. Copies of the classroom allocation layout will be put up in the canteen for easy reference.
- Trolley bags are strongly discouraged as they add to the weight of the bag and will be difficult for students to manage when they move around the school.

c. **Road Safety**

We would like to seek the cooperation of parents/guardians who are walking their children/wards to school, to follow the traffic rules when crossing traffic junctions and roads to reach school. We encourage parents/guardians to act as positive role models by obeying the traffic rules themselves.

For parents/guardians who are driving their child/ward to school, please be aware that the roads and the school compound are shared by others who are also coming to school in the morning. Drivers are strongly encouraged to:

- Reduce speed when approaching school entrance and the school foyer.
- Lookout for other fellow road users, pay attention especially to your blind spots.
- Be patient and allow every car sufficient time to drop off their children.
- Refrain from sounding your horn in the school zone unless it is due to safety reasons.

With your cooperation and support, everyone will have a safe and pleasant experience when sending their children/wards to school.

(V) **School Events and Celebrations 2023**

Date	Events	Remarks
1 Jan (Sun)	New Year Public Holiday	<u>Reporting to school:</u> P1 students: 3 Jan (Tue) P2 - P6 students: 4 Jan (Wed)
22 Jan (Sun) & 23 Jan (Mon)	Chinese New Year Holiday	<u>Reporting back to School</u> Students will report back to school on Wed 25 Jan, 2023, as Tue 24 Jan, 2023 will be a public holiday in lieu.

(VI) **Joint advisory on crime and drugs by SPF, CNB, NCPC and NCADA and additional advisory on vaping by HSA and HPB**

SPF, CNB, NCPC and NCADA have jointly provided an advisory to remind students to stay away from crime and drug/inhalant abuse. The advisory alerts students to the dangers of common crimes such as online scams, and encourages them to protect themselves from becoming victims of crime. HSA and HPB have also prepared an additional advisory on the laws and harms of vaping.

The advisories are attached overleaf for your reference.

Policy on Photography and Videography at School Events

We would like to inform you that photograph(s) and video image(s) of you and/or your child/ward may be captured at our school activities and events. We may use and publish such photographs and/or video recordings in school publications, website, social media channels, and other official school communication channels.



Dear Students,

ADVISORY FOR THE COMING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

With the upcoming year-end school holidays, the Singapore Police Force (SPF), Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB), National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) and National Council Against Drug Abuse (NCADA) would like to remind you to stay away from crime and drug/inhalant abuse, as well as to take measures to avoid being victims of crime.

Stay Away From Crime

2. **Shop theft is an offence.** Always pay for your items before you leave the store.
3. **Cheating is an offence even on online platforms.** In the past year, more students have been arrested for committing cheating-related offences, be it through online platforms, or misusing others' bank or identification cards for easy money. For example, youths have acted as money mules for scammers in exchange for quick cash. The Police would like to urge you to **be more alert when presented with job offers**, especially those that seem too good to be true with the promise of quick and easy money, such as liking YouTube videos for a commission or anything that require the handover of your bank and/or Singpass accounts. Always remember to not reveal your banking and Singpass passwords or OTP to anyone, not even your friends. When in doubt, always consult your parents or teachers.
4. **Avoid disputes or confrontations, amongst your friends, classmates, and strangers.** Disputes and heated arguments can often lead to fights or assaults that may result in severe injuries for both parties. Offenders may be arrested for serious offences such as affray and unlawful assembly. In addition, joining a gang is a crime.
5. **Sexual offences such as voyeurism, possession of or distribution of a voyeuristic or intimate image are serious offences.** Do not film others in toilets or the shower or take upskirt photos or videos. If you receive voyeuristic or intimate images, do not forward them to anyone else and delete them. Report to the police or a trusted adult if you are aware of such images being circulated. All offenders will be dealt with sternly by the law.
6. **Vaping at any age, and underaged smoking is illegal.** All e-cigarettes, cigarettes and other types of vaporisers are harmful and can adversely affect your health and families. Youths who are caught using or possessing such products will be reported to the Health Sciences Authority.

