

4 January 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Horizon family warmly welcomes all our students and their parents to 2022! We are grateful and appreciative of our parents' support over the past 12 years and we look forward to your continuous support and partnership to educate our students together.

1. **Towards a Safe and Secure Horizon**

In the interest of student safety, the school will continue educating students about good road safety practices. We appeal to parents/guardians to reiterate the importance of road safety practices and be good role models of these practices to your children.

Parents are permitted to drop off and pick up their children at the school foyer. During dismissal, the vehicular entry gate will only be open when the school buses have departed the school. Do maintain the "Stop, Drop and Go" practice when alighting or picking up your child at the foyer. Do not park and wait at the foyer. This will inconvenience other parents. Should you need to park your car, car parks can be found at the neighbouring Multi-Storey Carparks at Edgedale Green and Punggol Spectra. Students can also use gates B and C as alternative points of access from Edgedale Green, Punggol Breeze and Punggol Spectra.

We would also like to remind parents to show consideration for other road users and to be respectful of LTA's road rules and regulations. Please do not,

- park 9 metres within a bus stop area ;
- park 6 metres within a junction ;
- park 3 metres within a fire-hydrant ;
- park 50 metres of a pedestrian crossing ;
- park abreast (double parking)
- park at entrances or exits of buildings.

2. **School Matters**

The school is committed to nurturing our students into confident and responsible leaders. Together, in partnership, we will be able to provide the best possible learning experience for your children.

(i) **Attendance**

We strongly urge all parents/guardians to avoid travel during term time. Presence in school during term time ensures that your child/ward is not disadvantaged by missing out on curriculum content taught. In the event of his/her absence, a medical certificate from a doctor or letter from parents/guardians would need to be submitted promptly to the school via the Form/Co-Form Teacher upon the child's return.

(ii) **Punctuality**

We emphasise the importance of being punctual when reporting to school and lessons. This practice is consistent with Habit 1: Being Proactive. All students are expected to be in their classrooms by 7.30 a.m. and will attend the flag-raising ceremony at 7.35 a.m. In line with our School Value: Respect, let us all ensure that these respectful practices are adhered to.

(iii) Attire

We would like to instil a sense of pride and strong identity with Horizon Primary School, students are required to report to school in full uniform on all days unless there is P.E. and on the following days:

Day	Activity	For
Tuesday	PAL	P1 students
Thursday	PAL	P2 students

An attire check will be conducted on Monday, 10 January 2022. Please refer to page 24 of the Student Organiser for further details on school attire.

3. Communication with Parents/Guardians

Horizon Primary School values strong partnership with parents. Hence, we urge parents/guardians to be familiar with the different platforms such as Parents Gateway, School Website (<https://horizonpri.moe.edu.sg>) and the Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/HorizonPrimary>) that the school will utilise to communicate with you. A welcome letter will be sent out in Week 2 to inform you of your child's/ward's Form Teacher, Co-Form Teacher and subject teachers with their email addresses.

Should you need clarification about school programmes or have queries about school administrative matters related to your children, you can contact the school at 6753 5411 or email us at horizon_ps@moe.edu.sg.

Student Organiser

Every student will have a Student Organiser specially designed by the school. The theme for 2022 is "Adapt, Innovate, Motivate (Evaluating)". We hope that our students will continue to adapt to the constant changes around us. With a growth mindset, students will continue to be proactive and strive for excellence through innovation. At the same time, our Horizon stars will continue to motivate one another in their journey of learning. The organiser is a useful and creative tool for students to learn how to manage their daily lives. Students have to bring their organisers daily to record important information from the teachers. It is also a platform for teachers and parents/guardians to write to one another regularly. You may use it to communicate with your child's teachers and kindly advise your child to alert the teachers if you have written some notes in it. Please take time to go through it with your child daily.

4. Online Learning Platforms at Horizon Primary School

At Horizon Primary School, ICT is used productively for quality learning in support of the curriculum. The following online platforms have been made available for your child/guardian to have access to even when they are at home. More details will be communicated to P1 parents via Parents Gateway. For P2 to P6 students, their login details from the previous year are still valid.

