



FERN GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Vision: *Reflective Inquirers, Aspiring Advocates, Steadfast Leader*

School Core Values: *Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Integrity, Care, Harmony*

**T1W1
Parents'
Notification**

Dear Parents,

5 January 2022

Our Strategic Thrusts

ST1: Nurturing Future-Ready Learners

ST2: Growing Competent & Happy Staff

ST3: Fostering Effective Partnerships

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1	<p><u>Introduction: The Parents' Notification</u> On behalf of the school, I would like to welcome all students back to school. We look forward to forging a close partnership with Parents as we journey with our children this school year during which they learn valuable lessons about themselves and the world around them. One way for this partnership to take place is through timely sharing of information such as school policies and parenting tips. The Weekly Parents' notification serves this purpose.</p> <p><u>Format of Parents' Weekly Notification</u> To help Parents understand the underlying rationale as to the basis of the school's approach to decision making and programme design, information in the Weekly Notification will be aligned to the School's Strategic Thrusts which are as follows:</p> <p>Strategic Thrust (ST1): Nurturing Future-Ready Learners ST2 : Growing Competent & Happy Staff ST3 : Fostering Effective Partnerships</p>	ST3
2	<p><u>Calendar of Events (T1W1 & T1W2)</u></p> <p>T1W1</p> <p>Monday, 3 January 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Holiday <p>Tuesday, 4 January 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orientation Week P1: School Opens P2-5: No School <p>Wednesday, 5 January 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orientation Week P2-5: School Reopens *Student Care Services for Registered P1s Starts <p>Thursday, 6 January 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orientation Week <p>Friday, 7 January 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orientation Week <p>T1W2</p> <p>Tuesday, 11 January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:15pm Class-Based Programme: Fern Green Movement Lessons on Class Bonding <p>Wednesday, 12 January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30am Class Contact Time: Briefing on Kindness Booklet <p>(Information correct as on 5 January. For updates, please refer to the school website: https://ferngreenpri.moe.edu.sg/general-information/school-calendar)</p>	ST1 ST3

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3	<p><u>Let's do our part to keep everyone safe and healthy</u></p> <p>To ensure a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff, students who are unwell, or who have household members on Home Quarantine Order/Stay Home Notice or have adult household members with flu-like symptoms such as fever and cough, are required to stay away from school.</p> <p>A Gentle Reminder!</p> <p>Please do not enter the school if you are on Quarantine Order (QO), Stay Home Notice (SHN), Leave of Absence (LOA) or Approved Absence (AA).</p> <p>Let us all play our part in keeping everyone safe and healthy!</p> <p><u>Thermometer</u></p> <p>Please ensure that your child brings along his/her thermometer to school on each school day as there will be daily temperature taking. Each P1 pupil was issued a complimentary oral digital thermometer (one-off) on their first day of school. P2 to P5 students whose thermometers are not working or misplaced can purchase a new battery or replacement thermometer from the school bookshop at \$1 and \$4.90 respectively.</p> <p><u>TraceTogether (TT) tokens</u></p> <p>Contact tracing for Primary schools is now TT-based. To facilitate contact tracing, students are reminded to ensure that their TT Tokens are in working order and to get a replacement if their token is faulty or out of battery. If they have yet to collect one, they can collect a token from any Community Centre/Club. Singaporeans and Permanent Residents who are collecting their tokens for the first time can also request for the TT token to be delivered via post. Details can be found at token.gowhere.gov.sg.</p>	ST1-3
4	<p><u>P3 and P5 Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL) Lessons after school</u></p> <p>After school lessons for P3 and P5 Higher Mother Tongue Language will fall on every Thursday from 2.15 to 3.15 p.m. The lessons will commence from <u>13 Jan 2022</u>. Attendance will be taken in the classroom.</p> <p><u>Arrangement for students not with Student Care Centre (SCC)</u></p> <p>Parents must ensure that students have sufficient pocket money to buy lunch. After the lesson, students will be dismissed from Gate 2. Parents are required to make the necessary transport arrangements as there will be no school bus service.</p> <p><u>Arrangement for students with Student Care Centre (SCC)</u></p> <p>Before reporting to the HMT teachers, students will report to SCC for lunch. After the lesson, students will report to the SCC.</p>	ST1

