



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**

4 January 2023

Dear Parents,

Our Strategic Thrusts

ST1: *Nurturing Future-Ready Learners*

ST2: *Growing Competent & Happy Staff*

ST3: *Fostering Effective Partnerships*

No.	Item
1.	Calendar of Events (T1W1 & T1W2) T1W1 Monday, 2 January <ul style="list-style-type: none">Public Holiday Tuesday, 3 January <ul style="list-style-type: none">P1: First Day of School [No School for P2-6] Wednesday, 4 January <ul style="list-style-type: none">P2-6: School ReopensOrientation Programme: Ignite & Shine Thursday, 5 January <ul style="list-style-type: none">Orientation Programme: Ignite & Shine T1W2 Monday, 9 January <ul style="list-style-type: none">7:30am Assembly: School Leaders' Address Tuesday, 10 January <ul style="list-style-type: none">Annual Health Screening Wednesday, 11 January <ul style="list-style-type: none">Annual Health ScreeningTemperature-Taking Exercise Thursday, 12 January <ul style="list-style-type: none">Annual Health Screening7:30am FTGP2:00pm P3-6 HMTL Lessons (Except for P3 HML) Friday, 13 January <ul style="list-style-type: none">Annual Health Screening <p>(Information correct as on 4 January 2023. For updates or to subscribe to our calendars, please visit the school website at https://ferngreenpri.moe.edu.sg/general-information/school-calendar)</p>

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No. Item**2. Annual School-Based Health Screening for P1 to P6 Students**

School Health Service from Health promotion Board (HPB) will be visiting our school to conduct the annual health screening from 10 January to 19 January 2023. During this visit, age-appropriate health screening and/or immunisation services will be provided for your child:

Educational Levels	Services
Primary 1	Vision screening (Eyesight test) 3D vision screening Growth & development assessment Hearing screen Immunisation if required
Primary 2, 3 and 4	Screening (Vision screening) Height and BMI for selected students
Primary 5	Colour vision screening Growth & development assessment Spinal screening for scoliosis [#] (girls only) Immunisation
Primary 6	Spinal screening for scoliosis [#] (girls only) Height and BMI for selected students

For more information, please refer to the Parents Gateway (PG) message titled, "School Health Visit for Primary 1 to 6 Students", sent out on 29 December 2022.

3. Temperature-Taking Exercise

A Temperature-Taking Exercise will be conducted on Wednesday, 11 January 2023.

It aims to

- a) maintain schools' preparedness to re-activate the temperature-taking regime should the need arises; and
- b) educate students on taking personal responsibility for their own health and practising social responsibility.

Please remind your child to bring along a working thermometer on Wednesday, 11 January 2023.

NB:

P1 students will be receiving a complimentary Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) each by 11 January.

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No. Item**4. School Safety and Security**

The school has put in place several procedures to ensure the safety and security of our children.

Please note that parents are only allowed into the school premises if you:

- need to fetch your child/children home early (before dismissal time)
- have an appointment with a school staff
- need to make an enquiry at the General Office

All visitors, including parents, must report to the Security Guard Post at the Main Gate to obtain a visitor's pass before proceeding to the General Office. Parents are not allowed to enter the school through the side gates without obtaining a visitor's pass from the Security Guard Post.

In the event your child is not well while in school, the school will contact you to make arrangements to fetch him/her home. For safety reasons, the school will not release the child to return home on his/her own. If parents are unable to come, then a trusted adult (e.g. domestic helper or relative) will need to come by to bring the child home.

To inculcate in our students the value of responsibility and independence, they will be expected to remember to bring the books and items that they need and not rely on their parents to deliver their personal items.

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 our staff in the General Office if they need to borrow money.

Students are also strongly discouraged from bringing to school expensive personal belongings such as branded stationery, electronic gadgets, mobile phones, etc.

Parents Taking Children Out of School during Term Time / Curricular Hours

During the course of the year, parents are urged not to take your child/children out during school days or curricular hours for private matters such as attendance of weddings. 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.

Students Returning from Medical Leave

Students returning to school after being on medical leave must submit their medical certificates (MC) to their Form Teachers immediately. The MC must indicate the duration within which they are to refrain from participating in physical activities, if relevant. Parents should remind the doctors to indicate this information in the MC for PE teachers' follow-up.

Let's Do Our Part to Keep Every One Safe and Healthy

To ensure a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff, students who are unwell are encouraged to seek medical attention and return to school only when they have fully recovered.

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Traffic Advisory: Road Safety of Students

For Parents who are driving, do note the following:

Drop-off During Morning Peak Hours and Pick-up During School Dismissal

- Drop-off in the morning: between 6.45am and 7.30am.
- Pick-up during school dismissal: only after the school buses have moved off (at about 1.50pm).

Timings apply for wet and dry weather.

Our students' safety is our priority. We urge all parents to play your 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 vehicles along Fernvale Link to drop your child/children off 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 vehicles and waiting along Fernvale Link.

Parents should note that Traffic Enforcement Officers from Land Transport Authority (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 would like to seek your cooperation and support to work with the school in ensuring the safety of our students coming to school, within the school compound and leaving the school.

Please click on the link below for the road safety letter jointly developed by MOE, LTA and Traffic Police (TP):

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1L1zbQd0AVqkGe6oQeuOtD1m46mUjrDCR/view?usp=sharing>

5. Chinese New Year (CNY) Celebrations on Friday, 20 January 2023

This year, CNY holidays fall on 22 and 23 January. 24 January will be a public holiday.

Please note that there will not be early school dismissal on Friday, 20 January (eve of CNY falls on Saturday, 21 January). School will resume on Wednesday, 25 January.

The CNY celebrations and concert will take place on Friday, 20 January. Lessons will carry on as usual from 7.30am to 12.00 noon.

To promote an appreciation of the diverse culture within the school community, cultural activities will also be organised for the students during recess.

On the day of celebration, students are

- encouraged to come in Chinese traditional clothes teamed with white socks and black school shoes, *or*
- to come in their school uniform.

The school wishes all students and parents a "Happy Lunar New Year"!

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Please note the Higher Mother Tongue Languages (HMTL) lessons scheduled on Thursday afternoons, from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. The lessons will commence on 12 January 2023. Students' attendance will be taken in their respective classrooms.

HMTL Classes involved are

- P3 to P6 HCL Classes
- P4 to P6 HML Classes
- P3 to P4 HTL Classes

Parents should ensure that your children have sufficient pocket money to buy lunch in the canteen. After lessons, students will be dismissed at Gate 2. Parents are required to make the necessary transport arrangements as there will be no school bus service at that time.

Arrangement for Students Enrolled in School-Based Student Care Centre (SCC)

Before reporting to their HMTL teachers, students will report to the SCC for lunch. After lessons, students will report back to the SCC.

Thank you.

Mr See Kok Kiong
Vice-Principal (Academic)