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School Vision: Joyful Learners, Responsible Citizens, Creative Leaders in a Connected Community

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

End-of-Year COMMUNIQUÉ

As the academic year draws to a close in 2023, we are grateful for your support in your child's/ward's holistic education journey with us. We thank you for the trust you have placed in us in the various student experiences organised this year. It has been an enriching and engaging year for us at Cedar Primary School. We hope that your child's/ward's time with us has been a meaningful one too.

Even as the school term ends, learning and growth for your child/ward need not. In the upcoming school vacation, we encourage you to consider the following R.I.V.E.R. activities for your child that will allow him or her to be actively engaged:

- **Read widely and for enjoyment** because reading is a key skill for lifelong learning. Reading can also reduce stress and anxiety.
- **Interact with knowledgeable others** such as yourself (parents) and other adults in the family. Every good role model that your child interacts with helps him/her to grow in knowledge and character.
- **Volunteer in community and environmental values-in-action activities** because if we can serve, we should. Serving others also build our resilience because we become stronger mentally when we know that we can make a positive difference to those around us.
- **Exercise for good health and enjoyment** because engaging in sports builds our physical and mental strength. Engaging in sports together as a family also strengthens family relationships and deepens family bonds.
- **Reflect** on our experiences and feelings **through art and music making or writing**. Art and music as well as reflective writing allow us to express our experiences and emotions in creative ways which are often therapeutic too. Art and music appreciation also relaxes the mind.

Like a river that brings life wherever it flows, we wish for you and your child/ward to keep moving forward in enriching ways through these activities too. Public libraries, parks, museums, community centres, and charitable organisations are some places where you and your family can find and engage in these R.I.V.E.R. activities.

On behalf of the school, I wish all of you a relaxing, peaceful and purposeful school vacation.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Chua Choon Hock
Principal

(I) PSLE Results Release Day

The 2023 PSLE results will be released tentatively between 22 to 24 November 2023. Parents/Guardians of students who have sat for the exam will receive an SMS informing them of the results release date. On the day of the results release, students are to report to school in their full school uniform or PE attire.

After receiving the PSLE results, you and your child/ward can shortlist the secondary schools and submit the school choices to MOE within 7 calendar days after the release of PSLE results. The secondary school posting results will tentatively be between 20 and 22 December 2023 via online, SMS and through Cedar Primary School.

Students may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page at the following link:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/faq>

All the Best to our P6 students!

(II) Opening of Temporary Backgate and Closure of Gate H for Construction of Sheltered Footpath.

As part of our long-term planning of infrastructure development to cater to the needs of students and parents, we will be starting work on the installation of a permanent sheltered footpath along Gate H that is within the school compound. We will barricade the area surrounding Gate H for this development exercise.

KCare and SCC students who may require the use of Gate H to access the school will be able to use the temporary back gate situated just beside Gate H. The operating hours will be the same as that of Gate H. This temporary back gate will be in use until the construction of the sheltered footpath is completed sometime in February of 2024.

Gate H will be scheduled to close on 2 December 2023 and the temporary back gate will start operations on 4 December 2023. The reopening of Gate H will be announced at a later date.

(III) Purchase of School Textbooks and Uniforms for 2024

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to purchase your child's/ward's textbooks and uniform online and opt for delivery to your homes.

Order textbooks online : Pacific Bookstores Pte Ltd www.pacificbookstores.com

Order uniform & PE attire online : www.beauvoix.com.sg

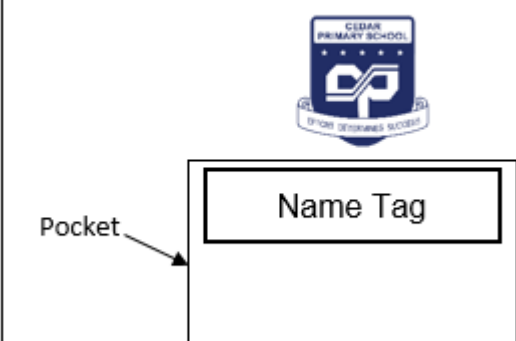

Alternatively, you may place your order online and collect them from the school bookshop on the following dates:

Date/Day	Activity	Time
17 Nov 2023 (Fri)	For 2024 P1 students only	3.30pm – 5.00pm
28 – 30 Nov 2023 (Tue – Thu) 1 Dec 2023 (Fri) 6 Dec 2023 (Wed)	All levels	9.00am – 12.00pm 1.00pm – 3.00pm
7 & 8 Dec 2023 (Thu & Fri)	FAS collection only	9.00am – 12.00pm 1.00pm – 3.00pm
13 – 15 Dec 2023 (Wed – Fri) 18 & 19 Dec 2023 (Mon & Tue) 26 – 28 Dec 2023 (Tue – Thu)	All levels	9.00am – 12.00pm 1.00pm – 3.00pm