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5	<p><u>Photo-taking for P1 Students for the School Smart Cards (SSC)</u> Ministry of Education (MOE) conducts the yearly photo-taking exercise for all students in Primary One (P1) for the issuance of the SSC. The SSC will be used throughout the students' education years in school and will be ready by end March 2022. M/s Transit Link Pte Ltd, the vendor engaged by MOE, will carry out photo-taking for our school on <u>Thursday, 20 Jan 2022</u>. Please ensure that your child is present on the day.</p>	ST1
6	<u>Other Matters for Parents' noting</u>	ST1 ST3
6.1	<p><u>Safety and Security Procedures</u> The school has put in place several procedures to ensure the safety and security of our children:</p> <p>Parents are only allowed into the school premises if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ need to fetch your child/children home early (before dismissal time) ○ have an appointment with the Principal, Vice-Principal and/or teachers and Allied Educators (AEDs) ○ need to make an enquiry at the General Office <p>All visitors, including parents, must report to the Security Guard Post at the Main Gate before proceeding to General Office. Parents are not allowed to enter the school through the side gates.</p> <p>In case your child is not well while in school, the school will contact Parents/Guardians to make arrangements to fetch him/her home. <u>For safety reasons, the school will not release the child to return home on his/her own.</u> A trusted adult (eg Domestic helper or relative other than parents) will need to come by school to fetch the child home.</p> <p>To inculcate in students responsibility and independence, Parents are discouraged from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • purchasing items from the school bookshop. Students are expected to make their own purchases rather than rely on their parents. • delivering your child's personal items (e.g. pocket money, books, stationery, and food) through the General Office and Security Post. Students need to learn to be resilient and face up to consequences for forgetting to bring what is required for use in school. Students who have forgotten to bring their pocket money may approach any of the staff on duty in the canteen for loan of money. They should not be borrowing money from their classmates. <p>Students are strongly discouraged from bringing to school expensive personal belongings such as branded stationery, electronic gadgets, handphones etc to prevent loss of or damage to the items.</p> <p><u>Parents taking their children out of school during term time/curricular hours</u> During the course of the year, Parents/Guardians are urged not to take your child/children out during school days or curricular hours for private matters such as attendance of weddings. <i>This is, as compared to the case of a child who is out of school due to illness for which a <u>valid medical certificate</u> should be submitted to the form teachers for recording purpose.</i> Taking your child/children out of school during term time or curricular hours disrupts learning and may result in your child/children having difficulty following up with lesson proper when he/she/they return(s) to school. Your cooperation in this matter is thus deeply appreciated.</p>	

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	<p><u>Students returning from medical leave</u> For students returning to school after being on medical leave, their medical certificates (MC) must indicate the duration that they are to refrain from participating in physical activity. Parents/Guardians will need to remind the doctors to indicate this information in the MC for PE teachers' follow up.</p>	
6.2	<p><u>Snack Break in the classroom</u> With staggered recesses, some levels will have late recesses. Snack Time has thus been scheduled to allow students to have something light to eat before recess or lunch. As students are not allowed to go down to the canteen during Snack Time, Parents and Guardians are advised to pack food for your child or provide him/her with sufficient pocket money to buy extra food during recess to be eaten during Snack Break.</p> <p>Parents/Guardians are also advised of the following pointers when preparing food for consumption during Snack Break:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pack nutritious food eg wholesome sandwiches rather than potato chips● Pack food that your child enjoys eating rather than what you think your child should eat. This will ensure that your child finishes all his/her food during Snack Break.● If necessary, cut the food such as pizza up into smaller pieces so that it is easier and faster to chew.● Avoid packing food that is soupy or accompanied with lots of gravy. This will reduce contamination and messiness during food consumption in the classroom. <p>In view of possible food allergies, students are not allowed to share their snack with fellow classmates.</p> <p>Parents/Guardians are also advised to pack a plastic bag along with your child's lunch box for food waste, food wrappers and drink cartons as well as wet wipes for your child to clean his/her hands. These should be discarded in the rubbish bin located at the corridors.</p>	

