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

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

### TERM 2 COMMUNIQUÉ

As term 1 comes to an end and the March vacation beckons, it is timely for a reflection; to think through what we have learnt so that we can apply them in meaningful ways in the months ahead. We started the year with a focus on values, the moral compass that guides our thoughts, words and actions. As part of our School-based Character and Citizenship Education (SCCE) programme, we explicitly teach and reinforce our school values of *Kindness, Integrity, Resilience, Responsibility* and *Creativity* through focused CCE lessons, stories, sharing by student leaders and student activities.

For January and February, the focused values were *Kindness* and *Resilience* respectively. In March, we focus on *Effort*, an essential value on the path towards mastery highlighted in our school Motto "Effort Determines Success". In the last communique, I invited you to reinforce the value of Kindness through stories and examples. In this communique, I humbly suggest the following actions you can take to develop your child's resilience in the March holidays and beyond:

1. **Give.** Encourage your child to give of their time to serve others; to do something for others because being able to contribute can bring a peaceful joy to oneself and that strengthens one's resilience. You may want to create opportunities for your child to help and contribute at home and in the community.
2. **Read.** Encourage your child to read widely and discover the joy of losing oneself in the world of books. Reading for leisure is a wonderful and healthy stress relieving strategy. Hidden within the words and illustrations of good books is wisdom that may help us to find solutions to challenges in life.
3. **Relate.** Connect with people who care about your child by spending time with them because our connections with people build our resilience. It is always comforting to know that there are people who care.
4. **Exercise.** Exercise regularly this school holidays to strengthen body and mind because we always feel energised after a good exercise.
5. **Appreciate.** Draw your child's attention to the many beautiful things around them: Music, Art and Nature. Teach him/her to appreciate little things that go well every day. Being grateful for what and who we have builds resilience. A visit to our local museums or parks is a worthwhile activity to do with your child.
6. **Try.** Learn something new with your child because learning can be exciting, joyful and fulfilling. Teach them to learn from books, from you, from community platforms, and knowledgeable others.

The first letter of each of these actions form the word GR<sup>2</sup>EAT. So, on behalf of the school, I wish all of you a GREAT school vacation and year forward.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Chua Choon Hock (Chris)  
Principal

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School Values: Kindness, Integrity, Resilience, Responsibility, Creativity

## **I. Administrative Matters**

### **a. 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 would also like to thank parents/guardians who drive their children/wards to school for parking your cars at the nearby carparks when picking up your children/wards. This has ensured that we do not inconvenience our neighbours at Cedar Avenue through indiscriminate parking.

Children learn best by watching. Hence, we encourage parents/guardians to be positive role models by obeying traffic rules and showing the children how to be safe and responsible road users.

Meanwhile, our GATE H has operated for one full term to enable students to enter and exit the school via the shorter route from the back. We have amended the opening times of the gate based on your feedback and we will continue to monitor the traffic situation at GATE H. Please see the amended opening times below:

<b>Level</b>	<b>Gate H</b>	
	<b>Days</b>	<b>Opening Hours</b>
<b>Primary School</b>	Mondays to Fridays	7.00am to 7.30am
	Mondays to Thursdays	1.30pm to 2.00pm
	Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays	3.40pm to 4.10pm
	Fridays	1.00pm to 1.30pm
<b>MK &amp; Kcare</b>	Mondays to Fridays	7.00am to 8.30am
	Mondays to Fridays	11.50am to 12.00pm
	Mondays to Fridays	4.50pm to 6.00pm

Additionally, we have added shelter for the path, to shelter the students during rainy and sunny weather.

### **b. Travel Declaration**

To ensure schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward only if he/she intends to travel for the holidays.

To make a travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICES > DECLARE TRAVELS]. Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, by 11 March 2022 (Friday). Only one parent is required to declare.

If your child/ward is not travelling during the holidays, no action is required on your side.

When planning your travel, please refer to the attached advisory (Annex A) on travelling.

If there is a change of travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration for the updated travel destination via PG or inform the school for cancellation of travel plan(s).

**c. Imbuing the Value of Responsibility in our Students**

Teaching students to be responsible is important for their academic success, for building strong character, and for helping them be successful in life. One of the ways in which students demonstrate the value of Responsibility in Cedar Primary is by ensuring that they pack their bags every evening to get ready for school the next day. This includes bringing their school work, wallet, and/or recess food every day.

If the students were to forget their schoolwork, they are to bring it back the next day. If they have forgotten their wallet or recess food, the school will provide them with biscuits and water if needed.

Parents/Guardians are to refrain from getting the General Office staff or Security Officers to pass any forgotten items to the students as it would disrupt the students' learning when these items are sent to the classrooms. Together, we can nurture responsibility in our children and help them develop the habit of always ensuring they have everything that they need for school.

## **II. School-Wide Events and Programmes**

**a. 2022 MTL Fortnight and P4 Cultural & Language Camp**

The annual Cedar MTL Fortnight will be held from 21 March 2022 to 1 April 2022. During this period, the school will organise hands-on activities on culture, language and traditions to develop a unique cultural identity among our students as well as promote and enrich the learning of the MTL. All activities will be conducted in small groups during curriculum hours. A separate letter containing the schedule of activities has been sent out on 9 March 2022.

**b. International Friendship Day (IFD) Commemoration Week**

The commemoration of International Friendship Day (IFD) allows our students to reflect on the importance of mutual respect and understanding to maintain unity in our multicultural society. The theme for IFD this year is 'Singapore in Asia.'

It is important for our students to recognise and appreciate the resilience we have demonstrated in building good relationships with our neighbouring countries. During the week, we will learn about the diverse and colourful culture and traditions of the region. At the same time, we hope to nurture the spirit of friendship and collaboration, as well as mutual admiration and respect among our students who come from different backgrounds including different nationalities and cultures.

**c. READ@CPS**

For this year's READ@CPS, the English department will embark on our inaugural collaboration with the CCE department during International Friendship Day Commemoration week. Running from 4 to 8 April, our theme of 'Around the World in Eighty Days' will follow the journey of Phileas Fogg around the world, with specific emphasis on Asia, and how he embraces the spirit of resilience as he goes about completing the once-impossible feat of circling the globe in under three months.

Students can look forward to thematic activities and displays in the library, as well as the classroom. Through the myriad of activities, we hope our students will learn to be resilient and creative, even when faced with adversity.

**d. Environmental Education in Cedar Primary School**

In Cedar, a key Values-in-Action (VIA) learning experience is our Environmental Education programme. In Term 1, the students learnt about the importance of recycling and were reminded of their roles in ensuring that the correct items are sent for recycling.

In Term 2, we will be commemorating Earth Day which falls on 22 April 2022. In the week leading up to Earth Day, the students will be made more aware of the environmental issues that we face and learn about how we can play our part to be active contributors in making our environment a better place for all who live in it.

**e. Cyber Wellness**

As we approach the Term Break, it is important that we continue to stay vigilant and ensure that the cyber world remains a safe place for our children to navigate in.

With the growing role of technology in communication, learning and recreation, here are some tips to help support your child in the online environment:

- Talk to your child about what they feel is an appropriate amount of time to spend on their digital devices per day, given their commitments (e.g. studies, CCA, art class).
- Share your concerns with your child and reach a common understanding on
  - the time they should turn off their laptops/mobile phones
  - when device usage should be paused, such as during mealtimes and family activities
  - when and how often they should take breaks from the screen, or get up to move about
  - what they can do online, such as seeking out online entertainment and learning, accessing the news and staying connected with peers
  - what they should avoid, such as chatting with strangers, sharing personal details (home address, phone number), excessive sharing of pictures/videos of themselves

**f. P3 & P5 Class Tests and P4 & P6 Mid-Year Examinations**

More details regarding the class tests and mid-year examinations will be issued in a letter to parents on Friday 25 March 2022.

### **III. Level-Wide Events and Programmes**

#### **a. Parent Engagement Webinars**

We will be conducting Parent Engagement Webinars with the following objectives:

- To give you an update on the current education landscape;
- To share with you the school directions and key programmes; and
- To work with you to support the holistic development of the children.

The webinars for the various levels are held from 4 pm - 6 pm on the following dates:

Level	Term/Week/Date
Primary 4	Term 2 Week 2: 31 Mar (Thu)
Primary 3	Term 2 Week 5: 20 Apr (Wed)
Primary 1 & Primary 2	Term 2 Week 10: 26 May (Thu)

We will share more details, including the login information, with you a week before the Webinar.

#### **b. Primary 3 Arts Education Programme (AEP)**

As part of the Arts Education Programme, all P3 students will have the opportunity to gain first-hand experience in playing cultural instruments such as the Angklung and Kulintang. Through this programme, students will learn to perform as an ensemble, appreciate music from both local and global cultures and develop a growth mindset as they strive to work together to put up a performance. The programme will be conducted over 8 weeks in Term 2 during Music lessons. Eventually, students would see their performance come to fruition during school events such as Music Recess Week or National Day.

### **IV. Cedar Primary School Calendar of Events**

#### **2022 Term 2 Calendar of Events**

Date/Day	Events	Remarks
21 Mar - 1 Apr (Mon – Fri)	MTL Fortnight	Please refer to the segment above for more details
4 Apr - 8 Apr (Mon – Fri)	International Friendship Day Commemoration Week  READ@CPS	Please refer to the segments above for more details
11 Apr & 12 Apr (Mon & Tue)	P6 Semestral Assessment: EL/MT Oral	Exam held in the afternoon
15 Apr (Fri)	Good Friday	Public Holiday

Date/Day	Events	Remarks
18 Apr (Mon)	P4 Semestral Assessment 1: EL Paper 1 P6 Semestral Assessment: EL Paper 1	
19 Apr (Tue)	P4 Semestral Assessment 1: MT Paper 1 P6 Semestral Assessment: MT Paper 1	
25 Apr & 26 Apr (Mon & Tue)	P4 Semestral Assessment 1: EL/MT Oral	Exam held in the afternoon
27 Apr (Wed)	P4 Semestral Assessment 1: EL & MT LC P6 Semestral Assessment: EL & MT LC	
2 May (Mon)	Labour Day Observed	Public Holiday
3 May (Tue)	Hari Raya Puasa	Public Holiday
9 May (Mon)	P3 & P5 Class Test 2: EL/FEL P4 Semestral Assessment 1: EL Paper 2 P6 Semestral Assessment: EL Paper 2	
10 May (Tue)	P3 & P5 Class Test 2: MA/FMA P4 Semestral Assessment 1: MA/FMA P6 Semestral Assessment: MA/FMA	
11 May (Wed)	P3 & P5 Class Test 2: MT/FMT P4 Semestral Assessment 1: MT Paper 2 P6 Semestral Assessment: MT Paper 2	
12 May (Thu)	P3 & P5 Class Test 2: SC/FSC P4 Semestral Assessment 1: SC/FSC P6 Semestral Assessment: SC/FSC	
13 May (Fri)	P3 HCL & P5 HMT Class Test 2 P4 Semestral Assessment 1: HCL P6 Semestral Assessment: HMT	
16 May (Fri)	Vesak Day Observed	Public Holiday
Semester Holidays, 28th May to 26 Jun 2021		
Term 3 begins on 27 Jun 2022, Monday		

### **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.*

## **Annex A**

### **Advisory on Travel Plans and Health Protocol for Students (March 2022)**

1. All students should only travel overseas under permissible prevailing MOH's travel advisory. Please note the following points for consideration if you are making any travel plans for your child/ward.
  - a) Students and parents must update the school of their plans to travel to countries/regions permissible prevailing MOH's travel advisory. Refer to Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) website [<https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg>] for details.
  - b) Actual time spent overseas may be limited if travellers need to adhere to Singapore's requirements for entry (e.g. time to serve SHN) as well as travel requirements in the country of travel.
  - c) Stay-Home Notice (SHN) may be issued upon return to Singapore. Where individuals have to serve SHN at dedicated facilities, the costs will be borne by the traveller. Refer to official website [<https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/health/shn>] for more details on SHN and SHN dedicated facilities.
  - d) Individuals may need to bear the cost of mandatory travel insurance and unsubsidised healthcare for COVID-19 treatment in case of infection upon return, if applicable.
  - e) In case of changes in travel restrictions by Singapore or other countries, there is a risk that students may not be able to return in time for the start of the school Term.
  - f) Vaccinated International Students (Student's Pass/ Dependent's Pass holders) and their accompanying family members holding Singapore Long-Term Passes (except Work Permit Holders) may re-enter Singapore without applying for an entry approval, subject to prevailing health protocols. They must produce their Long-Term Pass/in-principle approval letter and acceptable proof of vaccination status for entry to Singapore.
    - i. Eligible accompanying family members who do not hold Singapore Long-Term Passes will need to apply for approval to enter Singapore. Please refer to <https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/stpl/overview> for information on eligibility criteria and application processes.
    - ii. Travellers departing from Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) countries/regions may also consider entering Singapore under the VTL, to enjoy quarantine-free measures. They will need to comply with all VTL requirements including the use of designated VTL transport.
    - iii. All travellers should visit the SafeTravel website (<https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/arriving/overview>) for the latest information on prevailing health protocols, entry processes and vaccination requirements. If assistance is required, they may also call the SafeTravel Enquiries Helpline at 6812 5555, or write in to <https://go.gov.sg/sto-enquiry>
2. Border measures, health protocol and requirements for entry may change over time depending on the public health situation in the respective countries. Please check on these requirements by visiting the SafeTravel website at [<https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg>] and the Ministry of Health (MOH) at [<https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19>].