P4 Parent Engagement 2023

**17 February 2023** 







#### **ITEMS**

School Leader's Address

Key Programmes for the year

Subject Based Banding and Achievement Levels

**Direct School Admission** 

**Assessment Matters** 





## We are 10 years old







BECOMING A FUTURE-READY LEARNER



2018

Harmonising Towards Excellence

2019

Learning – A Lifelong Passion

2020

Be The Best that I Can Be 2021

Be The Best that We Can Be

2022

We Are Ready to Serve

Develop **Yourselves** 

Holistically

**Develop Mindsets** and Attitudes, Learn Habits and Skills that help vou to learn for life

yourself, Know Manage yourself, **Exercise Personal** Leadership, Develop Self Agency

how to Learn make friends, that accept others can be different from us, learn with others

Learn and practise Adopt empathy, be kind learning and encouraging in develop thoughts, acts, others in need, and new syllabus put others before self.

2023

Becoming A Futureready Learner

lifelong mindset, yourselves words holistically and apply SE help Competencies. Embrace and school-based curriculum to enhance your future-readiness

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### We stay true to our **School Mission**:

To nurture healthy and happy individuals with strength of character, ready to serve, ready for the future

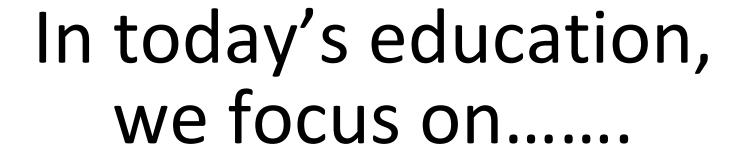
#### Our **School Values:**

ICAR<sup>2</sup>E

#### Our **School Vision**:

A vibrant school with a culture of care and the spirit of excellence







#### Replies The Straits Times, 8 February 2023

#### Education • Equipping students for school of life

We thank Forum contributors
Harry Lim, Edwin Chow and
Paul Chan Poh Hoi for their
views on teaching and learning
approaches in schools (Lessons
on primary school education
worth learning from
international schools, Jan 27;
Focus on teaching kids skills
needed for future economy, Jan
30; and Education must cover
wide ground to prepare students,
Feb 2).

To help our students face a fast-changing world, the Ministry of Education (MOE) and schools have been shifting our efforts beyond preparing our students for life in school, to equipping them for the school of life.

To achieve this, MOE continually learns from the best educational practices around the world. Today, we are building on a strong education system to help students strengthen 21st century competencies like

critical and inventive thinking and collaboration, as well as values like empathy and resilience.

Our students pick up these skills through a range of different experiences in and out of class. For example, teachers utilise interactive teaching tools and games in subjects such as mathematics to engage students and help them better understand concepts.

Schools offer applied learning programmes to help students connect what they have learnt in the classroom with real-world contexts. Beyond the classroom, students take part in a range of co-curricular activities, learning journeys and outdoor activities to cultivate resilience and holistic development.

Taken together, these initiatives encourage our students to explore, experiment and be creative in their approach to learning.

These efforts take place against a backdrop of system-wide changes to encourage broader definitions of success and a shift away from an overemphasis on academic grades.

For example, the removal of mid-year examinations for all remaining levels in primary and secondary schools by 2023 will give our students more time and space to further develop holistically, and embark on more student-initiated learning.

But even as we do so, schools will continue to ensure students receive feedback on their learning, as well as the necessary learning support.

We will continue to ensure a good balance in our curriculum and teaching, and stay guided by our mission to ignite the joy of learning in our students and help them thrive in life.

