



WEST GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Letter To Parents (Term 1)

11 Jan 2022

Dear Parents,

Our Greetings to you and your family as we usher in 2022 and welcome our children back to School. We look forward to another exciting year of learning and growing @ WGPS and hope for a return to normalcy for our children.

The exceptional and challenging times are not over yet as we continue to battle COVID-19 in 2022. Over the past two years, we have learnt to lead our lives in a pandemic. Our children have grown very resilient and confident in managing their learning as school embarked on new modes of teaching to engage them and ensure minimal disruption. The COVID-19 saga is still not over. Thus, the need for continued vigilance and compliance to safety measurement measures. However, as more and more of our students are vaccinated and with all the stringent safe management measures in place, we hope to slowly resume some of our normal student activities over time including CCAs and Play@Recess.

Our school vision of 'Active Minds, Gracious Hearts', our school motto of "Wisdom and Grace" and WGPS R³ICK values – Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Integrity, Commitment and Kindness will continue to be our Compass to ensure that we stay committed to providing a holistic and learner-centred environment for all our children, anchored on character development and sound moral values. We will continue to seek and create ample learning opportunities to develop their talents and passions and to bring them closer to realising their dreams and aspirations. Our teachers will continue to engage them through a robust curriculum with differentiated pedagogical approaches and to ensure a safe and caring environment. A self-directed learner, a confident person, an active contributor and a concerned citizen – that's what we want our children to become. They must develop good friendships and interact well with their classmates and teachers. We urge parents to be actively involved in their children's learning and to work in close collaboration with the school. Both parents and teachers must remain an inspiration for our children to do their best in school and in life.

For a start, let's get our children to focus on their 'big rocks' which represent the **important priorities** in their lives and not on the 'sand' which are the small and unimportant issues. Talk to them about beginning with the end in mind - what is it they want to achieve by the end of this year. *Good Things happen when you set your priorities straight!* – Scott Caan

Best Wishes for a great year!

Mrs Chandler Jay Siva
Principal



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PSLE Results 2021

We are pleased to announce that our Primary 6 cohort of 2021 overcame all odds and adapted to a new PSLE scoring system to achieve the following results.

% students eligible for Secondary School	98.7%
% students eligible for Express/N(A) stream	71.8%
Standard Subjects with more than 90% of students achieving AL 1 - 6	Standard English, Standard Math, Standard Science, Standard Chinese, Standard Malay & Standard Tamil
Foundation Subjects with more than 90% of students achieving Grades A - B	Foundation English, Foundation Science, Foundation Chinese & Foundation Malay
Number of Successful DSA applicants	21

This was possible due to the support of parents and the hard work of our teachers and students. We wish the Primary 6 cohort of 2021 all the best in their future endeavours.

Staff Updates

We thank the following staff for their contributions to the school. We wish them all the best in their new endeavours

1. Mrs Yanie Farid
2. Mdm Nur Hana Tay
3. Mdm Tiow Jingmin
4. Mdm Chua Geok Fan



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Staff Updates

We are also pleased to welcome the following staff to our school

1. Miss Tho Lee Kian Diana
2. Mr Qairul Izam Bin Shali
3. Ms Rosa Cho Suet Wai
4. Ms Goh Xinmin

School Hours and Dismissal Arrangements

School hours are from 7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. daily. All students should reach school and be ready to start lessons by 7.30 a.m. We seek your support in ensuring that your child reports punctually to school.

To avoid overcrowding at the gates, students will be dismissed according to the staggered dismissal schedule.

Staggered School Dismissal

Levels dismissed	Time
P1 and P4	1.20 p.m.
P2 and P5	1.25 p.m.
P3 and P6	1.30 p.m.

Venues for Dismissal

Gate	Levels using the gate for dismissal	Remarks
Big Gate 1	P3 to P6	This is also the vehicular gate used by vehicles. However, it will be out of bounds to traffic from 1.15 p.m. – 1.45 p.m. daily.
Small Gate 1	P1 and P2	
Gate 2	All levels	
Gate 3	All levels	



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Wet Weather Dismissal

Gate	Wet Weather Arrangements
Gates 1 and 2	Parents using both Gates 1 and 2 can wait for your child in the canteen. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• P1 and P2 parents - canteen corridor next to the field• P3 to P6 parents - canteen corridor next to the parade square
Gate 3	Parents using Gate 3 can wait for your child at the corridor of Classroom Block C (Level 1).

Parents Gateway

The school will be using the Parents' Gateway as its main channel of communications with parents. All communications including parents' consent for various school programmes and CCAs will be done through the Parents' Gateway. Please ensure that you are on board the Parents Gateway. If you face any technical difficulties or have any other concerns, do approach your child's form teacher.

