



HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

1 Character Value for Term 1 - Respect

In line with our school's focus on character education, all students will embark on a structured character education programme. It is founded on the school values of Respect, Integrity, Care and Excellence (RICE). One value will be introduced each term.

The school value for Term 1 is Respect. Please find below a brief outline of the outcomes for the character value for Respect

- P1 – P2 Respect for self and being courteous and polite in manners, actions and speech
- P3 – P4 Demonstrating respect for the school, family and society and learning to accept differences in others
- P5 – P6 Recognising the value of people, property and demonstrating respect for the environment

We are confident that you will continue to partner the school in our efforts to bring out the best in our pupils by reinforcing the above outcomes at home.

2 Chinese New Year Celebration & Total Defence Day (CNY & TDD)

The school will celebrate Chinese New Year and commemorate Total Defence Day with our students on 4 February 2019. The theme for TDD 2019 is "Together We Keep Singapore Strong". Total defence remains our best defence and all-round response to threats and challenges that confront Singapore on all fronts – military, civil, economic, social and psychological. The evolving threats we face, including hybrid warfare, terrorism, cyber-attacks, pandemics, require all Singaporeans to continue playing our part to protect Singapore and our shared way of life. Students will learn the importance for us to remain united and resilient to overcome any challenges.

The school has organised a special concert and the whole school will assemble in the school hall. Our prefects will direct our Primary 1 and 2 students to the hall from the main drop-off points.

Please find the information of the event as shown below:

Date & Day	4 February 2019, Monday
Time	0725-1000 (No recess that day) The school will be closed by 1100 that day
Venue to assemble for all students	School Hall (Level 4)
Attire	Ethnic costumes or red-coloured T-shirts/tops with students' school skirts or Bermuda shorts
Things to bring	Small bag for pencil case, water bottle and a storybook

Please inform your child and/ Form teacher if there is a change in your usual dismissal point for that day. If your child is not taking the school bus on that day, please inform the bus driver to avoid holding up the bus as the driver tries to locate your child.

Please note that Tuesday to Wednesday, 5 to 6 February are public holidays. The students will return to school on Thursday, 7 February 2019.

3 Annual Athletics Meet (AAM) 2019

The school will be holding its Annual Athletics Meet on Friday, 22 February 2019 for all P4 – P6 students. Please find the information for the event as shown below:

Annual Athletics Meet 2019

Date: Friday, 22 February 2019

Time: 0715-1200

Venue: Clementi Stadium

To be attended by: All P4 to P6 students

More information regarding the logistical arrangements for the AAM finals will be shared later.

The heats for some of the events will be held on the 1 & 8 Feb 2019 (Fridays). Students who are involved in the heats will receive a consent form to inform them of the details of the heats. In case of inclement weather and the school is unable to conduct any heats, some events may be cancelled while the rest of the events will run as timed finals on 22 Feb due to time constraints. Straight finals will be conducted for events with less than 8 participants.

All P1-P3 students do not have to report to school on that day. A separate lower primary carnival will be organised for them later in the year. Their respective AYHs will share more information for online learning closer to the date.

4 Walk-for-Joy 2019

We shared about the school's social cause effort "Walk-for-Joy" with parents in our January's PLTP. In line with Singapore's Enabling Masterplan 2017-2021: Caring Nation, Inclusive Society, we endeavour to educate, equip our students with knowledge, skills and attitude towards building a more inclusive society where youths with disabilities are empowered and enabled to realise their true potential.

The students received their pledge cards today on 30 January 2019. We held an awareness and educational talk for the students to learn more about how our beneficiaries help physically, mentally and socially disadvantaged youths in Singapore.

Students are to return their **pledge cards and donations collected on Monday, 25 February 2019** to their Form Teachers. Please find attached FAQs on Walk-for-Joy.

We would like to seek your assistance in encouraging our students to share with their relatives how the donation will contribute to a good cause for the six-member charities.

5 Junior Sports Academy (JSA) Selection Trial 2019

MOE will be conducting the selection trial for interested P4 and P5 students for the Junior Sports Academy (JSA) in March 2019.

Parents who are interested in nominating their child(ren) for the selection trial may download the selection trial information from the [school website](#) from 7 February 2019.

6 Healthy Snacks

On longer school days on Wednesdays and Thursdays, our students are given snack breaks. We would like to encourage all parents to help our students make healthier choices for their snacks in school and at home. Students should choose snacks that are lower in sugar and salt content. They should also consume snacks in small portions so their appetite for the main meals will not be affected.

