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TERM 1 NOTE FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS – JANUARY 2022

7 January, 2022

A. GREETINGS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings!

The school would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and our students to a new school year. I hope you have had managed to spend some quality time with your family during the year-end break.

Social distancing, mask wearing, wipe down routines and maintaining good personal hygiene continue to remain as the norms for this year. This is to ensure that our school remains as a safe environment for teaching and learning. We seek your support to continue to instil in our students the importance of upholding these norms and adhering to the Safe Management Measures (SMM).

As a Concord family, we continue to embrace our vision of nurturing every student to graduate with Caring Hearts, Enriched Minds and Determined Spirits. This will enable our students to achieve the school's mission of nurturing Concordians with character and passion for learning to face life's challenges. We strive to do our best to foster in our Concordians strong moral values to serve as a guiding light in their quest for knowledge and skills.

As we forge ahead in 2022, we will continue to commit ourselves to develop our students holistically and preparing them for the future. The aim to create an innovative, vibrant and conducive learning environment that embraces students' diversity, ignites their curiosity in learning and develops their ownership in learning is our constant endeavour. Some of the initiatives and activities that we have put in place include: Differentiated Instruction, Language Arts and Aesthetics Fiesta.

In the area of staff development, we would continue to strengthen our staff's competency in unleashing the Joy of Learning in our students through strengthening our processes, culture building and enhanced partnership with our stakeholders.

Last but not least, we would like to express our appreciation to your support. As the saying "It takes a village to raise a child", let's continue to support each other in the journey of bringing out the best in our students.

We look forward to another year of meaningful and fulfilling partnership with you.

B. WELCOMING NEW STAFF MEMBERS TO CPS

We would like to warmly welcome the following staff members to our Concord family. They are:

1. Mdm Noelle Yee, YH (Lower Pri) [wef 27 June 2022]
2. Mdm Rozianah Bte Ibrahim, HOD ICT
3. Ms Christine Tan, LH Science
4. Mr Lee Kah Hong, Teacher
5. Mdm Yeo Liew Ee, Wendy, Teacher



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C. THANKING OUTGOING STAFF MEMBERS

We would like to thank the following staff members for their dedicated service and wish them all the best in their future endeavours:

1. Ms Fiona Lim, Vice Principal
2. Mdm Rajaletchumi d/o Govindarajoo, Teacher
3. Ms Rasyidah Binte Abdul Manaf, Teacher
4. Mdm Janet Kho Siew Ngoh, Teacher
5. Ms Ng Swee Ying, Teacher
6. Mdm Santhi d/o Seenaevasan, Teacher
7. Mdm Serene Kwa, Teacher

D. COVID-19 VACCINATION OPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN (FOLLOW UP)

(Mr Andrew Lee, Vice Principal [Administration])

Please inform your child's Form Teacher of his/her vaccination dates in advance so that we can help monitor their well-being in school and exempt them from strenuous physical activities for 14 days after each vaccination.

E. STUDENT SAFETY AND HEALTH

(Mr Andrew Lee, Vice Principal [Administration])

The safety of our students is of utmost importance. We seek parents' understanding and assistance to reinforce the need for personal and social responsibility, especially during the current pandemic. This includes:

1. Stay at home if unwell
2. Comply strictly with MOH Health Protocols and observe all Safe Management Measures (SMMs) at all times
3. Bring a working TraceTogether token to school
4. Wear good quality high filtration masks at all times except when performing strenuous activities and eating & drinking
5. Not talking when mask is off
6. Washing of hands regularly
7. Going for vaccination when one is eligible

F. DAILY ATTENDANCE

(Mr Andrew Lee, Vice Principal [Administration])

Please inform your child's Form Teacher in advance if he/she is not coming to school. This helps the school's effort to account for every student every morning and improves our follow-up response if necessary.

Under the Personal Data Protection Act, photograph(s) and video image(s) of an individual are considered personal data. We would like to inform you that photograph(s) or video image(s) of students and parents/guardians of our school may be captured during school activities and events. The school may use and publish such photographs and/or video recordings in our school publications, official school website and other communication channels. Please be assured that these photographs and/or video images will not be released to any third party without parents'/guardians' consent.