Singapore Student Learning Space (SLS)

The SLS is an online platform with tools and curriculum-aligned resources for all students to learn anytime, anywhere, collaboratively and at their own pace. With the SLS, students can take greater ownership of their learning and pick up skills and habits that prepare them for lifelong learning.

Teachers will also use the SLS to complement classroom teaching and learning through designing meaningful lessons for students to explore and work collaboratively as well as facilitate students to learn at their own pace. SLS can be accessed from <https://learning.moe.edu.sg>.

KooBits

KooBits is an online learning platform for students learning Mathematics. It contains tutorials, topical Math questions and solutions with models and diagrams. Students are encouraged to be problem-solvers through the various activities and competitions available on KooBits. KooBits can be accessed from <https://problemsums.koobits.com/>.

Ezhishi

Ezhishi is a supplementary Chinese Language reading and learning resource for students learning Chinese Language. It consists of an online learning platform and bi-weekly magazines. It promotes self-directed learning and to arouse student's interest in learning Chinese Language. Ezhishi can be accessed from <https://www.ezhishi.net>.

Pazhahutamil

Pazhahutamil is an online learning portal for students learning Tamil Language. It engages students with the variety of activities available and contains tutorials that promote self-directed learning. Pazhahutamil can be accessed from <https://pazhahutamil.com/login/index.php>.

Do note that students may access 2022 learning resources for SLS from the start of the year. For other learning platforms, they may access 2022 learning resources from 1 February 2022.

5. Student Matters

i. **Updating of Student Particulars and Medical Record**

We will be giving out a set of Student Particulars and Medical Record forms (Individual Student Details Report) for your verification tomorrow, Wednesday, 5 January 2022. Kindly return the forms by next Tuesday, 11 January 2022.

ii. **DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) Time before Flag Raising Ceremony**

In an effort to encourage our students to read widely, students are required to bring an **English Language book** on **Mondays to Wednesdays** and a **Mother Tongue Language book** on **Thursdays and Fridays**. The choice of books should be age-appropriate and vary across genres and content. Through this, we aim to develop a reading culture and a strong passion for reading in our students.

iii. **2022 Class Timetable**

Students will be issued their class timetables on Friday, 14 January 2022, and we encourage our students to pack their bags based on the subjects indicated in their timetables. This ensures that your child/ward will have the necessary books and materials for his/her daily lessons and activities. In addition, this practice also results in students' school bags being maintained at a manageable weight.

iv. **Quick Bites (QB)**

Quick Bites provides students who have a long wait between their recess and lunch with the opportunity to have a snack in the interim. Between **12.15 p.m. – 12.45 p.m.**, students can have a healthy snack (e.g. a piece of fruit or a sandwich) which can be consumed in class within 10 minutes. However, P5 and P6 students taking HMT and 2S2F will not have QB on Mondays when they have a lunch break.

v. **Issuance of Horizon Primary School 2021 Yearbook and EL Publication**

We are excited to share Horizon Primary School Yearbook 2021 with you, produced in collaboration with MOE Kindergarten @ Horizon. The theme for the yearbook is 'Adapt. Innovate. Motivate'. The yearbook features our school community's endeavour in our thematic foci of adapt, innovate and motivate in a myriad of enriching experiences and programmes which we embarked as a collective effort to ride the waves of challenge posed by the Covid-19 pandemic as opportunities to strive for excellence.

We are also pleased to share our EL Publication 2021. Our theme for the publication is 'Friendship'. Our publication aims to feature creative and well-written pieces from our students in hopes of encouraging them to pursue excellence in writing. We hope you enjoy the literary work of our students as much as they enjoyed creating them.

