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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 concludes, it is timely for a reflective pause; 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 Character and Citizenship Education programme, we explicitly teach and reinforce our school values of Kindness, Integrity, Resilience, Responsibility and Creativity through 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 for learning and one that is important for developing a growth mindset. In the last communique, I invited you to reinforce the value of Kindness through stories and examples. In this communique, we seek your partnership to reinforce these messages to your child: Learning Requires Humility and Effort Determines Success, our motto. Wherever he/she is on this learning journey currently, he/she can only improve by being conscientious and humbly learn from both successes and failure which is what a person with a growth mindset would do.

A person with a growth mindset is someone who believes that skills and intelligence can be grown and developed. He/she embraces challenges and sees them as opportunities to grow. He/she understands that effort is essential on the path towards mastery. He/she is receptive to feedback and sees mistakes as learning opportunities. You can contribute to your child's/ward's growth mindset development through the following:

- **Compliment effort, process and choices.** Don't praise ability or intelligence because doing that promotes a fixed mindset.
- **Tie good outcomes to effort.** Be happy when your child succeeds but attribute it to effort he/she has put in.
- **Respond positively to failure.** We all learn from mistakes. Your child needs to know that failure is not a bad thing and can be seen as a tool for learning.
- **Help your child set goals and explore different ways to help him/her learn better.** Do not just tell him/her to "try hard" because blind repetition does not work all the time.
- **Encourage growth mindset in all areas of life.** There is no area where one cannot improve with effort.
- **Role model growth mindset.** Talk to your child about your own growth mindset efforts. Practise it yourself and share your outcomes with your child.

I wish you every success in parenting and in your child's/ward's education journey. Have a restful, reflective and rejuvenating March vacation!

Yours faithfully,

Mr Chua Choon Hock (Chris)  
Principal

## I. Administrative Matters

### a. Traffic Condition along Cedar Avenue during Dismissal Time

From our observations and feedback given by residents along Cedar Avenue, some parents' vehicles are parked indiscriminately along both sides of Cedar Avenue when parents fetch their children during dismissal. There had even been occasions when vehicles were parked in front of the gates of the houses along Cedar Avenue and left unattended.

We would like to take this opportunity to advise all parents who are driving not to park along the landed property side of Cedar Avenue as the practice is causing much inconvenience to the residents. We would like to reiterate that nearby carparks are available to park your vehicles while you go about fetching your child from the school gates. Please see map below:



Do note that when parked vehicles obstruct Cedar Avenue, the residents may call in the authorities to take action. Please show a good example to our children by being considerate road users and obeying the traffic rules. Please help the school to be a considerate neighbour to the residents nearby.

### b. Traffic Condition along Alkaff Crescent in the Morning

We have observed an increasing number of parents parking along the bend at Alkaff Crescent to drop off their children during arrival time in the morning.

We would like to reiterate that stopping at that stretch of road is against LTA regulations. It is dangerous for everyone, especially for your child/ward, because it is a blind spot and oncoming cars may travel at a high speed. You may also be faulted should LTA enforce the rules along the road.

If you are driving your child/ward to school, please use the main gate and drop off your child/ward at the school foyer for his/her personal safety.

### c. Travel Declaration

To ensure that schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward if he/she is travelling for the holidays by 10 Mar 2023 (Friday).

We encourage you to do so via the Parents' Gateway app (<https://pg.moe.edu.sg>). If you do not have access to Parents' Gateway, you may also use the attached hardcopy form (refer to Annex A).

If your child/ward is travelling, please indicate clearly both the country and city of travel. Only one parent/guardian is required to make the declaration. If your child/ward is not travelling during the holidays, no action is required.

When planning your child/ward's travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates. If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please inform the school as soon as possible.

Thank you for your partnership and support to keep our school safe.

**d. 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 schoolwork, 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.

**e. Promoting Cyber Wellness at Home**

With the internet and digital technology becoming an integral part of our daily lives, it is important that we continue to ensure the safety of our children when they navigate the online environment. Here are some tips that you can use to promote cyber wellness at home for your child/ward.

- **Tip 1: Guide your child/ward on time spent online and online etiquette.**
  - Ask your child/ward what he/she enjoys doing online. Through your conversations, you can decide together how much time he/she should spend online and teach online etiquette.
  
- **Tip 2: Teach your child/ward to stay safe online.**
  - Remind your child/ward not to chat with strangers online or share information that can allow strangers to locate him/her.
  - Guide your child/ward to set strong passwords, and ignore suspicious links or files sent by strangers or in pop-up boxes.
  - Check with your child/ward about his/her conversations on the various online platforms to ensure he/she always feels safe.

- **Tip 3: Guide your child/ward to behave responsibly online.**
  - Encourage your child/ward to verify information with multiple credible sources. Get them to check with you or a trusted adult when in doubt.
  - Co-create guidelines with your child/ward on what he/she can post online.

For more information and tips on how to protect your child/ward online, you can also visit the following website – <https://www.help123.sg/>.

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

### **a. 2023 MTL Fortnight and P4 Cultural & Language Camp**

The annual MTL Fortnight will be held from 27 March to 6 April. During this period, students will be given opportunities to learn and appreciate their own culture and traditions through hands-on activities. A separate letter containing more details on the programme will be issued to parents nearer the date.

