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Dear Parents/Guardians,

February Letter to Parents and Guardians

As we enter the month of February, we are happy to observe that our Pasirians, especially the Primary 1 students, have settled well into the school routines.

Here are some key updates for February:

❖ **Reminder for Morning School Reporting, Dismissal and School Attendance**

(I) Punctuality:

Students should be with their classes (in the hall or classroom) by 7.30 a.m. so that they can settle down by the time the flag-raising ceremony commences at 7.30 a.m. and start the day well. We seek parent/guardian's support in ensuring that your child/ward arrives in school punctually. The Form Teachers and the Discipline Team will engage and work closely with parents/guardians of students who are frequently late, to support and work towards on time school reporting.

(II) Morning Drop-Off:

We seek the cooperation of parents/guardians who drive to school to **arrive by 7.25 a.m.** as the main gate will be closed at 7.25 a.m. Out of consideration for other drivers, parents/guardians are reminded not to alight from your vehicle and to ensure that your child/ward has his/her belongings ready before drop-off so that he/she can alight promptly.

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.



(III) Morning Alternative Drop-Off Points:

To ease the traffic congestion at the morning drop-off point in school, parents/ guardians may consider the alternative drop-off points at Blk 241 (entry through Blue Gate), or Blk 242 (entry through Yellow Gate). These alternative locations may provide more convenient access and help ensure your child/ward arrives punctually for the start of the school day.

(IV) Dismissal Pick-up at School Gates:

For the safety of our students and to prevent overcrowding at exit points, we kindly remind parents and caregivers to avoid gathering directly in front of the school gates during arrival and dismissal. Our students, especially the younger ones, have difficulties spotting their parents in the crowd or passing through the

crowd as they leave the school. To ensure a smooth and safe dismissal process, please wait at the assigned dismissal area and arrive on time to avoid congestion and minimise waiting time for students.

(V) Dismissal Pick-up at School Carpark

Please arrange for pick-up of your child/ward about 15 minutes after the end of their lessons/ afternoon activities when they have sufficient time to walk from the classroom to the pick-up point.

There are insufficient parking spaces for parents/guardians who arrive too early and leave their engine idling. This is a safety risk for our students and staff. Under the Environmental Protection and Management (Vehicular Emissions) Regulations, it is an offence for any driver to leave the engine of his/her vehicle running while it is stationary, for reasons other than traffic conditions and NEA actively enforces this.

(VI) Reporting of Student's Absence on Parents Gateway:

The Student Absence feature on Parents Gateway (PG) has been operational since the start of Term 1. This convenient tool allows you to submit your child/ward's absence reasons and upload medical certificates or relevant documents directly via the PG app. To ensure effective communication, please submit absence notifications within two working days, including details of any symptoms your child/ward is experiencing, such as fever or stomach pain. This timeframe allows Form Teachers to receive timely updates and provide necessary follow-up support, improving both attendance tracking and students' well-being.

❖ **Visitor Management for Safety and Security**

We appreciate your understanding regarding our school's visitor management procedures.

All visitors arriving at either the main gate or Red Gate must register with our Security Officers upon entry for verification. Our Security Officers will confirm with relevant school staff whether prior appointments have been arranged before granting access. *Please note that during curriculum hours, our teachers are engaged in lessons and may be unavailable for unscheduled meetings.* Therefore, we encourage all visitors to make prior appointments to avoid any inconvenience on your part.

We kindly request that parents and guardians wishing to drop by the school bookshop to allow approximately 20 minutes after dismissal time before entering the premises. This will allow for a smooth and safe dismissal for our students.

❖ **Frugies Challenge**

The Frugies Challenge is a school-wide initiative aimed at encouraging students to include more fruits and vegetables in their daily meals. Students who finish their servings of fruits and vegetables in school will be awarded a sticker, which they will paste in their Student Handbooks. On Fridays, as part of our Fruity Friday initiative, students will be awarded two stickers as an added incentive.

To further motivate our students to eat and move well, we will also be introducing Frugies Reward Week. During this week, students may use the stickers they have earned to redeem play time at the Frugies Fun Zone, where they can enjoy activities such as Nerf games, badminton and action arcade games.

The Frugies Challenge will commence on **Tuesday, 3 February** and the Frugies Reward Week will take place in Terms 2, 3 and 4. More details on Frugies Reward Week would be shared later this term.

We seek your support in encouraging your child/ward to finish the fruits and vegetables provided in school. In your daily conversations, do take time to ask about the Frugies Challenge and motivate your child/ward to participate actively. For students who bring meals from home, we kindly encourage you to include healthy servings of fruits and vegetables to support this programme.

Together, we can help nurture healthy eating habits and an active lifestyle in our children.