The yearbook and the EL publication will be distributed to students in Term 1. Each family will only receive one copy of the yearbook. The copy will be passed to the eldest child who has sibling(s) in Horizon Primary School.

vi. **Co-Curricular Activity (CCA), Programme for Active Learning (PAL) and P3 SwimSafer**

In line with current Safe Management Measures (SMM), face-to-face CCA sessions will remain suspended. We recognise that CCAs provide our students with the platform to develop their interest and talents, along with the opportunity to forge friendships and build character through CCA sessions. As such, we will be embarking on eCCA sessions for the P3 to P6 students. More details of the eCCA sessions will be shared via the respective CCA teachers.

Programme for Active Learning (PAL) in Horizon will commence on Tuesday, 11 January 2022, for P1 students and Thursday, 13 January 2022, for P2 students. Through PAL, P1 - P2 students learn values and build character through experiential activities across the four domains of Sports & Games, Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Outdoor Education.

The SwimSafer™ 2.0 programme remains suspended for students. We will update parents of any developments in the SwimSafer plans.

We would like to thank all parents and guardians for your understanding and support as we seek to resume these programmes with SMM in place.

vii. **Gifted Education Programme Identification Exercise 2022 for P3 Students**

The Gifted Education Branch of the Curriculum Planning & Development Division is carrying out the identification of students for the Gifted Education Programme (GEP) 2022. The tentative schedule for the two stages of the GEP Identification Exercise 2022 is as follows

Stage	Date
GEP Screening Exercise	17 August 2022 (Wednesday)
GEP Selection Exercise (Only shortlisted students will be invited)	18 & 19 October 2022 (Tuesday & Wednesday)

A separate letter will be given to the P3 students nearer to the date of the GEP Screening Exercise.

viii. **Usage of photographs on school official platforms**

Photograph(s) or video recording(s) of your child/children captured during any school events/programmes may be published within the school website, the school's official social media platforms (e.g. Facebook), as well as the school's official publications or publicity collaterals (e.g.

yearbook). From time to time, some photographs would also be reposted on MOE's social media platforms (e.g. Facebook and Instagram) as MOE's effort in sharing good school practices.

ix. **Calendar of Events (Term 1)**

Please refer to the attached annex for Calendar of Events for Term 1. We are confident that you will be active partners with the school by supporting your child/ward in the school's activities.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Let us work together for a fulfilling year ahead!

Your partner-in-education

Mrs Grace Leong
Principal

Calendar of Events for Term 1, 2022

Date/ Time	Event/Activity	For
<u>Week 3</u> 17 and 18 Jan (Mon & Tue)	Photo-Taking for P1 & P6 students for the School Smart Card for 2022*	P1 & P6 students
18 Jan (Tue)	P5 Parents' Engagement Session with workshop*	Parents of P5 students
20 Jan (Thurs)	P4 Subject-Based Banding (SBB) and Parents' Engagement Session*	Parents of P4 students
<u>Week 4</u> 25 Jan (Tues)	P2 Parents' Engagement Session with workshop*	Parents of P2 students
27 Jan (Thurs)	P6 Parents' Engagement Session with Briefing on PSLE Matters*	Parents of P6 students
<u>Week 5</u> 31 Jan (Mon)	Chinese New Year Celebrations* (7.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.)	All students
1 Feb (Tue) & 2 Feb (Wed)	Chinese New Year Public Holidays	All students
<u>Week 6</u> 8 Feb (Tue)	P3 Parents' Engagement Session with workshop*	Parents of P3 students
10 Feb (Wed)	P1 Parents' Engagement Session*	Parents of P1 students
<u>Week 7</u> 16 Feb (Wed) to 18 Feb (Fri)	P3 Virtual Learning Journey to Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve*	All P3 students
<u>Weeks 8 & 9</u> 24 Feb (Thurs) to 4 Mar (Thurs)	P6 Continual Assessment* 24 Feb – English Language Paper 2 25 Feb – Mathematics Paper 28 Feb – Mother Tongue Language Paper 2 1 Mar – Science Paper 2 Mar – HMT Paper 2	All P6 students

* Details of event/activity will be given closer to the event date.

Note:

Events listed here are accurate as at Tuesday, 4 January 2022. Should there be any change or cancellation of events due to unforeseen circumstances, the school will inform you through writing and updates on the school's website.