



De La Salle School

A school of the De La Salle Brothers

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PARENT NOTIFICATION

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Principal's Note

Dear Parents,

Seasons' Greetings! We hope that our P2 to P6 (2022) Lasallians have had a good year-end break and are looking forward to return to school. We warmly welcome our new batch of P1 Lasallians, may they enjoy their journey with De La Salle School as they embark on their first year of formal schooling.

2022 will be a very special year for us as we will be celebrating our 70th anniversary. The theme for our celebration is: ***Passing on the Passion, 70 years and beyond***. This celebration is a call to all our Lasallians; both from the past and the present, to continue to fulfil the mission set forth by our founder, Saint John Baptist de la Salle, to serve the last, the lost and the least. We will be reminded about how our founder started the spark of service to others, and how we should kindle that fire in us as we continue to keep passing on this passion, 70 years and beyond in our community.

There will be a number of celebratory events throughout this school year to commemorate our anniversary. Lasallians will be given the opportunity to showcase and contribute their different talents via various platforms. We warmly invite our Parent Support Group to also collaborate with us for some events. More details on the celebrations will be shared in a separate letter.

As we look towards the reopening of school on 4 Jan for Primary One Lasallians and all Lasallians on 5 Jan, we would like to assure all parents that we will continue to take precautionary measures to ensure that our school remains a safe environment. We thank you for your support and look forward to your partnership in developing our Lasallians as lifelong learners and caring citizens for the future.

We wish all families a Blessed 2022 filled with much joy, peace and love.

Semper Fidelis,

Cheryl Choo
Principal

Mission Statement

Enabling Lasallians in a Lasallian community to learn how to learn and to learn how to live; empowering them to be the persons of integrity and persons for others.

Vision Statement

Lifelong Learners, Caring Citizens

Term 1 Notification

1. In appreciation of former staff

The following staff members have left the school at the end of 2021. We thank them for their dedicated contributions to the school and wish them well in their next posting or endeavour.

- Mdm Toh Suat Hong (HOD Mother Tongue)
- Mr Muhammad Reduan Yahaya (Teacher)
- Ms Nasyirah Parveen Mahmud Hussin (AED LBS)

2. A Warm Welcome to the New Staff of DLSS

We extend our warm welcome to the following new teaching staff:

- Ms Cassandra Chua (HOD English Language)
- Mdm Eunice Goh (SH Chinese Language)
- Mr Abdul Gaffar Bin Shaik Yusof (SH Student Management)
- Mr Ronald Wee (ST Science)
- Miss Nurulain Binte Rashid (Teacher)
- Miss Nurul Fathihah Binte Mohd Jamil (Teacher)
- Miss Nur Hafizah Binte Samsudin (AED T&L)

The following staff have assumed new appointments in 2022:

- Mdm Bharathi Jaganathan (School Staff Developer)
- Mr Chew Chee Wai (HOD Mathematics)
- Ms Chen Weihua (HOD Mother Tongue)
- Mdm Koh Ting Ting (ST Learning Needs – Educational Support)
- Mdm Nur Azlina Nagadi (ST English)

3. 2022 School Hours and After-School Schedule

The school hours and CCA timing for 2022 is appended below for information:

	Mondays & Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays and Fridays
Start Time	7.30 am		
Recess Time	P3: 8.30 am – 9.00 am P2: 9.00 am – 9.30 am P1: 9.30 am – 10.00 am P6: 10.00 am – 10.30 am P4: 10.30 – 11.00 am P5: 11.00 – 11.30 am		
Dismissal Time	P1 & 2: 1.15pm P3 & 4: 1.25pm P5 & 6: 1.30pm		P1 & 2: 12.45pm P3 & 4: 12.55pm P5 & 6: 1.00pm
Lunch Time *	1.30 pm – 2.10 pm	Nil	1.00 pm – 1.40 pm
Remedial & Enrichment Programmes **	2.15 – 3.45 pm		Nil
CCA ***	Nil		1.45 pm – 3.45 pm

Legend

*	Applicable to Lasallians staying back for afternoon activities. Lasallians not having official afternoon activities are advised to return home.
**	More details will be provided in subsequent Parent Notifications.
***	Applicable to Primary 3 to 6 Lasallians staying back for CCA training only. P3 CCAs will commence in Semester 2. Face-to-face CCA training and external activities remain suspended till further notice. The schedule for e-CCA training will be provided at a later date.