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G. REPORTING TIME AND ATTIRE FOR STUDENTS

(Mr Muhammad Osman, HOD Student Management)

We would like to remind parents/guardians that students should be in school by 7.25 a.m. **Students will be marked late if they are not in the classroom for the National Anthem and pledge-taking at 7.30 a.m.**

All students are expected to be punctual for school and school-organised programmes / activities at all times.

Being punctual is a demonstration of respect and responsibility. We appreciate your kind understanding and support on this matter.

All students are also reminded to be neatly attired for school. Shoes must be full white. Students are to maintain a neat hairdo where one's fringe does not touch the eyebrows. Fancy hairstyles are not acceptable.

Do follow the school attire guidelines as stated on page 18 and 19 in the Student Handbook 2022 on expectations to dress neatly and appropriately.

H. ROAD SAFETY

(Mr Andrew Lee, Vice Principal [Administration])

For parents driving in and out of the school, please exercise care and patience, especially during the morning peak hours i.e. 7am to 7.30am. The situation during this period is very challenging due to the many concurrent competing needs at the main gate junction - vehicles entering and leaving, pedestrians crossing, the need to optimise the traffic flow in tandem with the traffic light crossing along Choa Chu Kang Ave 4.

Drivers should also note that, when exiting the school main gate, they should always keep to the left and do not swing out to the right either before or after making the turn. This is in accordance to the Road Traffic Act (Chapter 276, Section 112) Para. 74 and will minimize any unnecessary obstructions to the overall traffic flow along the main road.

Parents/Guardians may wish to consider using Gates 4 and 12 (which are besides Blk 446 and Blk 451 respectively) as alternative drop off points which also provide safe and sheltered access into the school.

Please be reminded to adhere to the speed limit (15km/h) when driving in the school compound and to also drop off your child/ward only at the designated area at the foyer.

The school's Traffic Management Plan for 2022 can be found on the school website under the "Others" section at the top navigation bar.

I. MOE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME

(Ms Wong Siew Ling, Administration Manager)

The Ministry of Education (MOE) provides financial assistance to needy Singaporean students. The income criterion is \$2,750 or below (Gross Household Income) and \$690 or below (Per Capita Income). Application Forms are available from the school General Office.



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J. PHOTOTAKING FOR PRIMARY 1 AND PRIMARY 6 STUDENTS FOR THE SCHOOL SMART CARDS (SSC) – 21 & 22 FEBRUARY 2022

(Ms Wong Siew Ling, Administration Manager)

The Ministry of Education (MOE) will be conducting the yearly photo-taking exercise for the issuance of the School Smart Card (SSC). Please note that this photo-taking exercise is strictly for P1 and P6 students only. P1 students will get their SSCs by April, while the photo-images captured for P6 students will be used for the printing of Secondary SSCs when they are promoted to Secondary One in 2022. The phototaking exercise will take place during curriculum hours on **Monday, 21 February 2022 for the P1s** and **Tuesday, 22 February 2022 for the P6s**. Please ensure that your child/ward is wearing his/her school uniform on that day

K. SEXUALITY EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM – THE GROWING YEARS

(Mr Tan Kim Keong, HOD CCE)

Sexuality Education lessons are conducted in the school for primary 5 and primary 6 students under the ambit of Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) with the following objectives:

- To help students make wise, responsible and informed decisions through the provision of accurate, current and age-appropriate **knowledge** on human sexuality and the consequences of sexual activity;
- To help students know themselves and build healthy and rewarding relationships through the acquisition of **social and emotional skills** of self-awareness, management of their thoughts, feelings and behaviours, development of empathy for others, possession of effective communication, problem-solving and decision-making skills; and
- To help students develop a moral compass, respect for themselves and for others as sexual beings, premised on the heterosexual married couple forming a nuclear family as the basic unit of society, through the inculcation of **positive mainstream values and attitudes** about sexuality.

The lessons are taught by only MOE-trained Sexuality Education teachers and covered the following dimensions:

- Physical: Physical sexual maturation and intimacy, the physiology of sex and human reproduction;
- Emotional: Sexual attitudes and feelings towards self and others;
- Social: Sexual norms and behaviour and their legal, cultural and societal implications; and
- Ethical: Values and moral systems related to sexuality.

Do visit the school's Sexuality Education webpage (<https://concordpri.moe.edu.sg/our-partners/parents-corner/sexuality-education-p5-n-p6>) for more information.

L. CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

(Mr Yeo Wee Kiang, HOD MTL)

The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year on **Monday, 31 January 2022**. Our students will have the opportunity to learn more about the Chinese customs and traditions through the festive-themed performances put up by the MTL Department.

On the day of the Chinese New Year celebration, all students will report for school at 7.30am and be dismissed from school at 10.00am. The school bus vendor will be informed of the early dismissal prior to the day of the celebration. **There will be no school on Tuesday, 1 Feb 2022 and Wednesday, 2 Feb 2022**. School will resume as per normal for all students on Thursday, 3 February 2022. As part of the school's effort to instil responsibility in our students, extended family holidays during this period will not be endorsed by the school.



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To create moments of joy among the students and put everyone in the festive mood, all students are allowed to come to school in their festive attire, with white school shoes and socks. The skirts or dresses for the girls must be at least knee length and accessories are not allowed. Students should only bring a small bag containing water bottle, pencil case and a storybook.

On behalf of the school, we would like to wish all who are celebrating the Lunar New Year a Happy and Blessed Year of the Tiger.

M. Total Defence Day Commemoration 2022

(Mr Tan Kim Keong, HOD CCE)

The school will be commemorating Total Defence Day on Monday, 14 Feb 2022. The commemoration will be held in the classrooms with an interactive video game that highlights the importance of staying united in the face of adversity. Reflective classroom activities and lesson packages will be conducted after the fun-filled interactive game to reinforce the message of together we keep Singapore strong. And during recess, the canteen stalls will be selling wartime staple food as a way for the students to experience the hardship during wartime and for them to reflect and appreciate the peaceful life we are enjoying now.

N. Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise 2022

(Mrs Lau Bee Ha, YH [Middle Primary])

Every year, the school conducts the annual GEP Identification Exercise for Primary 3 pupils who have registered to participate in GEP Screening Exercise on behalf of GEP Branch. Please refer to the table below for the tentative schedule provided by MOE.

Stage	Dates	Participants	Papers
GEP Screening Exercise	17 August 2022 (Wednesday)	Open to all P3 pupils <i>Note: It is not compulsory for P3 pupils to take part.</i>	English Language Mathematics
GEP Selection Exercise	18 & 19 October 2022 (Tuesday & Wednesday)	Only for P3 pupils shortlisted by GEP Branch after the Screening Exercise.	English Language Mathematics General Ability

The school will send out registration forms to all P3 pupils for the GEP Screening Exercise in July 2022. It is not compulsory for the pupils to take part.

The GEP Identification Exercise aims to identify suitable pupils with high intellectual potential. Test-preparation activities could inflate pupils' scores and not reflect their actual potential. Pupils who are not ready to handle the intellectual rigour and demands of the programme will struggle with the enriched curriculum and not benefit fully from it. This would put undue stress on the pupils, and may even cause them to lose confidence and impact their self-esteem.



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O. Student Learning Space (SLS)

(Mdm Rozianah Ibrahim, HOD ICT)

All Primary 1 to 6 students have been provisioned with a Student Learning Space (SLS) account. The portal facilitates online and blended learning, allowing students to extend their learning beyond the classroom. The Primary 1 students will be receiving a letter and guide to complete their first-time logging in and onboarding process in school. The Form and co-Form Teachers will provide more details nearing the date.

Parents and students may access the school website, <https://concordpri.moe.edu.sg>, for more information on login-related matters to the portal and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

If your child is unable to log into the portal, please do either of the following:

- 1) Inform the Form Teacher or co-Form Teacher; or
- 2) Complete the online form <https://go.gov.sg/concordsls>. This mode of assistance will be most preferred.

We will try our best to respond to you within 3 working days. Thank you

P. Home Personal Computer (PC) / Internet Ownership

(Mdm Rozianah Ibrahim, HOD ICT)

As the education landscape moves towards blended learning and having the students to learn beyond the classroom, Home-Based Learning (HBL) is definitely becoming more pervasive. With that said, the school would also like to find out on the home personal computer (PC)/Internet ownership so that we can make arrangements to support you better.

We will be sending you a form via Parents Gateway to obtain the following information:

- If you have any PC at home? If yes, how many?
- If you have any mobile device at home? (*tablets are included*) If yes, how many?
- If you have WiFi at home?
- If you have mobile data at home?
- How many people live in the same household?
- Where your child primarily completes his / her work on non-schooling days, i.e. weekend, school or public holidays?

