



GUANGYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Vibrant School, A Learning Community Committed to Excellence

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

COMMUNICATION FOR TERM 1

A Happy New Year to you and your family. On behalf of my staff, I would like to extend a warm welcome to your child/ward to Guangyang Primary School (GYPS). Please take some time to read through the letter as it provides important information to start the new academic year.

1. School Achievement

We are happy to share that the school has received the People's Association Community Spirit (PACS) Awards 2019 - Community Partnership Merit Award and the Vanda Miss Joaquim Award, as part of the Schools Green Award for innovative school and community programmes for the environment. It is a recognition of the school's green efforts in promoting environmental conservation and environmental-friendly practices.

2. School Events and Public Holidays

Term 1 commences from **Thursday, 2 January 2020** to **Friday, 13 March 2020**. Please take note of the following school events and public holidays during Term 1 as shown below:

Date	Day	Remarks
24 January 2020	Friday	Chinese New Year Celebration
25 to 26 January 2020	Saturday & Sunday	Chinese New Year
27 January 2020	Monday	Chinese New Year Public Holiday
28 January 2020	Tuesday	Chinese New Year School Holiday

3. School Security and Admin Related Matters

- For the safety of our students, all visitors are required to show their photo identity (ID) card (e.g. driving license, identity card, etc.) for a Visitor pass and register their particulars at the Security Guard House at the main gate before they are allowed to enter the school premises.
- After obtaining the Visitor pass, all visitors are to display the pass prominently at all times and proceed to the General Office or bookshop. Please note that the classroom block and canteen are strictly out of bounds to all visitors.
- Before leaving school, all visitors are to return the Visitor pass to the Security Guard House.
- Parents/Guardians are strongly discouraged from delivering their child/ward's personal items such as water bottles, books, stationery to the school as we want the students to cultivate a sense of responsibility for their own belongings.
- If your child/ward is not feeling well or needs to leave school early for a valid reason, he/she must be picked up by a parent/guardian at the General Office.

4. School Safety

a. Fire Drill

The school has planned for a fire drill to be conducted in Week 6. The purpose of the fire drill is to ensure all staff and students are acquainted with the fire procedures and fire evacuation routes to the designated assembly areas for GYPS in the event of a fire.

b. Construction Works

The Land Transport Authority (LTA) is widening the footpath directly outside the school main gates for the construction of the dual passageway for both pedestrians and cyclists use. These works are expected to be completed by end of Term 1 and parents/guardian/students are kindly requested to follow the directional signs that have been put up to ensure the safety of pedestrians entering and leaving the school compounds.

c. Traffic Feedback from LTA

The LTA received numerous feedback regarding vehicles parking indiscriminately outside GYPS during the school dismissal last year. While we understand the need of parents/guardians having to pick up their children, such indiscriminate parking has caused inconveniences, obstruction, and danger to other road users along Bishan Street 12 outside GYPS. Under the current Road Traffic Act, any of the above acts constitutes a parking offence.

For the safety of all road users, we would like to urge all drivers to exercise care and consideration by not waiting at these critical areas:

- i. 3 metres within a fire-hydrant;
- ii. 6 metres within a junction;
- iii. Single white zig-zag line (zebra-controlled zone);
- iv. At entrances or exits of any other premises.

Parents/Guardians are advised to park their vehicles at the nearby carparks at Block 128 to 131 opposite GYPS or Block 109 to 112 next to GYPS during dismissal. Alternatively, parents/guardians can pick their children from Gate C which is located at the back of GYPS. Let's play our part to make the road safe for all road users. LTA has informed the school that they will not hesitate to take enforcement action against any vehicles found parking indiscriminately.

5. School Dental Clinic Services

With effect from January 2020, Health Promotion Board (HPB), in order to improve service productivity, will be starting a new way of delivering dental treatment services for GYPS. A Roving Dental Clinic will be arranged to provide dental services for the students. Please refer to **Annex A** for more details on the schedules and buddy clinics. In summary, there will be no change to dental care for your children (even when the dental clinic at GYPS is closed) as there will be a buddy clinic available for your child/ward for dental treatment throughout the year.

