



PASIR RIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We trust that your child/ward had the opportunity to spend quality time together during the June school holidays and had a good break. We are happy to welcome our students back to school for a new semester.

Here are some school updates for your attention.

❖ Reminders: Term 3 School Reopening Matters

• Punctuality and School Reporting

The daily flag-raising ceremony is held at 7.30 am promptly. All students are expected to join their classes by 7.30 am sharp for the national anthem and pledge-taking. The school monitors latecomers and will follow-up with parents/guardians. Corrective action will be taken to guide students who are late without valid reason. We seek your partnership in ensuring that your child/ward builds the good habit of punctuality from young.

• Refinement to School Recess Timings:

With the commencement of SwimSafer programme for the Primary 3 students in term 3, there will be changes to recess timings for the Primary 1s and Primary 3s in semester 2 as follows:

Level	Recess Timing
Primary 1	9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.
Primary 2	9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.
Primary 3	8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.
Primary 4	10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.
Primary 5	10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
Primary 6	11.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Due to the slightly later recess, Primary 1 students are encouraged to have a heavier breakfast at home before they come to school. Snack break will be continued to be given to all students daily, either before or after their recesses.

- After-School Programme Arrangements:

Students who are staying back in school for after-school activities (e.g. support programmes, remedial lessons, CCA etc), are reminded to consume their lunch in the school canteen only. This will ensure students' safety and enable them to attend their activities punctually. Students are only to leave the school premises after they have been dismissed from their after-school activities. For parents/guardians who prepare lunch for your children/wards, please continue to make the necessary arrangements with them to collect their lunchboxes from you at the school gates after dismissal, if there is a need. We seek parents'/guardians' assistance to reinforce this with your children/wards.

- Road Safety and School Pick-Up

Please reinforce good road safety habits in your children/wards. Do remind them to use the traffic crossing outside the school when crossing the road. As part of LTA's continuous efforts in enhancing road safety for students, motorists are to adhere to the speed limit of 40 km/h and below when entering a School Zone. A lower speed environment would provide motorists with more reaction time and this helps to enhance safety of the various road users.

We seek parents/ guardian's understanding that **our school carpark is designed for parking of vehicles for our school staff only**. Please arrange for pick-up of your child/ ward about 15 minutes after the end of their lessons/ afternoon activities so that they have sufficient time to walk from the classrooms to the pick-up point. There is not enough parking space for parents/ guardians who arrive early and leave their engine running idle. The overcrowding of vehicles is a safety risk to our students and staff. Under the Environmental Protection and Management (Vehicular Emissions) Regulations, it is an offence for the driver to leave the engine of his vehicle running while it is stationary, for reasons other than traffic conditions and NEA actively enforces this.

Parents/ Guardians are reminded to adhere to LTA's 'No Right Turn' sign outside the school which prohibits motorists from turning right when they exit the school from 6.50 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. on Mondays to Fridays.

We have positioned a visual reminder on the right side of the main gate for drivers exiting the school in the morning.



We seek your cooperation in observing the traffic rules and continuing to exercise consideration for other road users and our neighbouring community.

❖ **Temperature-taking Exercise in Term 3**

To maintain the school's preparedness to activate its temperature-taking regime, as well as to educate our students to take personal responsibility for their own health and to practise social responsibility, the school will be conducting a temperature-taking exercise on **Wednesday, 3 July 2024**.

To prepare for the exercise, we will be conducting a pre-exercise check on Oral Digital Thermometers (ODTs). Please ensure that your child brings his/her ODT which is in good working condition to school on **Friday, 28 June 2024** and **Tuesday, 2 July 2024** for pre-exercise checks. Those who need to purchase new ODTs may do so from the school bookshop or any pharmacy.

❖ **School Emergency Exercise: Lockdown and Evacuation Drill**

To ensure that staff and students remain prepared for emergencies that may arise, the school will be carrying out a school emergency exercise on **19 July 2024 morning**. All students will go through a lockdown drill, after which **Primary 4 and 5 students only** will evacuate to an external assembly area. Teachers will be on duty to guide the students and ensure their safety and well-being during the drill.

❖ **Semester Updates to Individual Student Details**

To ensure that we have the latest information on your child/ward, please provide updates if there are changes to your child/ward's personal details (including addresses, contact numbers), medical records or Primary Person to Contact, for our bi-annual updating of records by notifying your child/ward's Form Teachers. A copy of your child/ward's medical information (doctor's memo or assessment letter) needs to be submitted to your child/ward's Form Teachers by 5 July 2024.

❖ **Racial Harmony Day Commemoration 2024**

We observe Racial Harmony Day (RHD) every year on 21 July to commemorate the importance of preserving our common space and strengthening trust and friendship among our communities.

This year's Racial Harmony Day theme, Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic, focuses on the appreciation of the diverse races and religions that make up our multicultural society, which contributes to our shared sense of cohesion and harmony. In line with this year's theme, class-based activities will be carried out in weeks 3 and 4 to heighten our students' appreciation for Singapore's diverse culture.

Students are encouraged to come to school in either their own ethnic attire or that of another ethnicity on **Tuesday, 16 July**, when we come together as a school for our RHD celebration. School shoes and socks should continue to be worn. Students who have PE lessons on that day should pack their PE attire so that they may change to participate in physical activity comfortably after the celebration.

❖ **Launch of School Facebook**

In our ongoing efforts to enhance communication and engagement, we are proud to announce the launch of our school's official Facebook account. This platform will serve as a space for us to share important announcements, updates, and highlights of our school activities. We invite you to like, follow and share our page to stay connected and engaged with the school community. Join us on Facebook today, via the QR code or link provided, and be part of our vibrant school community!



<https://go.gov.sg/officialprpsfb>

❖ **Parent Support Group (PSG)**

We have a vibrant PSG who has been partnering and working with school in various school activities and programmes. Supportive PSG members can help to make the school a safe place for our children to learn in, making school life more vibrant and caring. As members in PSG, you can help to volunteer your expertise, talents, individual interests or personal networks to significantly expand the pool of help available to the school. Should you be interested to join our PSG, you may click on the link provided to register.

❖ **Calendar updates**

Please refer to Annex A for the Term 3 School Calendar. More details on the activities will be provided nearer the dates of the activities.

We look forward to your continued partnership in your child/ward's educational journey this coming semester.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liza', with a horizontal line extending from the bottom of the signature.

Ms Liza Rahmat
Principal