



Letter to Parents 20/2018

29 January 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians

## CHILDREN'S DAY APPEAL 2017

We would like to thank our students and parents for your kind donation in support of the Children's Day Appeal 2017. The school raised \$1,668.75. The school greatly appreciates your generosity in helping the less fortunate in our community.

### **STUDENTS' WELL-BEING**

#### **Chinese New Year Celebration – Thursday, 15 February**

The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Thursday, 15 February. On that day, the students will be in their PE attire and school will function from **8 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

Due to the constraints of space, only Primary 1 parents as well as the parents of the kindergarten children are invited to join in the celebration which will begin at 8 a.m. We sincerely apologise that we are not able to accommodate all parents in the celebration.

For safety reasons, parking in the school will **NOT** be available for parents that day. We seek your understanding on this matter.

Students will be dismissed at 10 a.m. The bus service providers have been informed of the school hours. Please make alternative childcare arrangements if your child/ward does not take the school bus home.

Please note that Monday, 19 February is a scheduled school holiday, hence school will resume on Tuesday, 20 February.

#### **After-School Child Care Arrangement**

The school has noticed that quite a sizeable number of students are staying in the school after dismissal to wait for their siblings to complete their after-school activities (e.g. CCA and supplementary classes) so that they could go home together. We are concerned for the safety and well-being of the children as they are left on their own to wait for their siblings.

We sincerely seek our parents' understanding and co-operation to ensure that children are fetched home from school after dismissal and not left in school to wait for their elder siblings on their own. Do consider other after-school child care arrangement.

#### **Fire Drill**

As it is necessary to prepare our students in times of emergencies, the school will conduct a fire drill on one of the school days in February 2018. During the drill, students under the guidance of their teachers, will move out of their classrooms and assemble in a designated area in the school. The school will take all necessary precautions/measures to ensure the safety of our students.

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### **Use of Students' Photographs**

The school would like to seek your approval in using your child's/ward's photographs in our publicity materials. The photographs may appear in our website, brochures, publications and banners. The school would like to seek your consent on the use of your child's/ward's photographs by completing the attached consent form and return it to the Form Teacher through your child by **Friday, 2 February**.

### **Road Safety of Students**

We would like to seek your cooperation to work with the school in ensuring the safety of students coming to and leaving the school. This is especially important as young children may not have the skills required to use roads properly and do not always fully appreciate the dangers presented. Their small physique also makes them less visible to motorists.

This newsletter reiterates the road safety policies of the school:

- a. LTA has implemented various safety measures to make school zones safer, including a road sign that requires motorists to slow down when its lights are flashing. The sign comprises three smaller signs, a *'children ahead, school zone' sign*, a *'40km/h' speed limit sign*, and a *'when lights flash' sign with a pair of alternating amber lights*. Motorists are required to reduce their speeds to 40km/h or under when amber lights on the road sign flash during school peak hours. Motorists are advised to stay alert for pedestrians in the school zone.
- b. Cooperate with traffic marshals to ensure overall safety and smooth traffic flow.
- c. Let your child alight only at the designated drop-off point.
- d. Be advised not to violate traffic rules by driving recklessly or making illegal maneuvers such as turning into the school from the outer lane(s) of the road.
- e. Do not horn indiscriminately.
- f. Help your child alight from the car on the side nearest to the kerb as quickly as possible.
- g. Reinforce correct road safety behaviour such as using the pedestrian crossings, and avoiding jaywalking or using a mobile phone while crossing.
- h. Remind your children to practise the kerb drill before crossing - "look right, look left, look right again, ensure all vehicles have stopped, raise your hand high up and cross the road briskly".
- i. If your child must cycle to school, ensure that he knows safe cycling rules and is a competent cyclist.

We thank all parents and guardians who have been the role models for our children.

## **PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS**

### **Total Defence Day 2018**

The school will be commemorating Total Defence Day on **Monday, 12 February**. This year, the theme for Total Defence Day (TDD) is "Together We Keep Singapore Strong". Singapore

has remained safe and peaceful over the past 52 years because of the efforts of all Singaporeans. This is essentially Total Defence. Total Defence remains relevant because the threats faced today require all Singaporeans to step up and play their part. Our youths are encouraged to put Total Defence into action in their daily lives by reaching out to one another, forging new relationships and strengthening existing ones to keep Singapore strong and resilient because our greatest strength lies in the unity and resilience of our people.