Please note that more details will be required for any follow-up loan of device or WiFi. You may email Mdm Rozianah Ibrahim at rozianah_ibrahim@schools.gov.sg for further queries. Thank you.

Q. Modular CCA Programme Term 1

(Mr Zhang Kaixin, SH PE)

The Primary 3 to P6 classes will be having Modular CCA according to the schedule below. To provide an integrated approach to addressing our students' development of leadership, E3 Reasoning and executive functioning skills in a coherent and holistic way, a new module – Soar For Life, has been designed for this purpose.

P3 students will be involved in the Sports Talent Identification Programme. Students will be exposed to Niche Sports CCAs such as Sepak Takraw, Volleyball, Floorball and Badminton. Students who exhibit talent in these CCAs will receive additional training during the Niche CCA sessions conducted after school.



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P3

Module		Sports (Talent ID)						Remarks
Week	Date	3A	3B	3C	3D	3E	3F	
1	5-Jan	No MCCA						Bdm – Badminton F/Ball - Football Vball – Volleyball Takraw – Sepak Takraw
2	12-Jan	Takraw		Vball/Bdm		F/Ball		
3	19-Jan							
4	26-Jan							
5	2-Feb	Chinese New Year						
6	9-Feb	Vball/Bdm		F/Ball		Takraw		
7	16-Feb	F/Ball		Takraw		Vball/Bdm		
8	23-Feb							
9	2-Mar							
10	9-Mar							

P4

Module		Soar For Life/ PA (D)						Remarks
Week	Date	4A	4B	4C	4D	4E	4F	
1	5-Jan	No MCCA						PA (D) - Performing Arts Kpop Dance
2	12-Jan	Soar For Life			PA (D)			
3	19-Jan							
4	26-Jan							
5	2-Feb	Chinese New Year						
6	9-Feb	Soar For Life			PA (D)			
7	16-Feb	PA (D)			Soar For Life			
8	23-Feb							
9	2-Mar							
10	9-Mar							

P5

Module		Soar For Life/ ICT						Remarks
Week	Date	5A	5B	5C	5D	5E	5F	
1	5-Jan	No MCCA						ICT: Info Comm Technology eBook Creation
2	12-Jan	Soar For Life			ICT			
3	19-Jan							
4	26-Jan							
5	2-Feb	Chinese New Year						
6	9-Feb	Soar For Life			ICT			
7	16-Feb	ICT			Soar For Life			
8	23-Feb							
9	2-Mar							
10	9-Mar							



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P6

Module		Lifeskills / OE & Sports						Remarks
Week	Date	6A	6B	6C	6D	6E	6F	
1	5-Jan	No MCCA						OE & S – Outdoor Orienteering and Pacing Skills
2	12-Jan	ECG			OE & S			
3	19-Jan	OE & S			ECG			
4	26-Jan	SEd			OE & S			
5	2-Feb	Chinese New Year						Lifeskills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECG (Education Career & Guidance) • SEd (Sexuality Education)
6	9-Feb	SEd			OE & S			
7	16-Feb							
8	23-Feb							
9	2-Mar	OE & S			SEd			
10	9-Mar							

R. Parents Support Group (PSG) and Concord Daddies Group (CDG)

Our PSG and CDG play crucial roles in our home-school partnership efforts to give our students an enriching educational experience. Parents who would like to join can sign up via the QR codes below.

PSG

<https://concordpri.moe.edu.sg/our-partners/parent-support-group>



CDG

<https://concordpri.moe.edu.sg/our-partners/concord-daddies>





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S. Maintaining an acceptable schoolbag weight

By the end of the first week of Term 1, the teachers would have collected most of your child's books to be kept in the classroom. Certain textbooks will remain with him/her for ease of reference and revision.

Now is also a good time to check if your child's schoolbag is of an acceptable weight. Here are some tips to aid you:

1. The weight of the child's bag should not be more than 15% of his/her weight;
2. If the bag is heavy for you, it is too heavy for the child;
3. Check the bag periodically to ensure that your child brings only what is necessary.

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"Success is not an accident, success is a choice" ~ Stephen Curry