4. First Day of School (4 Jan 2022 for P1 only and 5 Jan 2022 for all Lasallians)

All P1 Lasallians will report to school on Tuesday, 4 January 2022. School hours will be from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Each P1 Lasallian may be accompanied by only one parent/guardian for the day. **Only vaccinated parents/guardians, or unvaccinated parents (including those medically ineligible for the vaccines) with a negative ART self-swab result are allowed to accompany their P1 child for the day.** Please refer to the Parent Notification sent out on 28 December 2021 for details.

P2 to P6 Lasallians will remain at home on 4 January. Our school Student Care Centre (YMCA) will remain open for enrolled students only in the afternoon. Please contact the centre directly for details.

All Lasallians will return to school on Wednesday, 5 January 2022. Lasallians are to report directly to class by 7.30 a.m. and bring along a small bag with writing materials. Form Teachers will inform Lasallians of the packing list when they report to school on 5 Jan.

5. Reminders on Safe Management Measures

Lasallians should stay at home if they or adults living with them are unwell with flu-like symptoms. They should not enter the school if they or adults living with them are on Isolation Order (IO) or Stay Home Notice (SHN). For Lasallians issued with a Health Risk Warning (HRW), they are to produce a valid negative ART result and are well before they can report to school. We would like to encourage Lasallians to be vaccinated if they are medically eligible.

Lasallians should continue to follow similar safe management measures as used in 2021:

- Lasallians are to carry their TraceTogether tokens with them when they are in school as contact tracing is now TT-based.
- Maintain good personal hygiene through frequent washing of hands or use of hand sanitiser.
- Practise wipe-down of own desk or commonly shared equipment whenever there is a change of lesson venue.
- Wear a face mask at all times. Lasallians are reminded to bring along a spare mask in case of accidental breakage or loss.
- Bring along an Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) every day for daily temperature screening in the classroom. Please ensure that the ODTs are in working condition before school starts in January. Thermometers will be available for sale in the school bookshop. Primary One students will be issued with new ODTs by their form teachers on the first day of school.

6. Safety and Security

a. Road Safety

The attached map of De La Salle School (**Annex 1**) shows the location of all the school gates. During operating hours, there will be a security officer or staff member on duty at each gate.

Gate Operating Hours

Gate	Operating Hours (Morning Arrival)	Operating Hours (School Dismissal)
A (for Staff & Cyclists only)	6.30 a.m. – 7.20 a.m.	Nil
B (Lasallians on foot and Visitors)	Controlled by security guards	1.00 p.m. – 1.45 p.m. (only for school vans)
C (Vehicular Access for school buses & parents dropping off Lasallians)	6.45 a.m. – 7.30 a.m.	Only for school buses
D (Vehicular Access for exit only)	6.45 a.m. – 7.30 a.m.	Only for school buses
E	6.45 a.m. – 7.30 a.m.	1.00 pm – 1.45 p.m.

For Lasallians who walk to school

Lasallians are to use the pedestrian crossing along Choa Chu Kang St 52 and they are to cross the road at the stipulated traffic light crossing outside the school. Lasallians are reminded to be vigilant of their surroundings and to pay attention to oncoming traffic as they cross the road. They can enter or exit the school via Gate B or Gate E during morning arrival and school dismissal hours.

If you are driving your child to school

Please enter the school via Gate C if you are driving your child to school. To ensure a smooth traffic flow within the school premises, kindly prepare and ready your child ahead of time to alight promptly at the “Drop-off Point” at the porch of the Classroom Block. For the safety of our Lasallians, do not alight Lasallians in the middle of the driveway. Do exercise patience and caution while driving along the driveway out towards Gate D to exit the school premises.

Gate D is an automatic gate. Do not be alarmed if Gate D is closed early in the morning. Please follow the instructions on the notice mounted on the gate to gain exit. During morning peak hours, Gate D is open and manned by one of the school staff.

Only school buses are allowed to drive into the school compound for dismissal. Parents who drive to pick up their child are advised to arrive early and park at nearby carparks before walking over to Gate B or E. Parking outside the school along Choa Chu Kang St 52 is strictly not allowed and will only serve to increase traffic congestion and pose unnecessary road safety risks to our Lasallians.

A collaboration with Land Transport Authority and our McNally Club in 2021 resulted in the use of artworks by our Lasallians for new road safety signs installed near access roads on walking routes commonly used by Lasallians during daily school arrival and dismissal times (please see **Annex 2**). Please encourage your child to follow the road safety signs installed and learn to look out for oncoming traffic as well as to use designated pedestrian crossings.

School Bus & Public Transport

Lasallians who are travelling by school bus or public transport are to observe the rules and regulations when aboard the vehicles. They should be properly seated and belted up where applicable. They are expected to behave themselves and not move around or talk loudly during the bus journey. They should not be snacking or drinking when travelling on the bus.

All Lasallians are to take responsibility to ensure their own safety and respect the need for the safety of others when travelling to school and back home.

Please refer to **Annex 3** for the road safety advisory from the Land Transport Authority and Singapore Police Force.

Cycling to School

Lasallians who wish to cycle to school will enter the school gate via Gate A where the bicycle stands are located. They should dismount when crossing the pedestrian crossing, looking out for oncoming traffic and not assume that they have the right of way.

Lasallians must obtain parental acknowledgement of an issued advisory note and be registered with the school before they are allowed to cycle to school. For their safety, they are to don safety wear such as helmet and other protective gear when cycling and ensure that their bicycles are well-lit in the early mornings. Please obtain the cycling advisory note from the school Operations Manager at the General Office.

b. School Security

To minimise the risk of intrusion, all visitors including parents are to obtain security clearance before being allowed entry into the school. Visitors are subject to prevailing safe management measures as well as security checks at the security post beside Gate B.

Parents who escort their children to school on foot or by public transport can leave their children at Gate B or E in the presence of the security officer and school personnel on duty. Parents who pick their children up after dismissal can wait outside these school gates.

If you wish to speak with a teacher or to attend to some administrative matters, please call the General Office ahead for an appointment. You may park your vehicle at a nearby carpark before reporting at the security post to register for a visitor's pass and then proceed to the General Office for assistance. You will have to don the visitor pass visibly throughout the duration of your visit.

The safety of our Lasallians is our top priority hence we seek your understanding and cooperation in helping us to provide a safe and secure learning environment for our Lasallians.

Taxis or private-hire vehicles are not allowed to enter or park at the school premises.

7. School Calendar – Term 1

Please refer to **Annex 4** for the school calendar for Term 1, 2022. Do check our school website for updates.

8. Gifted Education Program (GEP) 2022 Screening and Selection Dates

The tentative dates for the GEP Screening and Selection exercise for the 2022 Primary 3 cohort are as follows:

GEP Screening Exercise – 17 August 2022 (Wednesday)

GEP Selection Exercise – 18 & 19 October 2022 (Tuesday & Wednesday)