The school will be conducting a series of activities including assembly talk, classroom activities and a crisis simulation exercise on Monday, 12 February. During the simulation exercise, all electrical appliances (e.g. light and fans) in the classroom will be switched off 10 minutes before recess.

On that day, in support of the school eco-team’s effort to educate students on the importance of reducing carbon footprint, only meat-free meals will be sold in the canteen during recess. Through this activity, the school hopes that students will appreciate and understand that food resources may not be readily available in times of crisis and that they should not take what they enjoy during peace time for granted. Parents who pack food for their children are strongly encouraged to prepare meat-free meals for their children as well unless they have any medical conditions or specific diet. We seek your cooperation and support in this meaningful activity.

Parents may also wish to note that the meat-free meals are for recess that day but we strongly encourage parents who bring lunch for their children to provide a meal with less meat.

#### **Reschedule of Breakfast with Parents Sessions for Primary 2 and 4**

We would like to inform parents of the new schedule for the Primary 2 and Primary 4 Breakfast with Parents sessions (in *italics*):

<b>Primary 2</b>	23 Jan 2018	6 Feb 2018	<b><i>9 Mar 2018</i></b>
<b>Primary 4</b>	19 Jan 2018		<b><i>23 Mar 2018</i></b>

#### **Briefing for Primary 4 Parents – Friday, 23 March**

Subject-Based Banding (SBB) has been implemented in all Primary Schools for Primary 5 students, to allow them to take subjects at different levels depending on their aptitudes and abilities in these subjects. The briefing for parents of Primary 4 students on SBB is scheduled on Friday, 23 March and will begin at 8.30 a.m. after the Breakfast with Parents session for the Primary 4. For safety reasons, parking in the school will **NOT** be available for parents that day. We seek your understanding on this matter.

Please complete the attached reply slip (Annex A) and return it to the Form Teacher through your child by **Friday, 2 February**.

#### **MOE Kindergarten @ Northoaks Primary School Open House**

The Open House is scheduled on **Saturday, 24 Feb 2018** and registrations for admission to K1 in 2019 will be accepted on the day of the Open House and the following Monday. Interested parents can sign up for the Open House at [www.moe.gov.sg/moekindergarten](http://www.moe.gov.sg/moekindergarten).

Please refer to the attached letter for more details.

## **CURRICULUM MATTERS**

### **Holistic Assessment for Primary 1**

There will be no examinations for Primary 1. Assessment will be conducted in bite-size to assess students' level of understanding and to assess them holistically. The assessments carried out in Term 1 will not be weighted but merely practices for students to know how holistic assessment is carried out. Please refer to the attachment for details of the assessment plan for Semester 1.

### **Holistic Assessment and Semestral Assessment 2 (SA2) for Primary 2**

Holistic Assessment will be carried out from Term 1 to Term 3. In Term 4, all Primary 2 students will sit for the formal SA2 examinations. Please refer to the attachment for details of the assessment plan for Semester 1.

### **Assessment for Primary 3 and Primary 4**

There will be no Continual Assessments (CA) for the Primary 3 and 4 students in Term 1 and Term 3. Instead, tests/performance tasks will be conducted for them. In Term 2 and Term 4, all Primary 3 and 4 students will sit for the formal SA1 and SA2 examinations respectively. Please refer to the attachment for details of the assessment plan for Semester 1.

### **Assessment for Primary 5**

There will be no Continual Assessments (CA) for the Primary 5 students in Term 1 and Term 3. Instead, tests will be conducted for them. In Term 2 and Term 4, Primary 5 students will sit for the formal SA1 and SA2 examinations respectively. Please refer to the attachment for details of the assessment plan for Semester 1.

In partnership with you

Mrs Theresa Hong  
Principal



29 January 2018

## **ON TO A STRONG START!**

Dear Parents,

Are you looking for a quality and affordable kindergarten programme for your pre-school child?

We warmly welcome you and your child to visit the MOE Kindergarten Open House!

At MOE Kindergarten, we believe that children are curious, active and competent learners. We nurture children holistically, so that they are confident, demonstrate strong social skills and have a good foundation in literacy and numeracy.

Our curriculum is developed by MOE's curriculum specialists and trained educators with knowledge and experience in early childhood education and who are familiar with the primary school curriculum. Your child will embark on an exciting learning journey at MOE Kindergarten through our two flagship programmes – the HI-Light Programme and the Starlight Literacy Programme.

If you require a full-day service for your child, you'll be pleased to know that Kindergarten Care, which operates from 7 am to 7pm from Mondays to Fridays is available at most MOE Kindergartens.

