



**WEST GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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Through the Principal  
Mrs Chandler Jay Siva 

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

### Welcome back to West Grove Primary School!

We hope you had a meaningful break with your child over the December holidays. As the holidays end, we are all excited to get back to school. For the year 2022, the three Year Heads heading the Student Development Department (SDD) will continue to look into ways to improve the **Positive Environment** for your child to thrive in and experience Joy of Learning. We will be adopting the **PROSPER** Framework (T. Noble and H. McGrath), where we Encourage **Positivity**, Build **Relationships**, Facilitate **Outcomes**, Focus on **Strengths**, Foster a sense of **Purpose**, Enhance **Engagement** and Teach **Resilience**.

To encourage **Positivity** and build **Relationships** where students will experience positive emotions and have a sense of belonging to the school, we are embarking on Peer Support Relationships as a school. Through support and care among the peers, our students will feel connected to school and be more engaged in their learning, hereby, increase our students' motivation and achievement.

Our teachers will continue to work closely with your child and you.  
Listed below are your child's Form Teachers.

### Introduction of 2022 Form Teachers

If you have any questions, do get in touch with them directly.

3A	Mr Huang (huang_hongwei@moe.edu.sg)	Ms Tho (tho_lee_kian_diana@moe.edu.sg)
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YH	Mdm Lee (lee_nyuk_phing@moe.edu.sg)	

You may also choose to contact any of our staff via

- General Office hotline: **62679234** (Mon to Fri, from 7.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.)
- Teachers' Email (available on <http://westgrovepri.moe.edu.sg>)
- Student Handbook

### **Absence from School**

The school places a strong emphasis on students' regular attendance in school and it is closely monitored by the Form Teachers and our Student Development Team (SDT). For any absences, please inform the respective Form Teacher and submit relevant documentation (e.g. Medical Certificates) if applicable.

Please note that if the absence falls on the date of a weighted assessment (e.g. topical test, exam), there is **NO make-up** for the assessment. Pro-rating will be considered if the absence is substantiated with valid reasons (e.g. Medical).

### **Vaccination against Covid-19**

Students who have taken the vaccination against Covid-19 may experience some side effects from the vaccination and should not engage in strenuous physical activities for 2 weeks after the vaccination. Please substantiate your child's absence from school due to vaccination related side effects by providing the Form Teacher with any evidence of the vaccination appointment. Students should also be reminded to alert their Physical Education (PE) teachers when asked that they had gone for their vaccination and should be excused from PE.

### **School Homework**

Homework is a valuable part of schooling. We believe that homework cultivates responsibility, self-discipline and lifelong learning habits. Teachers assign relevant, meaningful and even challenging homework to reinforce classroom learning and allow students to apply what was learnt.

School leaders and teachers will make a conscious effort to monitor the homework load of our students. Subject teachers will also coordinate the homework assigned to ensure that it is manageable. Students who are unable to complete their work in class will need to complete it at home, in addition to the homework that has been assigned. We seek your understanding that the actual time spent on homework will vary between students due to differences in their study habits and subject proficiency. We encourage you to speak with our teachers if you have any concerns about the assigned homework.

We also urge parents to play a supportive role by spending some time daily with your child/children to supervise them doing homework and to ensure there is a conducive home environment for it.

### **Assessment Matters**

The school has removed Mid-Year Examinations (MYE) for the Primary Three students since 2020 to provide students with adequate time and space to adjust to new subjects and increased curriculum demands. The school will conduct other bite-sized assessments in its place to allow teachers to identify learning gaps and close them by improving teaching practices or providing feedback and additional support to the child.

This is an overview of the assessments that you can expect your child to sit for in the year. Please refer to <https://go.gov.sg/2021wa> for more details on the assessments.



<https://go.gov.sg/2021wa>

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Term 4</b>
English	-	Topical Assessment (15%)	Writing Assessment (15%)	SA2 (70%)
Maths	-	Topical Assessment (15%)	Topical Assessment (15%)	SA2 (70%)
Science	-	Topical Assessment (10%)	Topical Assessment (10%)	Practical Test (10%) SA2 (70%)
Mother Tongue	-	Topical Assessment (15%)	Writing Assessment (15%)	SA2 (70%)

### **Gift Education Programme (GEP)**

The GEP identification exercise will take place in two stages: The GEP Screening exercise and GEP selection exercise.

The exercise aims to identify students with high intellectual potential and match them to a curriculum that is suitable for them. Test-preparation on activities for the screening and selection exercise is discouraged as it could inflate the student's score and could cause the results of the exercise not to reflect their true potential. Students who are not ready to handle the intellectual rigour and demands of the programme will struggle with the enriched curriculum and not benefit from it. This would put undue stress on the students and may even cause them to lose confidence and self-esteem.

<b>P3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening Dates (Tentative)</b>			
<b>Stage</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Papers</b>
GEP Screening Exercise	17 August 2022 (Wednesday)	Primary 3 students enrolled in government and government-aided schools	English Language Mathematics
GEP Selection Exercise	18 & 19 October 2022 (Tuesday & Wednesday)	Only shortlisted students will be invited to the Selection stage	English Language Mathematics General Ability

### **After-School Programmes**

To ensure the safety of students who are staying back for after-school programmes, they are **not allowed** to leave the school before the start of the activity. Students are expected to have their lunch in school. We will monitor student movements after school. We seek your understanding and support in reinforcing the message with your child.

## Schedule of Key Events for Term 1

Date	Activity	Remarks
10 Jan – 14 Jan	CCA Option Forms will be issued by Form Teachers	For P2 and P3 students only
29 Jan	MRL Parent Webinar (Raising Readers)	
31 Jan	Chinese New Year Celebrations in school	Please note that school hours are from 7.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.
1 Feb – 2 Feb	<b>Chinese New Year Holiday</b>	No school for all students
26 Feb	Cyber-wellness Parent Workshop	
15 Mar	P1 & P3 Math Parents' Webinar	More details to be released later
<b>March School Holidays (12 March to 20 March)</b>		

Warm regards,

  
Mdm Lee  
Assistant Year Head (P3 & 4)