

3 January 2023



## **TERM 1 NOTE FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS**

### **A. GREETINGS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Greetings!

I hope you had a fulfilling year-end break with your family. My staff and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and our students to a new school year.

The school vision of “Caring Hearts, Enriched Minds and Determined Spirits” will continue to act as a compass that gives direction to our mission of nurturing Concordians with character and passion for learning to face life’s challenges.

As we forge ahead in 2023, we will continue to commit ourselves to developing our students holistically and preparing them for the future that is fast changing. We firmly believe in creating a safe, nurturing and innovative environment which is fundamental in helping our students to develop traits necessary to navigate in the Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous (VUCA) world. To achieve this, it is also important that we continue to work closely and support one another in the journey of unleashing our students’ potential.

As the French philosopher Simone Weil said, “The joy of learning is as indispensable in study as breathing is to running.” We will continue to commit ourselves to strengthen our student focused processes and quality of teaching through sound curriculum and pedagogical approach.

We look forward to another year of meaningful and fulfilling partnership with you.

### **B. WELCOMING NEW STAFF MEMBERS TO CPS**

We would like to warmly welcome the following staff members to our Concord family. They are:

1. Mdm Teoh Kah Min, HOD MTL
2. Mdm Sohrah Bte Mumhude, Teacher
3. Madam Liao Han, Teacher

### C. THANKING OUTGOING STAFF MEMBERS

We would like to thank the following staff members for their dedicated service and wish them all the best in their future endeavours:

1. Miss Aileen Tan Fei Ching, Teacher
2. Miss Alia Binte Moreta, Teacher
3. Mdm Elaine Lee Sui Lyn, Teacher
4. Mdm Koh Wei Chi Christy, Teacher
5. Mdm Lim Pei Geok Shannon, Teacher
6. Miss Sonia Low Wen Qing, NIE Trainee

### D. COVID-19 VACCINATION OPS FOR CHILDREN

*(Mr Andrew Lee, Vice Principal [Administration])*

Please inform your child's Form Teacher of his/her vaccination dates in advance so that we can help to monitor their well-being in school and exempt them from strenuous physical activities for 14 days after each vaccination.

### E. STUDENT HEALTH AND DAILY ATTENDANCE

*(Mr Andrew Lee, Vice Principal [Administration])*

The safety of our students is of utmost importance. We seek parents' understanding and assistance to reinforce the need for personal and social responsibility. This includes keeping your child at home if he/she is unwell.

Students are also reminded to bring a working Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) to school daily.

If your child is not reporting to school (even for non-health reasons), please inform the school via the following QR code. The link to the electronic form can also be found in our school website under the "For Parents" section. We strongly encourage you to bookmark this form for future use.



<https://go.gov.sg/cpschildabsence>

## **F. USE OF PERSONAL DATA FOR SCHOOL'S PUBLICITY PURPOSES**

*(Mr Andrew Lee, Vice Principal [Administration])*

Under the Personal Data Protection Act, photographs and video images of an individual are considered personal data. We would like to inform you that photograph(s) or video image(s) of students and parents/guardians of our school may be captured during school activities and events. The school may use and publish such photographs and/or video recordings in our school publications, official school website and other communication channels.

## **G. REPORTING TIME AND ATTIRE FOR STUDENTS**

*(Mr Muhammad Osman, HOD CCE)*

We would like to remind parents/guardians that students should be in school by 7.25 a.m. Students will be marked late if they are not in the classroom / hall for the National Anthem and pledge-taking at 7.30 a.m.

- All students are expected to be punctual for school, and school-organised programmes / activities at all times. Being punctual is a demonstration of respect and responsibility. We appreciate your kind understanding and support on this matter.
- All students are also reminded to be neatly attired for school. Shoes must be full white. Students are to maintain a neat hairdo where one's fringe does not touch the eyebrows. Fancy hairstyles are not acceptable.
- Do follow the school attire guidelines as stated on page 18 and 19 in the Student Handbook 2023 on expectations to dress neatly and appropriately.

## **H. ROAD SAFETY**

*(Mr Andrew Lee, Vice Principal [Administration])*

The school's Traffic Management Plan for 2023 can be found on the school website at the top navigation bar under "For Parents" > "School Information" > "Traffic Management Plan".