### **Visit an Open House near you to find out more!**

*Registrations for admission to K1 in 2019 will be accepted on the day of the Open House and the following Monday.*


### **MOE Kindergarten @ Northoaks**

**Open House: 24 Feb 2018, Saturday**  
**Time: 9am – 2pm**  
**Venue: MOE Kindergarten @ Northoaks**  
**Northoaks Primary School**  
**61 Sembawang Drive**  
**Singapore 757622**

Sign up for the Open House at [www.moe.gov.sg/moekindergarten](http://www.moe.gov.sg/moekindergarten). We look forward to seeing you!

*The MOE Kindergarten Team*

#### **MOE Kindergarten Headquarters**

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# **NORTHOAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Annex A**

## **Approval for Use of Students' Photographs** (To be submitted to Form Teacher by Friday, 2 February 2018)

**Name of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ (    )      **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick (√) the appropriate box.

- I allow my child's/ward's photographs to be featured in the school publicity materials and publications.
- I do not allow my child's/ward's photographs to be featured in the school publicity materials and publications.

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

**Signature of \*Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(\*Please delete where applicable)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of \*Parent / Guardian**  
*(\*Please delete where applicable)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

*(Form Teacher to collect reply slips and submit to General Office)*



# **NORTHOAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Annex B**

## **Briefing for Primary 4 Parents Parent Reply Slip**

(To be submitted to Form Teacher by Friday, 2 February 2018)

**Name of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ (    )      **Class: P4 -** \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick (✓) the appropriate box.

### **Briefing for Primary 4 Parents**

**Date: Friday, 23 March 2018**

**Time: 8.20 am**

**Venue: Hall**

I will be attending the Briefing for Primary 4 Parents  
No. of persons attending: \_\_\_\_\_ (please let us know so that we could  
look into the seating capacity)

I am unable to attend the Briefing for Primary 4 Parents

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

**Signature of \*Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(\*Please delete where applicable)*

*(Form Teacher to collect reply slips and submit to General Office)*

**Primary 1  
Holistic Assessment Calendar 2018 (Term 1 & Term 2)**

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Term 1 (0% for each Subject)</b>
6 Feb (Tue)	English Language (EL) Listening Comprehension
From 7 Feb to 9 Feb*	EL Reading Aloud
9 Feb (Fri)	Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Listening Comprehension
23 Feb (Fri)	EL Mini Test 1
27 Feb (Tue)	Maths Mini Test 1
2 Mar (Fri)	MTL Mini Test 1

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Term 2 (30% for each Subject)</b>
From 9 Apr to 11 Apr*	EL Reading Aloud (5%)
13 Apr (Fri)	Maths Mini Test 2 (15%)
16 Apr (Mon)	EL Mini Test 2 (5%)
From 18 Apr to 20 Apr*	MTL Reading Aloud (10%)
24 Apr (Tue)	EL Listening Comprehension (5%)
26 Apr (Thu)	MTL Listening Comprehension (10%)
From 2 May to 4 May*	EL Poetry Recitation (5%)
8 May (Tue)	EL Mini Test 3 (10%)
10 May (Thu)	MTL Mini Test 2 (10%)
From 14 to 17 May*	Maths Performance Task 1 (15%)

**Note:**

\* Your child may be tested on any day within this period.

If your child is unwell on the day of the assessment, he/she will be assessed upon his/her return.



**Primary 2  
Holistic Assessment Calendar 2018 (Term 1 & Term 2)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Term 1 (10% for each Subject)</b>
7 Feb (Wed)	Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Listening Comprehension (5%)
9 Feb (Fri)	English Language (EL) Listening Comprehension (5%)
23 Feb (Fri)	MTL Mini Test 1 (5%)
26 Feb (Mon)	EL Mini Test 1 (5%)
2 Mar (Fri)	Maths Mini Test 1 (10%)

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Term 2 (20% for each Subject)</b>
From 10 Apr to 12 Apr*	MTL Performance Task (5%)
From 17 Apr to 19 Apr*	EL Picture Discussion & Reading Aloud (10%)
23 Apr (Mon)	MTL Listening Comprehension (5%)
From 2 May to 4 May*	Maths Performance Task 1 (20%)
7 May (Mon)	EL Mini Test 2 (10%)
10 May (Thu)	MTL Mini Test 2 (10%)

**Note:**

\* Your child may be tested on any day within this period.