(IV) Preparation for 2024

a) In preparation for the new school year, please take note of the following:

- Students must be well groomed at all times and take pride in wearing their school uniform. All students should have at least 2 sets of school uniform and 2 sets of PE attire.
- Girls are to put on their school skirts at all times, except during CCA/PE/PAL lessons.
- All boys are to maintain a short hairstyle. Girls are to tie up their hair if it touches the collar, and only black hair accessories are permitted. Fringe should not fall below the eyebrows.
- Students are to wear white canvas shoes with socks which are both part of the school uniform. Mary Jane shoes are not permitted.
- Name tags should be sewn on the pocket on the uniform, and above the school crest on the PE T-shirt, as illustrated below:

School Uniform	PE T-Shirt
 <p>The diagram shows a rectangular box representing a pocket. Inside the box is a smaller rectangle labeled 'Name Tag'. Below the pocket box is the school crest, which is a shield-shaped emblem with the text 'CEDAR PRIMARY SCHOOL' at the top, a stylized 'CP' in the center, and 'EFFORT DETERMINES SUCCESS' at the bottom. An arrow points from the word 'Pocket' to the pocket box.</p>	 <p>The diagram shows a rectangular box labeled 'Name Tag' at the top. Below the box is the school crest, which is a shield-shaped emblem with the text 'CEDAR PRIMARY SCHOOL' at the top, a stylized 'CP' in the center, and 'EFFORT DETERMINES SUCCESS' at the bottom.</p>

b) First Day of School (2024)

- **P1 students** are to report to school on **2 January 2024 (Tuesday)**.
- **P2 to P6 students** are to report to school on **3 January 2024 (Wednesday)**.
- On their first day of school, students should:
 - put on their school uniform;
 - bring writing materials (pen/pencils and a notebook), Maths Workbook A and a storybook; and
 - report to the Parade Square by 7.30 am. If it rains, students will report to their classrooms. Copies of the classroom allocation layout will be put up in the canteen for reference.
- Trolley bags are strongly discouraged as they add to the weight of the bag and will be difficult for students to manage when they move around the school.

c) Road Safety

We would like to seek the cooperation of parents/guardians who are walking their children/wards to school, to follow the traffic rules when crossing traffic junctions and roads to reach school. We encourage parents/guardians to act as positive role models by obeying the traffic rules themselves.

For parents/guardians who are driving their children/wards to school, please be aware that the roads and the school compound are shared by others who are also coming to school in the morning. Drivers are strongly encouraged to:

- Reduce speed when approaching the school entrance and the school foyer.
- Lookout for other fellow road users, pay attention especially to your blind spots.
- Be patient and allow every car sufficient time for the parents/guardians to drop off their children/wards.
- Refrain from sounding your horn in the school zone unless it is due to safety reasons.

With your cooperation and support, everyone will have a safe and pleasant experience when sending their children/wards to school.

(V) School Events and Celebrations 2024

Date	Events	Remarks
1 Jan (Mon)	New Year Public Holiday	<u>Reporting to school:</u> P1 students: 2 Jan (Tue) P2 - P6 students: 3 Jan (Wed)
10 Feb (Sat) & 11 Feb (Sun)	Chinese New Year Holiday	<u>Reporting back to School</u> Students will report back to school on Wed 14 Feb (Wed), as 12 Feb (Mon) and 13 Feb (Tue) will be a public holiday and school holiday in lieu respectively.

(VI) Joint advisory on crime and drugs by SPF, CNB, NCPC and NCADA and additional advisory on vaping by HSA and HPB

SPF, CNB, NCPC and NCADA have jointly provided an advisory to remind students to stay away from crime and drug/inhalant abuse. The advisory alerts students to dangers of common crimes such as online scams, and encourages them to protect themselves from becoming victims of crime. HSA and HPB have also prepared an additional advisory on the laws and harms of vaping. The advisories are attached overleaf for your reference.

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.



JOINT YEAR-END SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ADVISORY

Stay safe during the school holidays by following these tips.

STAY AWAY FROM CRIME



Shop theft is a crime

Always pay for your items before you leave the store.



High rise littering is a crime

Do not throw things as it could injure others.



Theft of Bicycle is a crime

Do not take a bicycle that does not belong to you, even for just a joy-ride.

BE AWARE AND BE SAFE



Beware of strangers

Do not speak to or follow strangers when approached. Inform your family and teachers immediately if this happens.



Do not give in to peer-pressure

NO!