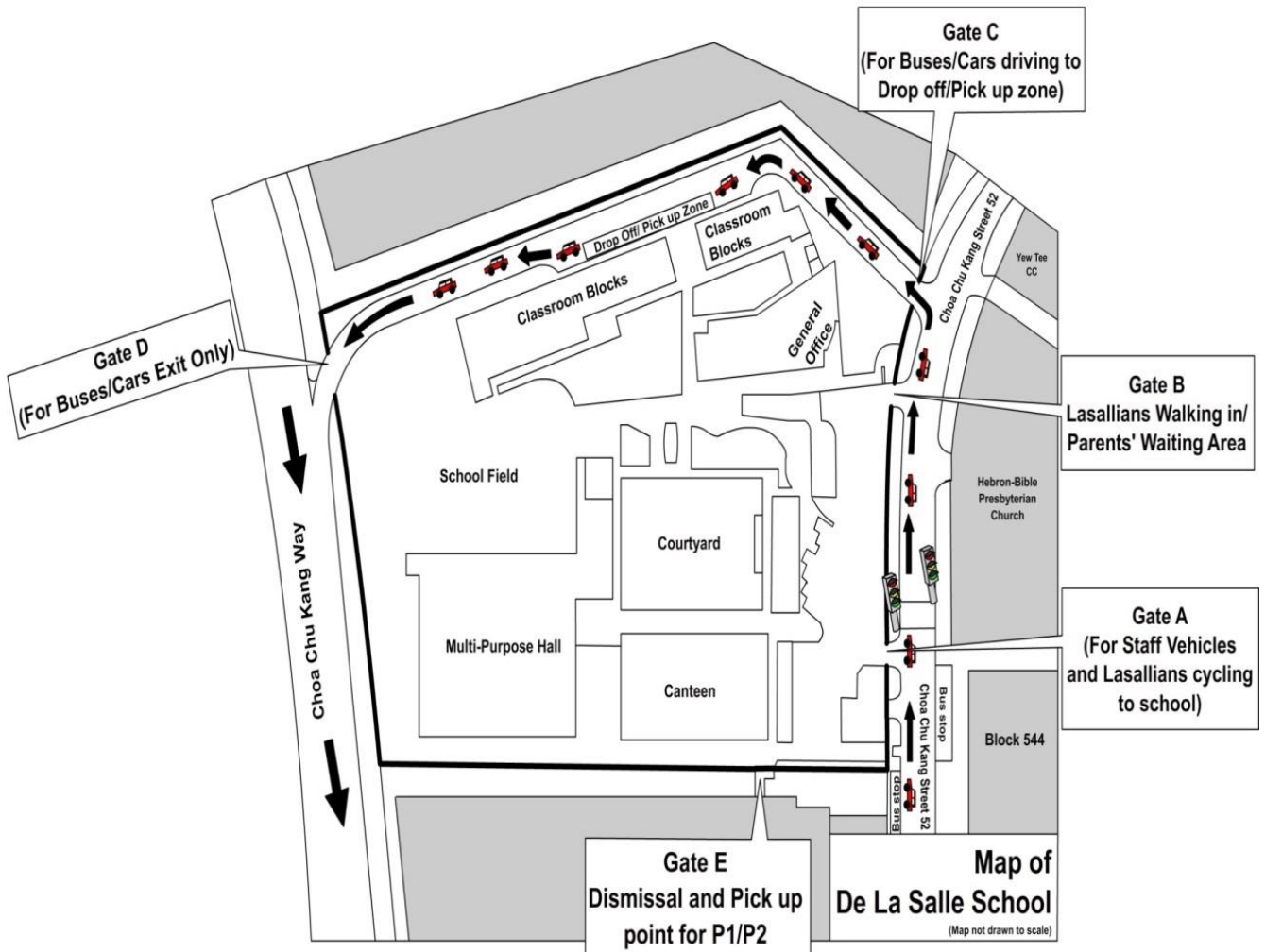
9. Parents Gateway App

Parents Gateway is an important online communication platform between MOE/School and parents. All parents are encouraged to download the application to their mobile phones to gain ready and convenient access to timely information pertaining to the school's programmes and activities. Please refer to the school website (Parents Link) for the guide to Parents Gateway. All subsequent termly notifications and announcements to parents will be sent via the Parents Gateway.

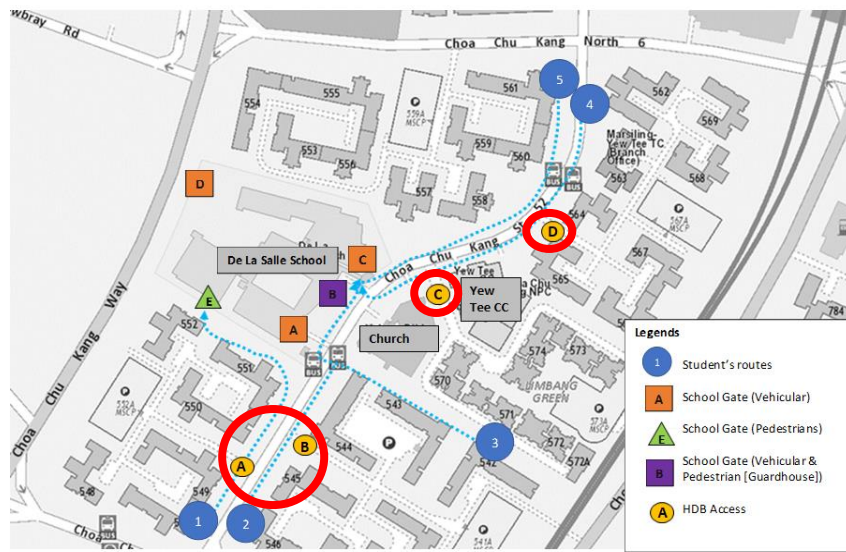
10. Use of Photographs and Videos involving Lasallians

During the course of the year, photographs and videos of your child participating in instructional and school activities may appear on the school website and other school publications. When selecting photographs or videos to be featured, the school is mindful of the way our Lasallians may appear in them and will not include photographs and videos which are in any way inappropriate. For any concerns or feedback, please email dlss@moe.edu.sg.