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**Primary 3  
Holistic Assessment Calendar 2018 (Term 1 & Term 2)**

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Term 1 (20% of SA1, 6% of Overall)</b>
9 Feb (Fri)	Maths Mini Test 1
23 Feb (Fri)	English Language (EL) Mini Test 1
From 26 to 28 Feb*	Science Performance Task 1
2 Mar (Fri)	Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Mini Test 1

<b>Date</b>	<b>Term 2 (80% of SA1, 24% of Overall)</b>
16 Apr (Mon)	EL Oral and MTL Oral
25 Apr (Wed)	EL Paper 1
27 Apr (Fri)	MTL Paper 1
30 Apr (Mon)	EL Listening Comprehension MTL Listening Comprehension
7 May (Mon)	EL Paper 2
8 May (Tue)	MTL Paper 2
9 May (Wed)	Mathematics
10 May (Thu)	Science

**Note:**

\* Your child may be tested on any day within this period.

If your child is unwell on the day of the assessment, he/she will be assessed upon his/her return.

**Primary 4  
Holistic Assessment Calendar 2018 (Term 1 & Term 2)**

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Term 1 (20% of SA1, 6% of Overall)</b>
9 Feb (Fri)	English Language (EL) Mini Test 1
23 Feb (Fri)	Maths Mini Test 1
From 26 to 28 Feb*	Science Performance Task 1
1 Mar (Thu)	MTL Mini Test 1

<b>Date</b>	<b>Term 2 (80% of SA1, 24% of Overall)</b>
18 Apr (Wed)	EL Oral and MTL Oral
25 Apr (Wed)	EL Paper 1
27 Apr (Fri)	MTL Paper 1
30 Apr (Mon)	EL Listening Comprehension MTL Listening Comprehension
7 May (Mon)	EL Paper 2
8 May (Tue)	MTL Paper 2
9 May (Wed)	Mathematics
10 May (Thu)	Science

**Note:**

\* Your child may be tested on any day within this period.

If your child is unwell on the day of the assessment, he/she will be assessed upon his/her return.

**Primary 5 (Standard, including Higher Mother Tongue)  
Holistic Assessment Calendar 2018 (Term 1 & Term 2)**

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Term 1 (20% of SA1, 6% of Overall)</b>
23 Feb (Fri)	Higher Mother Tongue Languages (HMTL) Mini Test 1
26 Feb (Mon)	English Language (EL) Mini Test 1
27 Feb (Tue)	Maths Mini Test 1
28 Feb (Wed)	Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Mini Test 1
1 Mar (Thu)	Science Mini Test 1

<b>Date</b>	<b>Term 2 (80% of SA1, 24% of Overall)</b>
17 Apr (Tue)	EL Oral and MTL Oral (Held in the afternoon)
25 Apr (Wed)	EL Paper 1
27 Apr (Fri)	MTL Paper 1
30 Apr (Mon)	HMTL Paper 1 (During HMTL Lessons)
2 May (Wed)	EL Listening Comprehension MTL Listening Comprehension
3 May (Thu)	HMTL Paper 2
7 May (Mon)	EL Paper 2
8 May (Tue)	MTL Paper 2
9 May (Wed)	Mathematics
10 May (Thu)	Science

**Note:**

If your child is unwell on the day of the assessment, he/she will be assessed upon his/her return

**Primary 5 (Foundation)  
Holistic Assessment Calendar 2018 (Term 1 & Term 2)**

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Term 1 (20%* of SA1, 6% of Overall)</b>
26 Feb (Mon)	Foundation English Language (FEL) Mini Test 1
27 Feb (Tue)	Foundation Mathematics Mini Test 1
28 Feb (Wed)	Foundation Mother Tongue Languages (FMTL) Mini Test 1
1 Mar (Thu)	Foundation Science Mini Test 1
<i>*10% will be from Mini Tests and 10% from daily work</i>	

<b>Date</b>	<b>Term 2 (80% of SA1, 24% of Overall)</b>
17 Apr (Tue)	FEL Oral and FMTL Oral (Held in the afternoon)
25 Apr (Wed)	FEL Paper 1
2 May (Wed)	FEL Listening Comprehension FMTL Listening Comprehension
7 May (Mon)	FEL Paper 2
8 May (Tue)	FMTL Paper 2
9 May (Wed)	Foundation Mathematics
10 May (Thu)	Foundation Science

**Note:**

If your child is unwell on the day of the assessment, he/she will be assessed upon his/her return.