Parents of Primary 1 students are reminded to give their consent online via the Child Consent Portal by **Sunday, 15 March 2020**. Please refer to the Health Promotion Board letter that was given to you during Primary One Orientation on **Friday, 8 November 2019**.

6. Payment of School and Miscellaneous Fees

Parents are strongly encouraged to pay school and miscellaneous fees via GIRO. If your GIRO account has been suspended or deactivated, you may obtain a GIRO form from General Office should you wish to change or re-activate your GIRO account. For parents who need to pay the school and miscellaneous fees by cash or cheque, you may do so at the General Office from 8.00 am to 3.00 pm from Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays). Please obtain a receipt for the payment. Alternatively, payment can also be made via AXS stations.

7. Communication between School and Home

As key partners in your child's education, it is important that parents are able to access information on events in the school and also updates on your child's performance. Towards this goal, the school uses the following platforms:

- a. School Website - <http://guangyangpri.moe.edu.sg/>
Copies of letters and information on the school are found here. In addition, photographs of the school's events are also available via the website for your viewing and download. Check it out today to see the beautiful memories your child/ward's formative years captured digitally on our website.
- b. School Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/guangyangpri/>
The school uploads important messages and events on the page. As events unfold, on-the-spot updates are provided.
- c. Parent Gateway App (Developed by MOE and implemented nationwide for all Primary to Junior College students)
This App is downloadable via Google Play Store or iTunes and utilises your Singpass Account. The school sends all official letters and consent forms via this app. No hard copies are issued.
The App is also used for the updating of particulars and declaring of travel plans for all your school-going children.
- d. SMSes (Priority messages, please update contact number portion in 'My Personal Information' (Page 2 in the Student in the Student Handbook so that the school may contact you during an emergency)
- e. Emails (obtainable via the schools' website)
Parents can email teachers to arrange for appointments or inquire on the progress of their children in school
- f. Clasdojo (This is a smartphone app where teachers communicate and update parents on their child's progress in class. We value the privacy of our teachers and therefore encourage this above the use of messaging apps such as Whatsapp)

Other Channels

Parents/Guardians may also communicate with teachers via the Student Handbook, other smartphone apps, email or phone. As teachers are engaged in classroom teaching during curriculum hours, we strongly encourage parents/guardians to communicate with teachers via electronic means and to make prior appointments if a meet-up is required.

8. E-learning platforms

In an ever-evolving world, E-learning has become an essential part of every child's educational journey. The school has 2 e-learning platforms that every student is expected to be able to login and use regularly, either under the instruction of teachers or on their own. These 2 platforms are:

- a. MOnline - https://www.monline.sg/LEAD/login/lms_login.aspx
MOnline is a paid service that the school uses for administrative purposes of booking of Parent-Teacher-Child Conferences, collection of data etc.

- b. Student Learning Space (SLS) - <https://vle.learning.moe.edu.sg/login>
SLS is a MOE initiative which will accompany your child till the end of his/her Junior College education or secondary education (depending on the path he/she chooses). Contained within are resources that your child can explore at any time. Work will be assigned regularly and this platform will also be used for our annual E-learning days.

Login details for your child should be available on pages 12 and 13 of the Student Handbook. Please inquire with your child's Form Teachers if you find them blank.

9. Student Information

Primary 2 to Primary 6 students were given their individual student details records on the first day of school. Please verify your child/ward details and sign on the Individual Student Details Report. For any amendments/updates, kindly amend in red and sign next to the amendments/updates. Do provide supporting documents from the doctor, if any. Please submit it to your child/ward's Form Teacher by next **Monday, 6 January 2020**.

10. CCA Recruitment Exercise

We believe that Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) is an important component of holistic education. All students from Primary 3 to Primary 6 are strongly encouraged to participate in at least one CCA. The school will be conducting the CCA Recruitment Exercise on **Tuesday, 7 January 2020** during curriculum time to showcase CCA that the school offers to help your child/ward make an informed decision.