For parents driving in and out of the school, please exercise care and patience, especially during the morning peak hours i.e. 7am to 7.30am. The situation during this period is very challenging due to the many concurrent competing needs at the main gate junction - vehicles entering and leaving, pedestrians crossing, the need to optimise the traffic flow in tandem with the traffic light crossing along Choa Chu Kang Ave 4.

Drivers should also note that, when exiting the school main gate, they should pay particular attention to passing pedestrians and cyclists, especially those coming from the left.

Parents/Guardians may wish to consider using Gates 4 and 12 (which are besides Blk 446 and Blk 451 respectively) as alternative drop off points which also provide safe and sheltered access into the school.

Please be reminded to adhere to the speed limit (15km/h) when driving in the school compound and to also drop off your child/ward only at the designated area at the foyer.

## I. MOE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME

*(Ms Wong Siew Ling, Administration Manager)*

The Ministry of Education (MOE) provides financial assistance to needy Singaporean students. The income criterion is \$3,000 or below (Gross Household Income) and \$750 or below (Per Capita Income). You may apply via the MOE website <https://www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/financial-assistance>.

## J. PHOTOTAKING FOR PRIMARY 1 AND PRIMARY 6 STUDENTS FOR THE SCHOOL SMART CARDS (SSC) – 24 & 27 FEBRUARY 2023

*(Ms Wong Siew Ling, Administration Manager)*

The Ministry of Education (MOE) will be conducting the yearly photo-taking exercise for the issuance of the School Smart Card (SSC). Please note that this photo-taking exercise is strictly for P1 and P6 students only. P1 students will get their SSCs by end March, while the photo-images captured for P6 students will be used for the printing of Secondary SSCs when they are promoted to Secondary One in 2024. Students should be wearing their school uniform on that day. More details of the photo-taking exercise will be shared later.

## K. SEXUALITY EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM – THE GROWING YEARS

*(Mr Muhammad Osman, HOD CCE)*

Sexuality Education lessons are conducted in the school for primary 5 and primary 6 students under the ambit of Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) with the following objectives:

- To help students make wise, responsible and informed decisions through the provision of accurate, current and age-appropriate **knowledge** on human sexuality and the consequences of sexual activity
- To help students know themselves and build healthy and rewarding relationships through the acquisition of **social and emotional skills** of self-awareness, management of their thoughts, feelings and behaviours, development of empathy for others, possession of effective communication, problem-solving and decision-making skills
- To help students develop a moral compass, respect for themselves and for others as sexual beings, premised on the heterosexual married couple forming a nuclear family as the basic unit of society, through the inculcation of **positive mainstream values and attitudes** about sexuality

The lessons are taught by only MOE-trained Sexuality Education teachers and covered the following dimensions:

- Physical: Physical sexual maturation and intimacy, the physiology of sex and human reproduction
- Emotional: Sexual attitudes and feelings towards self and others
- Social: Sexual norms and behaviour and their legal, cultural, and societal implications
- Ethical: Values and moral systems related to sexuality

Do visit the school's Sexuality Education webpage (<https://concordpri.moe.edu.sg/our-partners/parents-corner/sexuality-education-p5-n-p6>) for more information.

## L. CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

(Mdm Teoh Kah Min, HOD MTL)

The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Friday, 20 January 2023. Our students will have the opportunity to learn more about the Chinese customs and traditions through festive-themed performances put up by the MTL Department.

20 January 2023 is a normal school day and students will be dismissed at 1.30pm as usual. Students are to be in their full school uniform. The Chinese New Year celebration will start at 11.30am, lessons will continue as per normal before that.

**There will be no school on Monday, 23 Jan 2023 and Tuesday, 24 Jan 2023.** School will resume as per normal for all students on Wednesday, 25 January 2023. As part of the school's effort to instill responsibility in our students, extended family holidays during this period will not be endorsed by the school.

On behalf of the school, we would like to wish all who are celebrating the Lunar New Year a Happy and Blessed Year of the Rabbit.

## M. Total Defence Day Commemoration 2023

(Mr Muhammad Osman, HOD CCE)

The school will be commemorating Total Defence Day on Monday, 13 Feb 2023. The commemoration will be held in the hall with an assembly programme that highlights the importance of staying united in the face of adversity. Reflective classroom activities and lesson packages will be conducted after to reinforce the message of together we keep Singapore strong. The school will also be conducting its emergency drills on that day.