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6.4	<p><u>Traffic Advisory: Arrival by Vehicle in the Morning</u></p> <p>Drop-off during morning peak hours and pick-up during school dismissal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drop-off in the morning is between 6.45 am and 7.30 am. Pick-up at school dismissal will be after 1.50 pm daily except for Tuesdays, which will be at 1.35pm after the school buses have left. Timings apply for wet and dry weather. <p>For <u>Parents who are driving</u>, do note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our children's safety is a priority of the school. We urge all parents to play their part and slow down as you approach the vicinity of the school, and when driving within the school's compound.• We strongly discourage Parents from stopping your vehicle along Fernvale Link to drop off your child/children or parking your vehicle by the roadside while waiting for your child/children. This is to facilitate smooth traffic flow along Fernvale Link.• Due to security considerations, we do not allow parents to park your vehicles in school while waiting for your child/children. We urge parents to plan your trip to the school so that you do not end up stopping your vehicle and waiting along Fernvale Link. <p>Parents and Guardians should note that Traffic Enforcement Officers from LTA may be stationed along Fernvale Link from time to time. As such, errant drivers may be booked. For the safety of your child/children, our students and fellow road users, we strongly urge you to adhere to the traffic regulations and rules. We seek your fullest support and understanding in this.</p>	ST
6.5	<p><u>Operating Hours for Uniform Vendor in January</u></p> <p>The school uniform vendor will not be stationed in school in January. Parents are to visit their outlet at 63 Ubi Avenue 1, #04-09, 63@UBI, Singapore 408937. From February onwards (parents will be notified on the actual commencement date), parents will be able to make uniform purchases from the bookshop.</p> <p>Parents are to contact the uniform vendor, Shanghai School Uniforms Pte Ltd at 6352 2741 or email: contact@shanghai-uniforms.com for enquiries.</p>	
6.6	<p><u>Operating Hours for School Bookshop</u></p> <p>Please note the regular operating hours of the School Bookshop as follows:</p> <p>Mondays to Fridays 8 am to 3 pm</p> <p>Parents are only allowed to come into the school premises to make purchases at the bookshop from <u>2.00 pm to 3.30pm daily for the first week of Jan 2022</u> (ie. from 4 Jan 2022 to 7 Jan 2022), and from <u>2.00 pm to 3.00pm daily from 10 Jan 2022 onwards</u>.</p> <p>Parents are to contact the bookshop vendor, CASCO Educational Supply Pte Ltd at 85244563 for <i>enquiries and</i> pick up arrangement for new purchases. Due to safe management measures for COVID-19, please make an appointment with the vendor before you drop by the school. Please report at the Guard House before making your way to the bookshop.</p>	

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7	<p><u>MARVELS (MARKers of Vaccine Efficacy and Longevity in SARS-CoV-2) Study</u></p> <p>The NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University Hospital (NUH), and the Duke-NUS Medical School are jointly leading a large nationwide study to evaluate children's immune responses to COVID-19 and to the Pfizer-BioNTech mRNA vaccination. The study is being conducted in the hopes of developing a comprehensive guide of recommendations for vaccinations in children, vaccinating immunocompromised children and the effects of the natural infection of COVID-19 in children.</p> <p>The study team would like to reach out to parents through primary schools to invite eligible children to participate in the MARVELS (MARKers of Vaccine Efficacy and Longevity in SARS-CoV-2) study. The study aims to enroll a total of 460 participants over 12 months to track vaccine responses, vaccine efficacy, monitor side effects and to detect asymptomatic COVID-19 infections in these children.</p> <p>Please click here for the letter of invitation and poster from the study team for more details. Parents who are interested for their children to participate in this study, should contact the study team directly.</p>	ST1 and ST3

Thank you.

Mrs May Tang
Principal