### **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’, which emphasises the importance for our students to recognise and appreciate the resilience we have demonstrated in building good relationships with our neighbouring countries.

Through the Character and Citizenship (CCE) lessons and interactive activities carried out in class as well as during recess in that week, students 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. Environmental Education in Cedar Primary School**

In Cedar Primary, a key Values-in-Action (VIA) learning experience is our Environmental Education programme. In Term 2, the students will learn about the importance of plastic recycling. They will also be reminded of their roles in ensuring that the correct plastic items are sent for recycling.

In addition, we will be commemorating Earth Day which falls on 22 April 2023. In the week leading up to Earth Day, the students will be made more aware of the journey of a recyclable, challenges of the recycling processes and proper recycling behaviours. They will also learn about how everyone can play our part to be active contributors in making our environment a better place for all who live in it.

### **d. P3 to P6 Class Tests Two**

More details regarding the topics assessed for P3, P4, P5 and P6 Class Tests Two will be issued in a letter to parents on Friday 24 March 2023.

e. **Sports Carnival**

This year, we will be organising a Sports Carnival on 25 May. Held in the school premises and conducted during curriculum time, this event seeks to promote mass participation in physical activities among students while creating higher level of enjoyment for the general student cohort through the planned activities.

The carnival consists mainly of two segments:

- Competitive Sports Events
- Classroom-based Carnival Game Stations

Students can look forward to a day of enjoyment and bonding as classmates and house members as they apply their sports and movement skills learned in Term 1 in the competitive sports events segment and playing carnival-like games set up in their classrooms.

There will be house practices in Week 7, Term 2, for all P4 to P6 students. More details about the house practices will be provided to the students nearer to the date.

f. **Parent-Teacher Conference (P1-P6)**

On 26 May (Friday), we will be conducting the Parent-Teacher Conference, where parents can meet the Form Teachers (FTs) in person. This is so that that the FTs can touch base with you and provide feedback on your child's/ward's progress in his/her holistic development.

All students need not report to school on the day.

We will share details on how you can make an appointment via the Parents Gateway to meet the FTs in Term 2.

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

a. **P2 Learning Journey to Singapore Science Centre**

As part of the school's efforts to encourage self-directed exploration, curiosity, discovery and a sense of wonder, the Primary 2 students will be going to the Singapore Science Centre as part of their English lesson, for the unit, 'Life in a Shell'. The P2 classes have been scheduled to go on three different days during curriculum time.

More details about the learning journey will be provided to the students nearer to the date.

b. **Updates to the P3 Field-based Learning (FBL) Journey 2023**

Due to unforeseen circumstances at the planned venue, the Sustainable SG Gallery, the school has made alternative arrangements for our P3 FBL experience. We will be visiting the SG Mobility Gallery at the Land Transport Authority (LTA) where students will get to explore different stations featuring the history of transport in Singapore. This ties in with the P3 Social Studies Book, 'Discovering Singapore the Ride Way' and the students will learn that there are challenges in Singapore's environment and describe how Singapore adapts to overcome these challenges and meet needs. As there is limited space in the Mobility Gallery, the students will be going in two batches.

More details about the learning journey will be provided to the students nearer to the date.

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

##### **2023 Term 2 Calendar of Events**

<b>Date/Day</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
27 Mar – 6 Apr (Mon – Fri)	MTL Fortnight	
7 Apr (Fri)	Good Friday	Public Holiday
10 Apr (Mon) 17 Apr (Mon) 2 May (Tue)	P2 Learning Journey to Singapore Science Centre	
24 Apr (Mon)	Hari Raya Puasa Observed	School Holiday
28 Apr (Fri)	P3RS, P3RT and P3CT Field-based Learning Journey to SG Mobility Gallery	
1 May (Mon)	Labour Day	Public Holiday
5 May (Fri)	P3KN, P3IT and P3RP Field-based Learning Journey to SG Mobility Gallery	
11 May (Thu)	P3-P6 Class Test 2 (EL/FEL)	
12 May (Fri)	P3-P6 Class Test 2 (MA/FMA)	
15 May (Mon)	P3-P6 Class Test 2 (MT/FMT)	
16 May (Tue)	P3-P6 Class Test 2 (SC/FSC)	
17 May (Wed)	P5-P6 Class Test 2 (HMT)	
25 May (Thu)	Sports Carnival	
26 May (Fri)	Parent-Teacher Conference	Students do not report to school
Semester Holidays, 26 May to 26 Jun 2023		
Term 3 begins on 26 Jun 2023, 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.*



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### INFORMATION ON MY CHILD'S /WARD'S TRAVEL PLANS

Name of Child/Ward: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Index No: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick accordingly:

My child/ward will be travelling to the following country/city during the March holiday.

The details are listed below:

Country and City of Intended Travel e.g. Malaysia / Penang, e.g. Thailand / Bangkok	Period of Travel	
	Trip Start Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Trip End Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

#### Important Notes:

1. You do not need to fill in this form if you are submitting your travel plans using Parents' Gateway.
2. Where possible, please also provide details of the country/city and date of transit if your child/ward will be stopping over at any other country/city while travelling.

Name of Parent / Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_