Learn to say 'No' when you know it is wrong.



Say 'No' if anyone tries to offer you drugs or anything strange

Inform your family and teachers.

REAL LIFE STORIES

STORY 1

Bicycle Theft is a Crime



SCAN ME TO READ

STORY 2

A Tale of Temptation and Trust



SCAN ME TO READ

OUR HELPLINES:

CRIME PREVENTION

Call the Police hotline at **1800 255 0000** or submit information online at **www.police.gov.sg/iwitness**

'**999**' is for emergencies only. Please dial if you require urgent Police assistance.

For more information, visit: **www.police.gov.sg**, **SPF Facebook** or **www.ncpc.org.sg**.

DRUGS PREVENTION

For more information on the harms of drug and inhalant abuse, visit: **www.cnb.gov.sg**.

Please call the Police or the CNB hotline at **1800 325 6666** to report suspected drug and inhalant abuse.



Dear Parents and Students,

ADVISORY ON VAPING

The Health Promotion Board (HPB) and Health Sciences Authority (HSA) would like to remind you of the following:

VAPING IS ILLEGAL, REGARDLESS OF AGE.

Under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act:

- **It is an offence to purchase, use or possess e-cigarettes and/or their components. Offenders can be fined up to \$2,000.**
- **It is also an offence to advertise, import, distribute, sell, offer for sale or possess for sale these products in Singapore. Offenders can be fined up to \$20,000 or face imprisonment of up to 12 months or both.**

Disciplinary actions will be taken against anyone caught for the above offences. Refer to Annex for more information on the penalties imposed on the offences.

VAPING IS HARMFUL AND CAN BE A GATEWAY TO CIGARETTE SMOKING.

Vaping, just like smoking cigarettes, is harmful and can lead to lifelong addiction. E-cigarettes contain many harmful substances such as nicotine. These substances can negatively impact brain development, especially to parts of the brain that control attention, learning and memory. E-cigarettes also contain benzene and formaldehyde which can cause cancer and infertility. Studies have also shown that individuals who vape are more likely to pick up cigarette smoking later in life¹.

If you know of someone who vapes or owns an e-cigarette, please inform the school so that timely cessation support can be offered to them. Alternatively, please call QuitLine at 1800 438 2000 for vaping/smoking cessation support.



Ms Vasuki Utravathy
Director, School Health & Outreach Division
Health Promotion Board



Mr Norman Chong
Director, Tobacco Regulation Branch
Health Sciences Authority

¹ Chien Y et al. Electronic Cigarette Use and Smoking Initiation in Taiwan: Evidence from the First Prospective Study in Asia. *Int J Environ Res Public Health* 2019. Apr; 16(7):1145.
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Annex

Examples of scenarios of possessing, using or purchasing of e-cigarettes:

Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C
"I bought an e-cigarette online, but I did not use it."	"I bought 2 e-cigarettes, 1 for me and 1 for my friend, who paid me for his share."	"I post vape content on my Tiktok and Instagram account."
This is considered as a <u>purchase</u> .	This is considered as a <u>sale</u> .	This is considered as an <u>advertisement</u> .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penalty imposed for possessing, using, or purchasing e-cigarettes. All offences, fine up to \$2,000. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penalty imposed for selling or advertising e-cigarettes. 1st offence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fine up to \$10,000 Imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months; or Both fine & imprisonment 2nd & subsequent offences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fine up to \$20,000 Imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months; or Both fine & imprisonment 	

EDM on Vaping from HPB (Primary)



AT ANY AGE VAPING IS ILLEGAL

HARMFUL EFFECTS OF VAPING



E-CIGARETTES CONTAIN MANY CANCER-CAUSING SUBSTANCES LIKE FORMALDEHYDE AND BENZENE



NICOTINE IN E-CIGARETTES REDUCES THE ABILITY TO LEARN, MEMORISE AND CONCENTRATE



NICOTINE CAN CAUSE SYMPTOMS LIKE DIZZINESS, HEADACHES AND DIARRHOEA



"I BOUGHT AN E-CIGARETTE ONLINE BUT I DID NOT USE IT."

It is still a purchase. You may be fined up to **\$2000**.



"I BOUGHT 2 E-CIGARETTES, 1 FOR MYSELF AND 1 FOR MY FRIEND."



"I POST VAPE CONTENT ON MY TIKTOK AND INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT."

It is still a sale / an advertisement.

For the 1st Offence, you may be fined up to \$10,000 and/or jailed for up to 6 months.
For the 2nd Offence, you may be fined up to \$20,000 and/or jailed for up to 12 months.

If you know of someone who vapes or owns an e-cigarette, please inform your teacher so that timely cessation support can be offered.