## N. Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise 2023

(Mrs Lau Bee Ha, Year Head Middle Primary & Mdm Jihan, Assistant Year Head Middle Primary)

Every year, the school conducts on behalf of the Gifted Education Branch (GEB), the annual GEP Identification Exercise for Primary 3 students who have registered to participate in GEP Screening Exercise. Please refer to the table below for the tentative schedule provided by MOE.

Stage	Dates	Participants	Papers
GEP Screening Exercise	17 August 2023 (Thursday)	Open to all P3 pupils <i>Note: It is not compulsory for P3 pupils to take part.</i>	English Language Mathematics
GEP Selection Exercise	17 & 18 October <sup>^</sup> 2023 (Tuesday & Wednesday)  <sup>^</sup> Week of PSLE Marking Exercise (16 Oct - 18 Oct)	Only for P3 pupils shortlisted by GEB after the Screening Exercise.	English Language Mathematics General Ability

The school will send out registration forms to all P3 pupils for the GEP Screening Exercise in July 2023. It is not compulsory for the pupils to take part.

The GEP Identification Exercise aims to identify suitable pupils with high intellectual potential. Test-preparation activities could inflate pupils' scores and not reflect their actual potential. Pupils who are not ready to handle the intellectual rigour and demands of the programme will struggle with the enriched curriculum and not benefit fully from it. This would put undue stress on the pupils and may even cause them to lose confidence and impact their self-esteem.

## **O. Student Learning Space (SLS)**

*(Mdm Nithiya, SH ICT)*

All Primary 1 to 6 students have been provisioned with a Student Learning Space (SLS) account. The portal facilitates online and blended learning, allowing students to extend their learning beyond the classroom.

Primary 1 students will receive a letter and guide to complete their first-time logging in and onboarding process in school. Their Form Teachers will provide more details nearing the date.

Parents and students may access the school website, <https://concordpri.moe.edu.sg>, for more information on login-related matters to the portal and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

If your child is unable to log into the portal, please do either of the following:

- 1) Inform the Form Teacher; or
- 2) Complete the online form <https://go.gov.sg/concordsls> (This mode of assistance will be most preferred)

We will try our best to respond to you within 3 working days.

## **P. Home Personal Computer (PC) / Internet Ownership**

*(Mdm Nithiya, SH ICT)*

As the education landscape moves towards blended learning and having the students to learn beyond the classroom, Home-Based Learning (HBL) is definitely becoming more pervasive. With that said, the school would also like to find out on the home personal computer (PC)/Internet ownership so that we can make arrangements to support you better.

We will be sending you a form via Parents Gateway to obtain the following information:

- If you have any PC at home? If yes, how many?
- If you have any mobile device at home? (tablets are included) If yes, how many?
- If you have WiFi at home?
- If you have mobile data at home?
- How many people live in the same household?
- Where your child primarily completes his / her work on non-schooling days, i.e. weekend, school or public holidays?

For further queries, you may email Mdm Nithiya at [nithiya\\_krishnasamy@moe.edu.sg](mailto:nithiya_krishnasamy@moe.edu.sg).

### Q. No Music Textbooks for P1, P2, P5, P6 levels

(Ms Felicia Toh, SH Aesthetics)

MOE will be revising the Music syllabus in stages. There will not be textbooks for Primary 1 and 2 students this year.

The Music Unit of Concord Primary School started implementing the In-House Music Modules for Primary 5 and 6 students in 2020. The music modules consist of teaching and learning resources that are designed by qualified music teachers and are aligned to the MOE Music syllabus. The Music Unit will also be producing a set of in-house music resources designed for the teaching and learning of music at the lower primary levels

This customised curriculum will allow our students to listen, create and perform music through active musical experiences, and will draw on students' learning and understanding of musical elements and concepts through local and global repertoire. To help track students' progress of their learning, self and peer evaluation as well as reflections will be conducted at various junctures, termly.

As such, Primary 1, 2, 5 and 6 students are not required to purchase Music Textbook. In replacement, all students will keep their work in the grey music file. The music file has been included in the Primary 1 Booklist. Primary 2 to 6 students can reuse the files that were purchased last year. The grey music files can be purchased from the school bookshop.