Safe Management Measures

Daily temperature-taking and additional visual and question screening will continue for all students and staff. Students who are on Stay Home Notice (SHN), isolation orders or are unwell with flu-like symptoms such as fever, running nose, sore throat and cough will be required to stay away from school. Students who are on Health Risk Warning (HRW) will be allowed to come to school if they submit a photo evidence of a self-administered negative ART result (with their student ID) for each day the student returns to school. Please do inform your child's form teacher in such an event.

Students are to ensure that they have working Tracetgether tokens (TT tokens), thermometers, water bottles, extra face masks and hand sanitizers with them daily. We encourage all students to pack a bag / case labelled with your child's name to safe keep their masks during physical exercise / when eating.

The sharing of personal items is not encouraged. Please label all personalized items with your child's name and class.



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Nurturing Responsibility

In our efforts to nurture responsibility in your child, we strongly encourage parents to avoid bringing water bottles, wallets, watches, homework, books, PE attire, consent forms, stationery, files etc. on your child's behalf.

School Security

All visitors to the school are reminded to report to the Security Guard Post to have your temperature taken and to sign in to the SafeEntry system before proceeding to the General Office for assistance. You are not allowed in any other part of the school premises.

Road Safety

The school would like to emphasize the importance of road safety. We hope to seek your cooperation in ensuring the safety of students coming to and leaving 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. Let's do our part to model safe road use.

Reminder on Dual Vehicular Lanes in the Morning

The school allows two vehicles to enter through the Main Gate to better manage congestion. You will see a demarcation of the lanes as shown in the picture below. We urge parents to exercise caution and patience when driving into the school.

Please avoid the following:

- (a) Alighting children along the roadside can hinder smooth flow of traffic and cause a possible accident.
- (b) Trying to change lanes as you drive into the school as this is dangerous.
- (c) Driving at a high speed in the school zone that can lead to a possible accident.
- (d) Failing to abide by the security guard's instructions.
- (e) Large numbers of cars entering the school from 7.20 to 7.30 a.m. to beat the school starting time. It might be good to send your children early to school.
- (f) Several parents are also not using the pedestrian crossings at the traffic junctions but crossing the road just outside the school gates. This can be a danger to you and your children.

Everyone's safety is paramount and as adults, we must abide by safe driving/traffic rules and be good role models for our children.



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Students Cycling or Scooting to School

All parents of students cycling or scooting to school are required to acknowledge an advisory letter which will be issued in Term 1. This is to encourage parents to actively monitor the child's behaviour and conduct in the use of their bicycles / scooters. Students who do not commute safely may not be allowed to cycle / scoot to school.

Parking in School

The school is unable to provide parking for parents and we would like to remind parents who are visiting the school to **park in the nearby HDB blocks.**

For parents who are here to pick up their child who is **unwell**, or for any **emergencies**, please inform the security guard and they will allow you to park in the temporary visitor lots (subject to availability).

School Canteen

Stalls 2 and 7 in our school canteen are Halal certified. Students can also purchase **vegetarian food** from **Stall 6.**

In our continuous effort to inculcate healthy eating habits among our students, the school has embarked on the **Healthy Meals In Schools Program** since 2018. The main objective of this Health Promotion Board initiative is to encourage our students to have a balanced diet (brown rice, vegetables, meat and fruits) as well as to make healthier food and beverage choices. The price of each set meal ranges from **\$1.50** to **\$2.00**. Please give sufficient pocket-money to your child/children for their meals during recess. The canteen menu is available at <https://go.gov.sg/wgpscanteenmenu>.





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We would also like to encourage students to drink plain water and cut down on sugary drinks, as high sugar intake is a contributing factor to diabetes. Students should bring their own water bottles to school and refill them at the water coolers.

The school canteen will also not provide disposable forks and spoons for students who will be eating in the classroom to align to our Environment Education programme - Empowered Emissary of the Environment (E³). Students are strongly encouraged to bring their own lunchbox and cutlery to reduce our carbon footprints for a more sustainable environment.

Chinese Lunar New Year Celebrations

We will be celebrating the Chinese Lunar New Year on **31 January 2022 (Monday)**. School will function **from 7.30 a.m. to 10 a.m.** for all students on that day.

In the spirit of festive celebration, every student is encouraged to put on his / her traditional costumes and black school shoes with white socks on that day. Students who do not have traditional costumes may choose to wear either red clothes or school uniform.

To accommodate the festive activities as part of the celebrations, we will freeze the timetable for that day. Students are to bring a small bag with their stationery and colouring materials.

Kindly make the necessary transport arrangements to fetch your child / ward if she / he is not going home by school bus.

The school will be closed on the following days:

1 February 2022 (Tuesday) - Public Holiday
2 February 2022 (Wednesday) - Public Holiday

Lessons will resume on **3 February 2022 (Thursday)**.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish all Chinese parents and students a Happy & Prosperous Lunar New Year. For all other parents and students, here's wishing you a happy holiday.