11. Temperature-Taking Exercise

As part of the school's continued efforts in safeguarding the well-being of our students, please note that there will be a temperature-taking exercise on **Thursday, 16 January 2020**. P1 students will be given an Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) by their teachers in class. All P2 to P6 students are to ensure that their ODT is in good working condition and to bring their ODT to school from **Wednesday, 15 January 2020** onwards. If a replacement of ODT or battery is required, students can purchase it at the school bookshop before the day of the exercise.

12. Chinese New Year Celebration

All students are encouraged to report to school in their ethnic costumes/festive wear on **Friday, 24 January 2020** for the Chinese New Year celebration and all students will be dismissed at **10.00 am** on that day.

13. Health Week/GYPS Parent-Child Community Mass Walk

The Health Week is organised annually in GYPS to educate students, staff, as well as parents about the importance of keeping a healthy and active lifestyle. Activities such as assembly talks, exhibitions, and competitions will be held during the Health Week to promote a healthy and active lifestyle.

In line with inculcating a healthy and active lifestyle, the GYPS Parent-Child-Community Mass Walk will be organised on **Monday, 3 February 2020** at **7.45 am**. The event provides an opportunity for bonding between parent and child as well as reaching out to the community. We look forward to seeing all parents and guardians join us on that day.

14. School Smart Card (SSC) Photo-taking Session for P1 and P6 Students Only

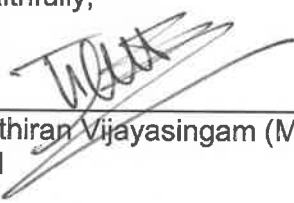
There will be a photo-taking session for the School Smart Card (EZ Link card) for the P1 and P6 students on **Monday, 10 February 2020** during school hours. P1 students will get their SSCs by end March 2020 while the photo-images captured for P6 will be used for the printing of Secondary SSCs when they are promoted to Secondary One in 2021. All students are to be in their school uniform for the photo-taking session. There is no make-up session if your child/ward is absent.

15. Annual Prize Presentation Ceremony

The Annual Prize Presentation Ceremony for the academic year 2019 will take place on **Friday, 13 March 2020** from **8.30 am to 10.30 am**. All Primary 2 to Primary 6 prize winners and returning Secondary 1 prize winners and their parents will be invited to attend the ceremony. It will be a no-school day for your child/ward if they are not involved in the ceremony.

Let us look forward to another year of great collaborative partnerships in your child's holistic education at Guangyang Primary School.

Yours faithfully,



Vimalenthiran Vijayasingam (Mr)
Principal

Guangyang Primary School



PARENT INFORMATION LEAFLET
CHANGES IN DENTAL CLINIC SCHEDULE

2 January 2020

Dear Parents,

From Jan 2020, in efforts to improve service productivity, we will be starting a new way of delivering dental treatment services at Guangyang Primary School dental clinic. A Roving Dental Clinic will be arranged to provide dental services for the pupils as scheduled below.

The school's dental clinic will be open from 1 April to 31 July 2020 (subject to change).

Opening hours will be:

- Monday to Thursday : 8am – 5.30pm
- Friday : 8am – 5pm

During this period, dental screening, oral health education and treatment will be given to the pupils. Please be assured that the current good practice standards of dental care will be maintained.

Outside the above period, the clinic will be closed. During this time, please contact buddy clinics at nearby schools for dental treatment (fillings, cleaning and extractions) - see list:

List of buddy clinics

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| 1) Kuo Chuan Preby Primary School | Tel: 6268 4356 | 8 Bishan St 13 S(579793) |
| 2) Catholic High Primary School | Tel: 6454 9387 | 9 Bishan St 22 S(579767) |
| 3) Marymount Convent Primary School | Tel: 6266 0445 | 20 Marymount Road S(297754) |
| 4) Mobile Dental Clinic (MDC) 5 | Tel: 9270 7796 | |

For emergencies such as dental trauma, facial/gum swellings or toothaches, please call:

Health Promotion Board, School Dental Centre, Tel: 6435 3779 or 6435 3151
 3 Second Hospital Avenue S(168937) Level 4

Yours Sincerely,

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 SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR
 SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE