



SBPS/20/086

8 July 2020

Open Letter from School Leaders 6/2020

Dear Parents,

1. Warm greetings from Sembawang Primary School!
2. We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following staff who have joined / will be joining our school:
 - Mdm Arumugam Viji, Tamil Language teacher,
 - Mr Lim Sok Kung, PE teacher,
 - Ms Tan Li Jia, EL/Math teacher and
 - Mr Gordon Ranjit Magherra, PE teacher.

Important Information...

Special Mid-Term School Holiday in Term 3

3. Due to Circuit Breaker, Term 3 (started on 2 June and will end on 4 September) will be longer than usual. In order to provide a mid-term break for students and teachers, there will be a mid-term school holiday from 18 July to 26 July. We wish all parents and students a happy family bonding time during the break.

Safe Management Measures

4. We are grateful that you have worked hand in hand with us in the implementation of Safe Management Measures (SMM) so that our school remains a safe and conducive environment for all students. As Singapore moves into Phase 2 of re-opening, we need the collective effort of all parents and students to exercise social responsibility so that the school remains a safe place for students.
5. We would like to highlight a few key SMM that we should all observe:
 - If your child is feeling unwell (e.g. sore throat, fever or cough), please ensure your child sees a doctor and does not come to school. If diagnosed with Acute Respiratory Infection, students 13 years and above will be prioritised for COVID-19 testing, while students 12 years and below will be assessed by the doctor as to whether a test is required.
 - If there are any adult household members (18 years and above) unwell with flu-like symptoms, inform the school and keep your child at home. Ensure that the unwell adult household member seeks medical treatment promptly.
6. For students staying at home due to approved absences, please be assured that the school will continue to support them in their learning. Your vigilance and cooperation are important in keeping our school safe for all.
7. Based on the travel advisory issued by Ministry of Health on 18 March, all Singaporeans are advised to defer all travel abroad. Those who travel against advisory will

need to apply for entrance permit from MOE/ICA prior to return to Singapore, serve 14 days SHN at your own expense and bear the cost of unsubsidised healthcare if infected with COVID-19 upon return. As overseas travel is strongly discouraged, there is no need to submit travel declaration for the up-coming mid-term break.

P6 Preliminary and PSLE Examination

8. All P6 students will be sitting for their Prelim EL/MT Oral examination on **28 and 29 July 2020**, which is held after the mid-term break. Due to the current situation, the P6 students will be taking their exams in a more controlled environment with safe distancing measures. **The P6 students will be dismissed as soon as they complete their Prelim Oral Exams.** Students from the other levels will be dismissed earlier so that our teachers and P6 students can get ready for the examination in the afternoon. P1-5 students will be dismissed based on the following staggered timing:

Level	Dismissal Time
P1	12.00 pm
P2	12.10 pm
P3 and P4	12.20 pm
P5	12.30 pm

9. To facilitate your planning, the following are the important dates for P6 Prelim and PSLE:

No	Date	Examination	Remarks
1	28 and 29 July 2020	P6 Prelim EL / MTL Oral exam	Refer to Para 9 for the staggered dismissal timing for P1-5 students
2	13 and 14 August 2020	PSLE EL / MTL Oral exam	No lessons for P1 – P5 students. P6 students will report accordingly to schedule given.
3	20 August to 26 August 2020	P6 Prelim Written Papers	EL / FEL – 20 Aug MA / FMA – 21 Aug MT / FMT – 24 Aug SC / FSC – 25 Aug HMT – 26 Aug
4	18 August 2020	P6 Prelim Listening Comprehension for EL / MTL	Lessons as usual for P1-P5 students. P6 Prelim LC will be held during curriculum hours.
5	18 September 2020	PSLE Listening Comprehension for EL / MTL	No lessons for P1 – P5 students
6	1 October to 7 October 2020	PSLE Written Papers	Lessons as usual for P1-P5 students. More instructions will be provided in the next Open Letter.

P1 Registration 2020

10. The registration for admission to Primary One in 2021 has started on 1 July 2020.

11. The **Phase 1 registration**, for all Singapore Citizen (SC) / Permanent Resident (PR) born between 2 January 2014 and 1 January 2015 (both dates inclusive) with siblings studying in SBPS, has ended. All children registered under this phase will be given places in the school.

12. The registration schedule for **Phase 2C and 2C Supplementary** is as follows:

Phase	Dates
Phase 2C	<u>Online Registration via P1-Internet System</u> From 3 Aug 2020 (Mon), 9.00am to 5 Aug 2020 (Wed), 4.30pm <u>Online Registration via FormSG*</u> From 4 Aug 2020 (Tue), 9.00am to 6 Aug 2020 (Thu), 4.30pm
Phase 2C Supplementary	<u>Online Registration via P1-Internet System</u> From 19 Aug 2020 (Wed), 9.00am to 20 Aug 2020 (Thu), 4.30pm <u>Online Registration via FormSG*</u> From 20 Aug 2020 (Thu), 9.00am to 21 Aug 2020 (Fri), 4.30pm

*Online registration via FormSG is only applicable for parents who are unable to use P1-Internet System

13. In light of the COVID-19 situation, to promote safe distancing measures and reduce the amount of contact between people, parents will not be required to go down to schools for P1 registration. Parents have to produce the original copy of each required document to the school that the child is successfully registered into, when requested by the school or upon reporting to the school. For details on online registration, please refer to the P1-IS Guide at: <http://www.moe.gov.sg/docs/default-source/document/education/admissions/primary-one-registration/files/p1-is-guide.pdf>.

14. **Phase 3** is only for non-SC / non-PR children who have indicated their interest via the MOE P1 website from 2 June to 8 June 2020. Non-SC / non-PR children who have submitted the indication of interest form will be notified by MOE in mid-October whether they are offered a P1 place in the school.

15. You may refer to <https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/primary-one-registration> for more information on P1 Registration.

Celebration of Successes...

8th Thumbs Up Publication

16. Sharon Mong of P6 Resilience submitted an article on her experience during Home-based Learning and it was featured in the 8th publication of Thumbs Up magazine. She shared, "We completed our assignments, and discussed our answers on Zoom. HBL is similar to learning in school, except that it could be troublesome when asking questions as there may be technical difficulties." Keep up your enthusiasm for learning, Sharon!



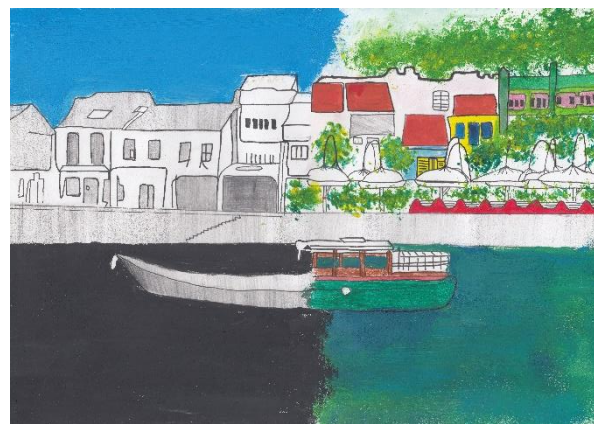
National Day Parade Pledge Card Design

17. NDP2020, Art For Cause Singapore and National Museum of Singapore jointly organised "*Together for Singapore Learning Gallery*" as an extension of this year's NDP. In light of COVID-19 situation, this gallery aims to unite all Singaporeans as one and to stay resilient so as to build a stronger Singapore for all of us to live in.

18. We are pleased to announce that the pledge card designs by Lim Chen Xun of P5 Resilience and Ling Yu En of P6 Respect were selected by the organisers. They will be exhibited at the National Museum of Singapore from 9 August 2020 for at least a year. In addition, Chen Xun's design will be printed on pledge card that will be available in this year's NDP fun pack. Well done, Chen Xun and Yu En, kudos to your effort to encourage and inspire Singaporeans in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic!



Pledge card design by Lim Chen Xun of P5 RE



Pledge card design by Ling Yu En of P6 RT

Full Home-Based Learning (FHBL)



19. When all teachers and students were thrust into FHBL, what appeared as an unsurmountable task has become an opportunity for our teachers to innovate and tap on the potential of technology to make learning fun and engaging for our students. Within a week into FHBL, our teachers adopted various online tools, learned e-pedagogy and relearned how to manage students in virtual classrooms. Thank you teachers for your heart and hard work!

20. With the help of a supportive online community of teachers, Ms Syafiqah found a way to sweeten the experience of learning Math for her young students – in the form of a mystery dessert on the Student Learning Space. To read more about what Ms Syafiqah did, check out SchoolBag at https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/a-recipe-for-collaboration?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2020%20May.

Up-coming Events...

e-Open House 2020

21. This year's Open House will go electronic. We will be holding a **live session** on **18 July 2020, Saturday at 10:00 am**, streaming over the school's **Facebook Page** and **Youtube Channel**. Do look out for our virtual tour too where we will take you around the school to view our facilities and the many interesting learning corners in the school. For more information, please visit the school website. Do share this information with your family and friends with school-going children. We hope to see you online at our e-Open House!



Racial Harmony Day (RHD)

22. RHD is observed every year on 21 July. It is the day we remember the racial riots of 1974, a yearly reminder of the importance of harmony among all races in Singapore. This year, the theme for RHD is *Multicultural Singapore*. Due to COVID-19, we will be commemorating RHD through a series of activities held in the classroom, including an e-assembly that aims to teach our students about the rich diversity of cultures in Singapore. We hope that this will encourage our students to build and cultivate strong relationships with diverse individuals and groups in order to strengthen the collective identity of Singaporeans.

National Day Celebration

23. National Day at SBPS will be celebrated differently this year. The theme “*Together, A Stronger Singapore*” focusses on getting Singaporeans to stay united as one people and work together to emerge stronger from challenges.

24. On 7 August (Friday), students are encouraged to don the national colours – red and white – to celebrate our nation’s 55th birthday. Students without the red and white attire can come to school in their school uniform/PE attire. Students are required to wear their face mask when reporting to school. There are prizes to be won for the Best Dressed Student for each level.

25. As part of Safe Management Measures, our National Day Programme, including the Observance Ceremony, will be held in the classroom. Please refer to the table below for the arrival and dismissal time on that day:

Level	Report by	Dismissal
P1	7.30 am	9.30 am
P2		9.40 am
P3 & P4		9.50 am
P5 & P6	7.45 am	10 am

26. Please note that 10 August (Monday) is a public holiday as National Day falls on Sunday. All students will report to school as usual on 11 August (Tuesday).

Concluding remarks...

*“Nothing is impossible to overcome, we just need to be stronger as a country.
In fact, each time we face a challenge, we become stronger.”*

By Lim Chen Xun of P5 Resilience (SBPS)

27. Thank you and keep safe.

Warmest regards

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