#### Sherwin Cheng

Director, Curriculum Policy Office Ministry of Education



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## **Desired Outcomes of** Education

#### Students who are

- Confident
- Self-directed
- Active contributors
- Concerned citizens









A good sense of self-awareness



A sound moral compass



The necessary skills and knowledge to take on challenges of the future

#### **VUCA**

Complexity Multiple key decision factors

**V**olatility Rate of change

**Ambiguity** Lack of clarity about meaning of an event

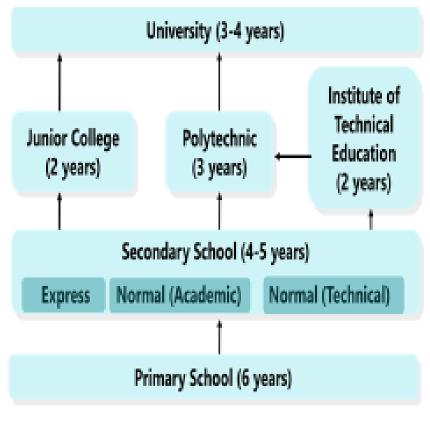
**Uncertainty** Unclear about

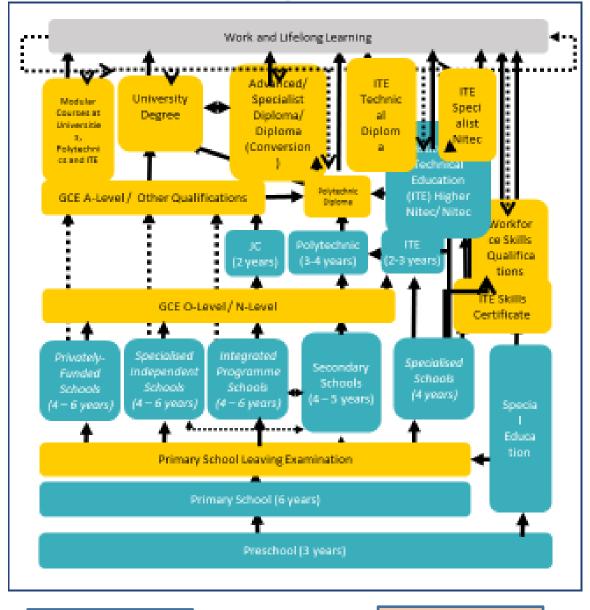
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How much do you know about the situation?



#### Evolution of our Education Landscape











#### New phase of our education system

- Develop diverse strengths and interests of our students,
- Nurture an intrinsic motivation to learn
- Ensure every child has a good start in life, and can access opportunities at every stage of their lives





Refreshing our Curriculum for the Future

#### Digital Literacy

 Prepare students to thrive in a digital and tech-driven future

#### Blended Learning

 Accelerate learning through digital tools by COVID-19

#### Character and Citizenship Education

Equip students with strong sense of values, resilience and skills

#### Knowing Asia

- Seize economic opportunities in Asia
- Enhance support for language learning



## Charting our Journey "Becoming a Future-Ready Learner"



Empower SKGians to take charge of their holistic health

Promote the love for Reading bilingually



4 Focus Areas of School-Based Curriculum Development for Future-Readiness

Develop eco-stewardship to nurture SKGians to be champions of sustainability

Equip students to use technology responsibly and effectively to learn





At Sengkang Green, we pride ourselves

in preparing our students not only for now, not only for the exams and PSLE, but also for the future!

# Becoming A Future-Ready Learner

"We Can Be"





# Celebrating 10th Anniversary

BECOMING A FUTURE-READY LEARNER

## We Can Be

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Theme Song

## Verse 1

In Sengkang Green Primary ... we seek and learn with heart Inspired by mentors...we strive to work hard We always give our very best each day so that we can become the leaders of tomorrow



## Verse 2

Everyday rise and shine... climb every mountain Scale to our highest peak... we'll make a difference For all the tiny steps, they are crucial Hand in hand we will journey together



## Chorus

We can be the champions that we want to be We can be the leaders of our destiny We can be the best that we can be We'll strive to achieve

We can be the champions that we want to be We can be the leaders of our destiny We can be the best that we can be We can be and we will achieve