Sample of Frugies Challenge stickers

❖ **Total Defence Day and Exercise SG Ready 2026**

Each year, we commemorate Total Defence Day (TDD) on 15 February, the day Singapore fell to the Japanese in 1942, to remind us about the importance of Total Defence in protecting our sovereignty as a nation. It remains relevant today, in the face of the ever-evolving threats and challenges that Singapore faces. The theme for TDD 2026 'Together We Keep Singapore Strong' focuses on Singapore's readiness and resilience in the face of crises and disruptions.

This year, the school will be commemorating TDD on Friday, 13 February 2026. With rapid advancements in the digital world, especially in Artificial Intelligence (AI), it is important that students learn to be responsible digital users who think critically and make safe and ethical choices online. Hence, our focus this year will be on Digital Defence, one of the six pillars of Total Defence.

As part of the commemoration, the school will conduct a Digital Connectivity Disruption, during which internet access and digital connectivity will be restricted across all devices and platforms. This simulation aims to prepare students and staff for potential disruptions caused by cyber-attacks or technical failures, where schools and organisations need to function without digital networks.

Through this experience, students will better understand our reliance on digital connectivity and the importance of resilience and adaptability. After the exercise, students will reflect on their experience and share their thoughts and feelings with their classmates through a guided discussion.

To deepen our students understanding of TDD and the role each individual plays in strengthening Singapore's Digital Defence, school has planned a range of activities and programmes for assembly, recess, Form Teacher Guidance class time, CCE/MTL and Social Studies periods.

Parents/Guardians may wish to engage their child/ward in sharing his/her experiences and reinforce the important notion that everyone has a part to play in Singapore's Total Defence efforts. You may also wish to try a short "no-internet" activity at home.

❖ **Chinese New Year School Celebration**

The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Monday, 16 February 2026 from 7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. To add a festive air to the occasion, students are encouraged to come to school in their festive attire with school shoes and socks **or** PE attire with school coloured polo/PE T-shirt. Students only need to bring their stationeries, coloured markers for craft work and water bottles in small bags for the day. Students are to

bring their own snacks for snack break as the canteen stalls will be closed on that day. Your child/ward will receive a red packet (hongbao) with chocolate coin and a note from the teachers with their New Year wishes on the day of school celebration.

Please make the necessary arrangements to pick your child/ward from school punctually. Our school bus operators have been notified of the dismissal time.

Students can look forward to a range of activities planned during CCE and Mother Tongue lessons, as well as during recess in the week leading up to the celebration and beyond.

As part of our school value of Share and Care, we will also be collaborating with Tan Tock Seng Hospital Community Fund for a community fundraising event, Project Hong Bao 2026. Through this collaboration, we aim to nurture the spirit of giving among our students and build a society that helps one another. Students get to express their creativity by colouring and designing their own Lunar New Year red packets and sharing their *hongbao* money or by making a small donation to the less fortunate. The proceeds from this donation will go towards needy and elderly patients as well as fund healthcare research and innovation. Students are to submit the sealed red packets to the General Office from 19 February to 27 February 2026.

Please note that Tuesday, 17 February and Wednesday 18 February 2026 are public holidays. **School will resume lessons on Thursday 19 February 2026.**

❖ **Parents Connect @PRPS**

In Pasir Ris Primary, we believe that parental involvement in education is pivotal for the success of children throughout their school years and beyond. To foster a strong home-school partnership, we will be holding our annual sharing session for parents called Parents Connect.

This online sharing session is an opportunity for parents/guardians to gain insights into the school-based curriculum in line with MOE's direction. The Form Teachers of your child/ward will also be providing a customised briefing on the overview of level programmes and classroom practices. The schedule for the levels' sessions are as follows:

Levels	Date & Time
P5 & P6	Friday, 13 Feb 2026 2.15 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
P3 & P4	Friday, 20 Feb 2026 2.15 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
P2	Friday, 27 Feb 2026 2.15 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
P1	Friday, 27 Feb 2026 2.15 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

The details will be shared by your child/ward's form teachers. We look forward to engaging you during these sessions.

❖ **Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2026**

The Straits Times and the Speak Good English Movement, with the support of the Ministry of Education, present the annual Inspiring Teacher of English Award to recognise English Language teachers who:

- exemplify the use of good spoken and written English;
- enact learner-centred approaches during English Language lessons;
- choose pedagogies appropriate to learners' readiness, interests and learning profiles.

Nominations are open from 2 February to 6 April 2026. All students and their parents/guardians can download and submit their nominations via www.goodenglish.org.sg. Do nominate our English Language teachers to affirm the work that they do, and to encourage them to continue inspiring and motivating their students.

We wish all Pasirian and their families celebrating, a Happy and Prosperous Chinese New Year. May the Year of the Horse, bring prosperity, good health and success to all!

Yours sincerely,

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

Ms Liza Rahmat
Principal