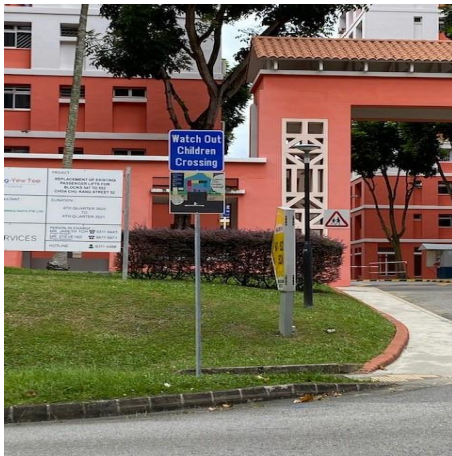
School Traffic Management Plan



A Collaboration between LTA and DLSS McNally Club Students



View A Block 549



View B: Block 545



View C: CC and Church



View D: Block 564





SINGAPORE POLICE FORCE



Dear Parent/Guardian,

ROAD SAFETY OF STUDENTS

We would like to seek your cooperation to work with the school in ensuring the safety of students coming to and leaving school. This is especially important as young children may not have the skills required to use roads properly and do not always fully appreciate the dangers presented. Their small physique also makes them less visible to motorists.

This letter reiterates the road safety policies of the school:

- a. Reduce vehicle speed and stay alert for pedestrians in the school zone.
- b. Cooperate with traffic marshals to ensure overall safety and smooth traffic flow.
- c. Let your child alight only at the designated drop-off point.
- d. Be advised not to violate traffic rules by driving recklessly or making illegal manoeuvres such as turning into the school from the outer lane(s) of the road.
- e. Do not horn indiscriminately.
- f. Help your child alight from the car as quickly as possible.
- g. Reinforce correct road safety behaviour such as using the pedestrian crossing, and avoiding jaywalking or using a mobile phone while crossing.
- h. Remind your children to practise the kerb drill before crossing - "look right, look left, look right again; ensure all vehicles have stopped; raise your hand high up and cross the road briskly".
- i. If your child must cycle to school, ensure that he knows safe cycling rules and is a competent cyclist.
- j. For the safety of everyone, enforcement action will be taken against motorists who violate traffic rules.

We thank all parents and guardians who have been the role models for our children.

On Behalf of SPF and LTA

De La Salle School
2022 Term 1 Calendar of Events

Week No.	Date	Day	Event/Activity	Level
1	4 Jan	Tue	P1 Lasallians First Day at School P1 Curriculum Briefing for Parents	P1
1	5 Jan	Wed	All Lasallians report to School	All
3	17 Jan	Mon	DLS Inaugural Service	All
3	21 Jan	Fri	P6 Curriculum Briefing for Parents	
5	31 Jan	Mon	Chinese New Year's Eve (curtailed hours – school ends at 10 am)	All
5	1 & 2 Feb	Tue & Wed	Chinese New Year (Public Holiday)	All
6	8 Feb	Tue	P4 Curriculum Briefing for Parents	
7	14 Feb	Mon	Total Defence Day Commemoration	All
7	21 & 22 Feb	Mon & Tue	Photo-taking for SMART Card (during curriculum time)	P1 & P6
8	24 Feb	Thu	P6 Continual Assessment (CA) - English (Paper 2)	P6
8	25 Feb	Fri	P6 CA - Math	P6
9	28 Feb	Mon	P6 CA – Mother Tongue (Paper 2)	P6
9	1 Mar	Tue	P6 CA – Mother Tongue (Paper 1)	P6
9	2 Mar	Wed	P6 CA - Science	P6
9	2 Mar	Wed	Ash Wednesday	P4 - 6
10	7 Mar	Mon	P6 CA – Higher Mother Tongue (Paper 1 & 2)	P6
10	11 Mar	Fri	Home-Based Learning Day (No-school day)	All

Updated as at 29 Dec 2021