## Verse 3

We are all winners... with worthy sacrifice
With imperfections... we persevere always
We fall and stand again with resilience
Grow stronger each time to reach our destination



## Verse 4

We strive for excellence... in all our mission
With respect and love...ready to serve the nation
We care and share as one big family
SKGians let's take flight we're ready to soar



## Chorus

We can be the champions that we want to be We can be the leaders of our destiny We can be the best that we can be We'll strive to achieve

We can be the champions that we want to be We can be the leaders of our destiny We can be the best that we can be We can be and we will achieve



## Bridge

This is the time, we spread our wings and fly
This is the time, we bravely take to the sky
Keeping the faith we have in one another
Against all odds, knowing we'll do this together!



## Chorus

We can be the champions that we want to be We can be the leaders of our destiny We can be the best that we can be We'll strive to achieve

We can be the champions that we want to be We can be the leaders of our destiny We can be the best that we can be We can be future ready



# Year Head's Time





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image from: https://www.skullbasedisease.org/support



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## **Transition to Primary 4**

- Higher academic demands
- Relationship with peers
- Personal Physiological changes

#### Students need to:

- Stay confident in the face of challenges
- Be disciplined and stay focused over a longer time span
- Develop social emotional competencies to deal with the challenges
- Develop a Growth Mindset









## **Well-being Support**

#### **Care Team**

- Form Teachers
- Subject Teachers
- School-based Counsellors
- Student Development Team (inclusive of YH & SLs)

#### **Peer Support Structure**

Every student a peer supporter

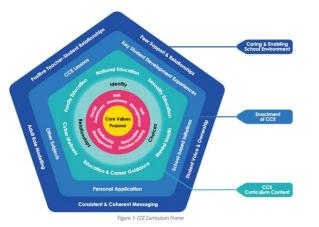




# Scan the QR code to find out more information on supporting your child in terms of mental well-being

https://www.healthhub.sg/programme s/183/parent-hub/primary/emotionalwellbeing





## **Becoming a Future Ready Learner**

Understand and stretch students' strengths and their knowledge

Heart (Values)

Develop ICAR<sup>2</sup>E values, SE competencies and 21st CC skills in students

Discover and build on students' interest and skills

Mind (Knowledge)

Hands (Skills)



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## Supporting our children



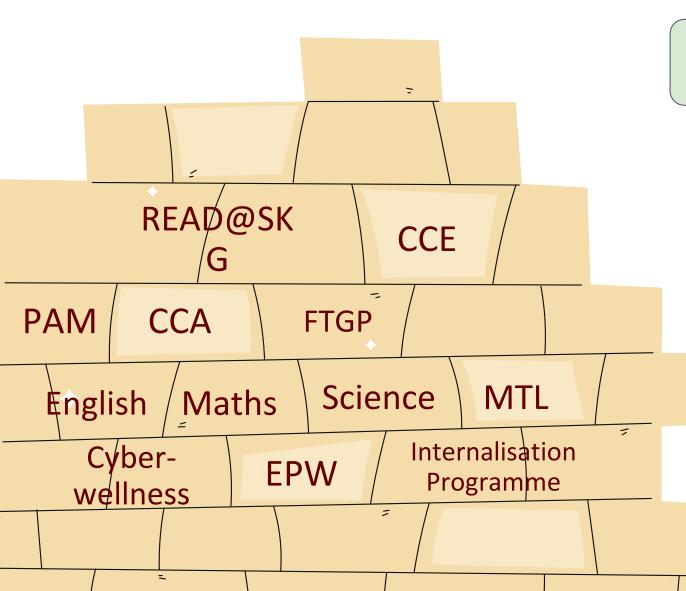












Lifelong Learners

Ready to serve

Ready for the future

Together
Every SKGian
Achieves
More holistically









## ACTIVE SELF-MANAGEMENT

#### STUDENT AGENCY

Personal Effectiveness	Leading Self
<ul> <li>Self-regulation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Developing strengths</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Beginning with the End in Mind</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Growth Mindset</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Putting First Things First</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Contributing actively</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Active learning</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continuous improvement</li> </ul>







## Application of Values, Skills and Knowledge

#### **Experiential Project Work (EPW)**

- Helps students to appreciate the relevance and value of what they are learning in the academic curriculum to the real world
- application of thinking skills and integrating knowledge across different subjects
- stretching the imagination and applying these in real-world settings in society

- Learning Journey to the Civic District and the Singapore Flyer (Term 1 Week 10)
- Project Work (Term 2 Week1)







## Application of Values, Skills and Knowledge

#### **E-Immersion Programme**

- Deepen students' 21st CC global awareness and cross cultural skills and sensitivities
- strengthen students' commitment and rootedness to Singapore
- Provide students with opportunities to practice school values

- Self introduction through padlet
- Posting of CNY Postcards
- Zoom meeting with students from Ban Mai School



## **Home Support**



SENGKANG GREEN Primary School

- Commitment to work together to develop your child with positive habits and routines.
- Collaboration between teachers and parents to support your child in learning.
- Regular communication between parents and teachers to ensure consistency in nurturing your child.



# Partnering Parents through Regular Communication

Sessions	Date
P4 Parent Engagement Session (PES)	Fri, 17 Feb 2023
Parent-Teacher-Child Conference (PTCC) for selected students	Fri, 10 Mar 2023
Parent-Teacher-Child Conference (PTCC) for all students	Thu, 25 May 2023 Fri, 26 May 2023
Parent-Teacher-Child Conference (PTCC) for all students	Thu, 16 Nov 2023 Fri, 17 Nov 2023

Parents are also encouraged to communicate regularly with your child's teachers through emails or phone calls to address any concerns.



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#### **Subject Based Banding**





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#### What is Subject-Based Banding (PRI)?

- Through Subject-based banding (SBB), students could take a combination of subjects at the standard or foundation levels depending on the their strengths
- SBB is offered at P5 and P6.

**Note: Enabling Lifelong Learning** 







#### **Rationale for SBB**

- Allows students to:
- focus on and stretch their potential in the subjects that they are strong in
- build up the fundamentals in the subjects that they needs more support in. (The intent for SBB is not for offering softer options)

The intent for SBB is not for offering softer options but to enable lifelong learning in students.





#### How does SBB work at P4?



#### Primary 4

#### Students sits for the school exams.

School recommends a subject combination based on their exam results at the end of the year.

Parents fill up an option form to indicate their child's preferred subject combination.

#### Primary 5

### Students take their preferred subject combination

School assesses your child's ability to cope with the subjects at the end of the year.

Adjustments to the subject levels are made if needed.

Final Decision for your child's SBB will be made by the school.

#### Primary 6

Students take the subject combination decided by the school and sits for the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE).





#### **Subject Combinations offered**

Subject Combination	Abbreviation
4 Standard subjects	4S
4 Standard Subjects and 1 Higher Mother Tongue Language	4S1H
3 Standard Subjects and 1 Foundation Mathematics	3S1F(MA)
4 foundation Subjects	4F

More information regarding Higher Mother Tongue Language will be posted onto the school website.







#### **School Considerations and Criteria**

- Performance at P4
- Past performance at P1-P3
- Recommendations by form and subject teachers

Taking subjects at the foundation level is not a disadvantage for your child. It will help them to build up the fundamentals for the subjects and better prepare them for progression to secondary school





# How are students allocated to P5 classes at the end of the year?

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#### **General Guidelines**

\*Classes will be organised into broad ability bands:

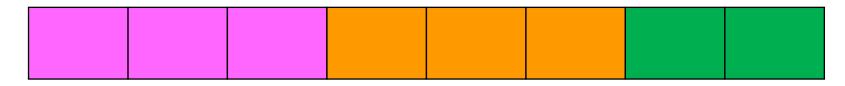


Diagram is only for illustration purpose, may not reflect actual situation

- Classes in each colour band will have students with similar/close abilities
- Overall performance in English medium subjects will be considered first
- Mother Tongue Language will be grouped differently
- Movement from P5 to P6 will be based on the student's performance in accordance to SBB Guidelines

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#### Achievement Levels at P5 and P6







#### **PSLE Scoring System from 2021**

The new PSLE Score aims to reduce the fine differentiation of students at a young age based on exam scores.

Students will be assessed based on their own achievement, instead of comparing with their peers.



https://go.gov.sg/psle-scoring







#### **PSLE Scoring System from 2021**



AL	Raw Mark Range
1	90 & above
2	85 - 89
3	80 - 84
4	75 - 79
5	65 - 74
6	45 - 64
7	20 - 44
8	Below 20

The examination results of P5 and P6 will show the Achievement Levels (AL) to familiarise with the PSLE scoring system.

Each subject will be scored using 8 ALs with AL 1 being the best.

Total score at P5 & 6 will be the sum of the ALs of four subjects.





#### **Grading System at Primary 5 & 6**

Holistic Development Profile (HDP)				
<u>Subject</u>	<u>Mark</u>	<u>AL</u>		
English Language	85	2		
Mathematics	75	4		
Science	65	5		
Mother Tongue Language	55	6		
Total AL Score: 17				



This is an example of how the score of a student at P5 and P6 will look like.



# Starting from P6 2023 onwards FULL SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (SECONDARY)

- With Full SBB in secondary schools, students will have greater flexibility to study more subjects at different levels that suit their interests, aptitude and learning needs.
- There will no longer be separate Express,
   N(A), and N(T) courses.
- Students will be in mixed form classes where they can interact with peers of different strengths and interests.



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#### Direct School Admission (DSA)





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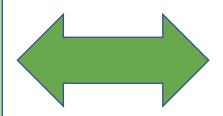


#### Direct School Admission (DSA-SEC)



#### **Promotes Holistic Education**

Allows students to gain direct entry to certain secondary schools based on their talent in sports, CCAs and specific academic areas



Allow participating secondary schools to select some P6 students for admission to Secondary 1 based on :

- talents
- potential
- achievement







#### **Categories**

- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Language and Humanities
- Leadership and Uniformed Groups
- Performing Arts
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
- Sports and Games
- Visual Arts, Design and Media







#### **Direct School Admission (DSA-SEC)**

Type of Secondary School	% of Places offered
Specialised schools such as Singapore School of the Arts (SOTA) and Singapore Sports School (SSP)	100%
All other Secondary Schools (for non- Integrated Programmes)	20%









- Student's PSLE score still matters. Students offered placement in a DSA-Sec school still need a PSLE score that qualifies them for the course offered by the school.
- Successful DSA candidates will <u>not</u> be allowed to make any <u>school option</u> in the centralised S1 Posting Exercise.
- Unsuccessful DSA candidates will have to participate the S1 Posting Exercise after receiving their PSLE results.







#### Criteria for selection

- Schools have different selection processes but, in general, applicants must be able to demonstrate their talent, potential, passion and character through their school track record and online DSA applications.
- For example:
  - Represented the school in a CCA.
  - Held a role in a play or performance.
  - Done well in a subject such as mathematics or creative writing.
  - Held a leadership role in class or a CCA.





#### Support provided by SKGPS

- Dissemination of information on DSA, Talent Academy, Open House, etc.
- Development Programmes through the CCAs and other school programmes
- Building of portfolios
- Students under FAS may seek financial assistance from school for application fees or administration fees required for DSA selection test, trials or camps.









#### Scan the QR code to find out more information on **DSA**

https://go.gov.sg/dsa-secondary





#### Our common interest: The Best for the Child

Commitment Collaboration Communication