We look forward to your support in our enriched Music programme for the students

### R. Modular CCA Programme Term 1

(Mr Zhang Kaixin, SH PE)

The Primary 3 to P6 classes will be having Modular CCA according to the schedule below.

P3 students will be involved in the Sports Talent Identification Programme. Students will be exposed to Niche Sports CCAs such as Sepak Takraw, Volleyball, Floorball and Badminton. Students who exhibit talent in these CCAs will then receive additional training during the Niche CCA sessions conducted after school. P4 students will pick up scratch programming where they learn basic programming skills which will develop their sequential and logical thinking. The P5 students will be involved in outdoor orienteering and upcycling while P6 students will enjoy playing music through guitar.

#### Primary 3

Module		Sports (Talent ID)						Remarks
Week	Date	3A	3B	3C	3D	3E	3F	
1	4-Jan	No MCCA						Bdm – Badminton F/Ball - Floorball Vball – Volleyball Takraw – Sepak Takraw
2	11-Jan	Takraw		Vball/Bdm		F/Ball		
3	18-Jan							
4	25-Jan							
5	1-Feb	Vball/Bdm		F/Ball		Takraw		
6	8-Feb							
7	15-Feb							
8	22-Feb	F/Ball		Takraw		Vball/Bdm		
9	1-Mar							
10	8-Mar							

Primary 4

Module		ICT						Remarks
Week	Date	4A	4B	4C	4D	4E	4F	
1	4-Jan	No MCCA						ICT - ICT Scratch Programming
2	11-Jan	ICT						
3	18-Jan							
4	25-Jan							
5	1-Feb							
6	8-Feb							
7	15-Feb							
8	22-Feb							
9	1-Mar							
10	8-Mar							

Primary 5

Module		Soar For Life/ OE & Sports						Remarks
Week	Date	5A	5B	5C	5D	5E	5F	
1	4-Jan	No MCCA						OE & S - Outdoor Education Orienteering/ Upcycling
2	11-Jan	Soar For Life			OE & S			
3	18-Jan							
4	25-Jan							
5	1-Feb							
6	8-Feb	OE & S			Soar For Life			
7	15-Feb							
8	22-Feb							
9	1-Mar							
10	8-Mar							

Primary 6

Module		PA (M) / Lifeskills						Remarks
Week	Date	6A	6B	6C	6D	6E	6F	
1	4-Jan	No MCCA						PA (M) – Performing Arts Music Guitar
2	11-Jan	PA (M)			Lifeskills			
3	18-Jan							
4	25-Jan							
5	1-Feb							
6	8-Feb	Lifeskills			PA (M)			
7	15-Feb							
8	22-Feb							
9	1-Mar							
10	8-Mar							



### **S. Parent's Engagement Session (P2 to P6 students)**

*(Mr Muhammad Osman, HOD CCE)*

The school will be engaging the parents on Friday, 27 January 2023 for all Primary 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the session to better understand the expectations for their child at the individual class and primary level. The session will be held online via ZOOM.

The session will be held via ZOOM

Date : 27 January 2023 (Friday)

Time : 4.00 pm to 5.15 pm

Login details will be provided via Parent's Gateway by your child's form teacher nearer to the date of the session.

### **T. Parent Teacher Meeting (P1 Students only)**

*(Mr Muhammad Osman, HOD CCE)*

The school will be engaging Primary 1 parents on the Thursday, 9 and Friday, 10 March 2023 for the Parent Teacher Meeting. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the session to better understand their child's progress and level expectations. The session will be held either online via ZOOM or face to face (FTF).

The session will be held via FTF or ZOOM

Date : 9 March 2023 (Thursday) & 10 March 2023 (Friday)

Time : 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm

Further details will be provided via Parent's Gateway by your child's form teacher nearer to the date of the session.

### **U. Maintaining an acceptable schoolbag weight**

By the end of the first week of Term 1, the teachers would have collected most of your child's books to be kept in the classroom. Certain textbooks will remain with him/her for ease of reference and revision.

Now is also a good time to check if your child's schoolbag is of an acceptable weight. Here are some tips to aid you:

1. The weight of the child's bag should not be more than 15% of his/her weight;
2. If the bag is heavy for you, it is too heavy for the child;
3. Check the bag periodically to ensure that your child brings only what is necessary.

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