Prevent Yourself From Becoming a Victim of Crime

7. **Always take care of your personal belongings, stay alert to your surroundings, and avoid uncomfortable situations with strangers.** Where possible, arrange for an adult family member or trusted friend to escort you home when returning alone late at night. If you suspect that you are being followed, remain calm and proceed to a crowded area or call the Police immediately on our emergency hotline – 999.

8. **Be careful of who you talk to online and do not respond to unsolicited messages from strangers on Telegram, WhatsApp or any other social media platform.** Scammers may offer you fake jobs that appear lucrative and involve easy tasks, such as purchasing movie tickets or giving online travel reviews. Scammers may also list such “job offerings” on online platforms such as Carousell, Gumtree or Facebook. They may impersonate your friend by hacking into your friend’s social media account or creating a fake account using your friend’s profile picture and details. Be wary of people especially if they ask for money, personal information, or compromising photos/videos. You should verify if the request is legitimate by checking with your family and friends through alternative means such as physical meet-ups, video calls or email other than using the contact details on your phone.

9. **Be careful when shopping online.** Be careful of online deals from unknown sellers that are way below recommended retail price, disguised as limited-time-only or flash deals, for example, electronic devices and handphones. Scammers would induce victims to make money transfers first, after which the goods will not be delivered. In some cases, scammers have even cheated victims into making multiple payments on false claims of customs/processing fees, securing better deals with bulk purchases, etc. Reduce your risks by purchasing only from authorised sellers, use the platform’s secure payment option, and do not shift onto payments outside the platform such as through bank transfers. Always pay only when you receive the goods.

Drug and Inhalant Abuse Situation

10. **The possession, consumption and trafficking of controlled drugs are serious offences.** In 2021, 200 persons below the age of 20 were arrested for drug abuse and 152 of them were new abusers. Drug abuse causes harm to your body and mind. Do not let drugs harm you and your family and loved ones.

11. **Stay away from drug and inhalant abuse.** Do not allow yourself to be pressured into trying drugs. Walk away if anyone tries to offer you drugs and do inform your family members or school staff immediately especially if anyone tries to influence you to abuse drugs.

12. **Always exercise caution on the Internet and social media.** The Internet and social media may carry misinformation about drugs and mislead people into thinking that drugs are not harmful and that they are legal, so as to create demand for the drugs and profit off drug abusers. Do not attempt to buy drugs online as this also constitutes illegal drug activities.

13. **Do not get involved in online drug activities.** CNB also monitors and investigates online drug activities and will not hesitate to take action against those who order drugs or drugs paraphernalia online, have drugs delivered by post or courier, and those who are involved in any illegal drug activities.

14. **Stay away from drugs even when you are overseas.** Under the Misuse of Drugs Act, you will be liable for the same drug consumption offence regardless of where the controlled drugs were consumed. CNB conducts regular enforcement checks at the airport and at the other land and sea checkpoints.

15. **Beware of food and products containing controlled drugs.** Drugs may be disguised as food and made to appear less harmful to entice people into trying these drugs. They are illegal in Singapore, and it is also against the law to consume or bring them into Singapore. If you are travelling to countries where these food and other products containing controlled drugs may be sold, do exercise caution. If in doubt, do not consume or purchase anything unknown to you or offered to you by strangers.