7 Encouraging students to be independent

We would like to seek the assistance of parents to help our student develop good self-management skills and be more independent. Pupils should learn take personal responsibility (For example, doing their homework, packing the school bag and personal belongings) to ensure that they are ready for school the next day. This includes learning materials and devices such as calculators, mathematical sets and dictionaries (including print or e-dictionaries) when needed for pupils' learning during classroom teaching and examinations.

Parents and caregivers should not deliver forgotten items. Exception will be made when medication has to be delivered to the pupil.

If your child has forgotten his/her pocket money, he/she may approach the General Office for assistance. Our officers will contact you to confirm the amount that you would like the school to lend your child. Please ensure that the money is returned to the General Office on the next school day.

During examinations, the working condition of the calculator and e-dictionaries is the responsibility of the pupil and a fault in a calculator cannot be used as a reason for seeking special consideration for the user. Calculators, dictionaries, mathematical sets or stationeries must not be borrowed from other pupils in the course of the examination for any reason.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter as well as your partnership by reinforcing this in your child.

8 Punctuality

The school believes in working with the parents to develop positive habits and attitude in our students and that includes being punctual for school. Every morning, the school gathers for assembly by 7.25am at either the Lower ISH (P1-P2) or the school hall (P3- P6) to sing the national anthem and take the pledge. Announcements and reminders are sometimes made to all students at assembly and we do not wish for your child to miss them. Hence, we would like to appeal to all parents in partnering the school to instil in our children the importance of punctuality at a young age. Please ensure that there is sufficient travel time in the morning in view of the traffic condition outside the school.

9 Traffic Issues

As you are aware, Henry Park Primary School is a big school and the traffic to and from the school during the arrival and dismissal time can be very heavy. Please follow the instructions given by our staff and parent volunteers. Your cooperation and patience will go a long way in helping us ensure a smoother and safer traffic flow.

10 Parents Gateway App

Parents Gateway (PG) will serve as the main communication channel with parents from March 2019. Hence, it is important that parents install the PG app in their smart mobile phones and familiarise themselves with the app in Feb. You may refer to the [video](#) for more information on setting up your PG account.

11 Parenting Article

When it comes to a good night's rest, it can be a numbers game. Get tips to help your child get the magic number of 9 to 10 hours of sleep a day. Learn how screen time and other factors may affect your child's ability to power down.

You may read more about sleep tips from this [article](#).

12 Students' Achievement 2019

Sanctioned by the Singapore Taekwondo Federation	<u>6th Daedo Taekwondo Open Championships 2018</u> Super Junior Division (Poomsae) – Female – Blue Yeo Chen Xi Kaylea (2G; 2019)
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Koh Chin Thong, Martin
Principal

Vision
Lead with Character, Serve with Talents

Mission
Nurturing concerned citizens with integrity and a spirit of excellence through holistic education

School Values
Respect, Integrity, Care, Excellence



School Distinction Award



Teaching and Learning



Student All-Round Development



Partnership



Character and Citizenship Education



**Henry Park Primary School
FAQs on Walk-for-Joy (2019)**

1 Will the school issue Tax-Deductible Receipt (TDR) for cheque donations greater than the amount stated in the pledge card?

As this is a fundraising for external organisation, we do not issue TDR as we are collecting on behalf of the charity organization and the school does not have a share in the donation. If the donor would like a TDR, they can **donate directly to the charity organisation (CCA)** and the organisation will issue them a TDR directly.

You may find out more about the different types of donations and their respective tax deductibility from [IRAS](#)

2 What should I do if my child loses his/her pledge card?

If the pledge card is lost, parents are required to inform the form teacher in writing. There will not be any replacement pledge card re-issued to your child.

3 Do students have to complete the pledge card?

Students are encouraged to do their best in relating why and how the donation will benefit the charity group to donors. There is no amount too little or too much. Students do not have to worry about completing the entire cards. All donations will be appreciated.

4 Can parents submit a lump sum of the total donation in cheque or notes in larger denomination?

Parents may submit the total donation collected in lump sum through a cheque or cash. For cash collection, it should tally with the card and has to be sealed in an envelop and submitted to the form teacher.

5 What happens if my child forgets to bring his/her pledge card on 25 February 2019?

The school will remind parents on the submission of pledge cards through Parents Gateway (PG) & an email blast. Students who have forgotten to bring the cards should return the pledge cards the next school day to their Form Teachers.