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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of my staff, I would like to wish everyone who is celebrating the Lunar New Year a safe and happy new year! 愿您万事如意迎新年，如虎添翼旺全年！

1. Parents' Briefing Session

The school would like to thank our parents who have attended the virtual Parents' Briefing session(s) to strengthen our home-school partnership for the holistic development of your child. For those who have missed the Parents' Briefing session(s), please note that information presented will be posted on the school website by 4 February 2022.

2. School Safety Vision "Safe School Environment"

Safety is Our Priority; we work towards maintaining a conducive and safe learning environment for our students. As such, the school needs your co-operation and understanding on the following safety matters:

Safe Management Measures

Do keep your child rested at home if they are unwell, issued with Stay Home Notice (SHN) or Isolation Order (IO). We appreciate that you inform your child's Form Teacher or call the General Office at 64456483 in the morning of the day of their absence to keep the school updated. Please submit the medical certificate to your child's Form Teacher when your child is well enough to return to school.

Your child is allowed to return to school as long as he/she is well, regardless of the health status of household members. If your child is issued with Health Risk Warning (HRW), your child is to perform an ART Test and obtain a negative result before returning to school each day during the affected duration.

COVID-19 Vaccination

We are encouraged by the updates received on your child's COVID-19 vaccination dates. For those who have yet to update the school on your child's vaccination dates, we would like to seek your assistance in updating us via <https://go.gov.sg/dpsvaccination> or QR Code. The information will be useful to the school to help ensure your child avoid strenuous activities for 2 weeks after the vaccination



We urge parents/guardians who have yet to sign up for their child/ward to do it to protect your child/ward and family. A high vaccination rate will enable us to resume more activities that are important for our students' all-round development and a rich school life.



Traffic Safety Reminder

The school has received numerous feedback from nearby residents on the traffic congestion outside of the school gate during dismissal times. We seek your kind cooperation to park properly at the nearby public car parks and **avoid parking along the roadside or entrance of Belvia HDB** during dismissal. The school gates will only be opened for other vehicles after the departure of the school buses at about 1.45 p.m.

Adhoc or Early Dismissal for students attending Student Care Centre (SCC)

The school has been receiving requests from parents of students attending SCC for their children to be dismissed directly at the school gate instead of reporting to SCC upon school dismissal. The safety of our students upon dismissal is of utmost importance; hence, the school places great emphasis on a consistent approach of the handover of students from the subject teacher taking the last period to the SCC staff. Thereafter, the SCC staff will handover the student to parent. This will minimize confusion for students.

The school wishes to appeal to parents to inform the Form Teachers and SCC staff in advance for adhoc or early dismissal. This is to allow adequate time for the information to be passed to the relevant subject teachers as the Form Teachers may be teaching in another class; thus, they will be unable to relay last-minute messages. We also seek your understanding and patience that time is needed for the students to walk from the classrooms to the canteen to report to the SCC staff before the handover to parents at the gates. The SCC staff will liaise with parents on the pick-up time at the respective dismissal gate.

3. Assessment Policy

Assessments are important milestones for the students. It provides an invaluable opportunity for students to revise, consolidate and apply their understanding in a formal setting. Overall marks for the year for each subject will be computed accordingly, taking into account the absence from the examination or weighted assessment with a valid reason. The school will be sending the detailed Assessment Policy for your reference later this month.

4. Homework Policy

Homework refers to any learning activity that schools require students to complete outside of curriculum time, regardless of the mode of delivery (i.e. pen-and-paper, virtual/ online). Homework assigned will be purposeful and relevant to the curriculum requirements of each subject as well as the learning needs of our students. Homework load will be monitored and coordinated by teachers to ensure that it is manageable for students. The school hopes to work in partnership with you to instil self-discipline in our students and nurture them to become self-directed learners who take responsibility for their own learning. Appended to this letter is the Homework Policy for your reference. The Homework Policy can also be found on the school website too.

5. Student Login Details

Students have been issued with the login details for their school-based online portals (SLS, Koobits). They can refer to page 154 of the School Handbook for their login details. Students will access the online portals from school and home should there be online work assigned on the platforms.



6. Joyful Learning

At Damai Primary, our teachers make learning fun, engaging and meaningful. The school conducts a range of programmes to cater to the diverse learning needs of our students. In doing so, we hope to develop our students and maximise their potential. We want our students to experience the joy of learning and have a lively curiosity about their surroundings. The following programmes aim to ignite the joy of learning in our students. Here are some highlights:

▪ **Koobits® (Mathematics)**

To encourage our students to learn Mathematics independently and boost our students' skills in the subject, the school has subscribed to KooBits® for all our students. Parents will be able to monitor their child's progress in KooBits® by logging in via 'Parents Register', after their child's log in. Alternatively, parents can download the Koobits® Parent app from the App store/Google Play Store to monitor their child's progress via mobile devices.

▪ **E2K (Mathematics)**

The E2K Mathematics Programme is an enrichment programme for Primary 4 to 6 students who demonstrate interest and ability in Mathematics. It aims to develop in students mathematical reasoning skills and deepen their conceptual understanding through an inquiry approach. Students will have opportunities to collaborate with their peers and engage in mathematical thinking through puzzles, games and mathematics explorations.

▪ **E2K (Science)**

The E2K Science Programme offers opportunities for Primary 4 to 6 students with interest and aptitude for Science to engage in scientific investigations to discover and deepen their understanding of advanced science concepts through an inquiry approach.

The rich learning experiences offered by E2K Mathematics and Science programmes serve to help students to:

- ✓ Develop the habits, attitudes and dispositions scientists possess.
- ✓ Gain important 21st century competencies such as critical thinking, invention thinking and effective communication skills.

▪ **Broadcast Journalism – Mother Tongue Languages (Mother Tongue Language)**

The Broadcast Journalism Programme (MTL) aims to build students' confidence in the use of Mother Tongue languages in both the oral and written form. During the programme, students learnt to conceptualise videos based on contemporary issues that interest them. Students who display a flair for Broadcast Journalism will be given opportunities to develop their interest at a deeper level.

▪ **Literature Programme (English Language)**

The Literature Programme provides an opportunity for our students to develop creative thinking skills through reader-response activities that are conducted pre / during / post-reading. Literature-based instruction addresses higher level thinking skills as it encourages children to think deeply and share their thoughts about a story.



7. Total Defence Day (TDD)

The school will commemorate Total Defence Day (TDD) on 15 February 2022, Tuesday. The theme for this year's TDD is 'Together We Keep Singapore Strong'. It aims to encourage students to play a greater role in Total Defence. The theme also seeks to rally and mobilise Singaporeans to prepare for future threats and challenges, and remind us to stay resilient to allow quick post-crisis recovery.

The commemoration of TDD in Damai this year emphasises on the importance and relevance of Total Defence by knowing its different aspects. Students will learn the many ways they can put Total Defence into action in their everyday lives through a series of school-based activities. Students will learn about the six defence pillars in Total Defence and experience hands-on activities during CCE lessons.

8. Growth Mindset

The school has been actively promoting Growth Mindset to our students since 2020. By embracing the growth mindset, students gain a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishments. We teach our students not to view setbacks as failures, but consider them as opportunities to reflect, learn, and improve their knowledge and skills.

Appended to the letter for your reference is the 12 Growth Mindset Statements that we promote in Damai Primary. We hope that parents will work with the school by reinforcing Growth Mindset in your children at home.

We look forward to our partnership ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jenny Leong
Principal



Damai Primary School Homework Policy 2022

Definition of Homework

Homework refers to any learning activity that schools require students to complete outside of curriculum time, regardless of the mode of delivery (i.e. pen-and-paper, virtual/ online). This includes assignments and projects but not revision of school work or studying for tests and examinations.

Objectives of Homework

Effective use of Homework can help students to

- reinforce learning and deepen understanding of lessons taught
- allow students to regularly practise, and apply skills and concepts taught
- develop good study skills and habits
- encourage greater ownership and responsibility for independent/self-directed learning

Students' Role

Students should:

Understand the purpose of homework and what is expected of them

- keep track of homework instructions and deadlines
- manage time well to ensure that homework is completed and submitted on time
- organise their school materials: study notes, assignments, books, papers, etc. for revision
- give his/ her best effort in completing homework
- seek help from teachers, classmates or friends when they face difficulty
- review feedback from teachers on homework submitted
- complete corrections independently to reinforce learning after explanation by teachers

Develop Good Study Habits

- write down homework/assignment updates in student's handbook
- have a home study timetable
- have a study area, away from household distractions
- have sufficient study materials to do their homework



Long Term Benefits

With regular revision through Homework, students will:

- practise self-discipline and time management
 - be more inquisitive
 - be more independent
 - be better problem solvers
- All the above will result in good study habits and skills as well as improving their attitude towards school.

Objectives of Homework

Monitoring of Homework can provide parents with:

- timely information on the learning progress of the child
- opportunities to be involved in their child's learning

Parents' Role

Parents can do the following to supervise their children homework:

- To create a home environment conducive for studying and completion of homework
- To guide and reinforce good study habits and attitudes
- To refer to the student's handbook daily for updates on homework/assignment/feedback
- To spend time to go through the child's school work
- To help the child to learn through homework assignments
- To consult teachers on the child's progress
- To be mindful of the stresses arising from school homework and out-of-school activities, and help the child to prioritise his/her time among these activities
- To ensure that homework is done before their tuition work
- Parents are reminded not to do the homework for their children. They should also help their children to ensure that homework is done before their tuition work.



General Guidelines on Homework

Primary 1 & Primary 2

- Daily reading for enjoyment
- Either English, Mathematics and/or Mother Tongue homework

Primary 3 - Primary 6

- Daily reading for enjoyment
- English, Mathematics, Science and Mother Tongue homework

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Growth Mindset in Damai Primary School

Dear Parents,

We have 12 Growth Mindset Statements in DPS which are aligned to our school's SPARK Values. You are strongly encouraged to make full use of these 12 Growth Mindset statements to remind and encourage your child to persevere, do his/her best and enjoy learning amidst all the challenges. Together, we can achieve more!