Resources on Crime Prevention and Staying Drug-Free

16. The following provides more information on crime prevention and staying drug-free:

- Sign up for the Anti-Drug Advocate (ADA) Programme to help be an advocate for a drug-free Singapore. For more information, follow us on CNB's social media handles @CNB.DrugFreeSG (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube) or contact us at: cnb_community_partnership@cnb.gov.sg. You can also visit the CNB's website www.cnb.gov.sg for more information on the harms of drug and inhalant abuse.
- Please call the Police or the CNB hotline at 1800-325-6666 if you come across drugs, or what you suspect to be drugs, or to report any cases of suspected drug and inhalant abuse.
- For anyone who wishes to seek help with addiction-related matters, please call the National Addictions Management Service (NAMS) at 6732 6837.
- For more information on crime prevention, visit the SPF's website at www.police.gov.sg, SPF Facebook or NCPC's website at www.ncpc.org.sg. Please call the Police hotline at 1800-255-0000 or submit the information online at www.police.gov.sg/iwitness to report matters on gangs, unlicensed money lending or crimes. Please dial '999' if urgent Police assistance is required. If you are aware of any gang activities or anyone who wants to leave a gang, please advise him/her to seek assistance from the Secret Societies Branch at 6435 0000. You can also call the

NCPC's X Ah Long Hotline at 1800-9-24-5664 (1800-X-AH-LONG) to report unlicensed money lending matters.

- For more information on scams, visit www.scamalert.sg. You may also call the Anti-Scam Helpline at 1800-722-6688 to seek scam-related advice. Be our advocate by sharing the latest scam alerts you receive on NCPC ScamAlert Telegram channel (<https://t.me/ncpcscamalert>) with your family and friends. Together, we can help stop scams and prevent our loved ones from becoming the next victim of scam.

17. Thank you and stay safe.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Kaye Chow
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Singapore Police Force



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Ms Audrey Ang
Secretary
National Council Against Drug Abuse



Dear Parents and Students,

ADVISORY FOR UPCOMING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Health Promotion Board (HPB) and Health Sciences Authority (HSA) would like to remind you of the following:

VAPING IS ILLEGAL, REGARDLESS OF AGE.

Under the Tobacco Act:

- It is an offence to purchase, use or possess these products and/or their components. Offenders can be fined up to \$2000.
- **It is also an offence to advertise, import, distribute, sell, offer for sale or possess for sale these products in Singapore. Offenders can be fined up to \$10,000 or face imprisonment of up to 6 months or both, for first time offenders.**
- Youths caught for any of the above offences will be **reported to Health Science Authority and disciplinary actions will be taken.**

Refer to Annex A for more information on the penalties imposed on the offences.

VAPING IS HARMFUL AND CAN BE A GATEWAY TO CIGARETTE SMOKING.

Vaping, just like smoking traditional cigarettes is harmful and can lead to lifelong addiction. E-cigarettes contain many harmful substances such as nicotine. These substances can negatively impact brain development, especially to parts of the brain that control attention, learning and memory. E-cigarettes also contain benzene and formaldehyde – which can cause cancer and infertility. Studies have also shown that individuals who vape are more likely to pick up cigarette smoking later in life.

If you know of someone who vapes or owns an e-cigarette, please inform the school so that timely cessation support can be offered to them. Alternatively, please call QuitLine at 1800 438 2000 for vaping/smoking cessation support.

A blue ink signature of Ms Vasuki Utravathy.

Ms Vasuki Utravathy
Director, School Health & Outreach Division
Health Promotion Board

A black ink signature of Mr Norman Chong.

Mr Norman Chong
Director, Tobacco Regulation Branch
Health Science Authority

Annex A

Examples of scenarios of possessing, using or purchasing of e-cigarettes:

Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C
"I bought an e-cigarette online, but I did not use it."	"I bought 2 e-cigarettes, 1 for me and 1 for my friend, who paid me for his share."	"I post vape content on my Tiktok and Instagram account."
This is considered as a <u>purchase</u> .	This is considered as a <u>sale</u> .	This is considered as an <u>advertisement</u> .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalty imposed for possessing, using or purchasing e-cigarettes. • All offences, fine up to \$2,000. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalty imposed for selling or advertising e-cigarettes • 1st offence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fine up to \$10,000 ○ Imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months; or ○ Both fine & imprisonment • 2nd & subsequent offences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fine up to \$20,000 ○ Imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months; or ○ Both fine & imprisonment 	