



# UNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

It has been an arduous year with the SMM, HBL and demands of living with endemic. We are grateful that the students, teachers and families have forged on persistently and coped reasonably well. As we approach the up-and-coming year-end school holidays, we hope that everyone seizes the time to get a restful break, re-charge and spend quality time with loved ones.

As the school year comes to a close, the following are some information to note:

## 1. Events for Term 4 Week 9 &10

Day/ Date	Event/ Holiday	Remarks
Fri, 12 Nov 21	Administration & Marking Day	Students do not report to school.
Tue, 16 Nov 21	Parent-Teacher e-Conference	Students do not report to school.
Fri, 19 Nov 21	Annual Awards Day (AAD) & P6 Graduation Day	School Hours: 7.30 am to 10.30 am Dismissal for P1 & P4: 10.20 am Dismissal for P2 & P3: 10.30 am Dismissal for P5 & P6: 10.40 am
Sat, 20 Nov 21 –Tue, 3 Jan 22	Year-End School Holidays	General Office Opening Hours: 8 am to 5 pm

## 2. Advisory For The Coming School Holidays

With the Nov/Dec school holidays approaching, the school would like to remind all parents to exercise vigilance in the care and supervision of your children to ensure that they stay meaningfully engaged and not get into trouble/ mischiefs/ bad company or fall prey to online scams/ predators.

Singapore Police Force (SPF), Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB), National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) and National Council Against Drug Abuse (NCADA) would also like to remind students of the dire consequences of committing crime and drug/inhalant abuse, as well as to take measures to avoid being victims of crime. Our teachers will reiterate these messages and we hope that parents will continue to monitor and watch over the safety of your children.

Additionally, we urge parents to remind your children to adhere to safe distancing measures in public places and continue to wear masks when leaving home over the school holidays. They should avoid congregating in large groups, cooperate and comply with the instructions of enforcement officers and SG Clean and Safe Distancing Ambassadors.

## 3. Student Well-Being

We hope that your child can continue to be engaged meaningfully during the school holidays. The school has compiled a set of learning and self-management resources and sites to help your child to reinforce key concepts/ skills taught and bridge learning gaps. These resources will be shared with your child via SLS on Mondays of Week 2 to Week 5 of the school holidays. Please support your child, encourage him/her to access and use these resources.

School holidays should also be a time for your child to explore sports and the outdoors or to pick up a hobby or new skill. Following are some suggestions:

- ✓ Encourage your child to participate in moderate to vigorous physical activities for about 60 min a day as recommended by HPB. These can be in the form of exercises such as swimming, cycling, jogging or walking on the park connector, Kranji Marshes, Bukit Timah Hill, playing some outdoor games, etc.
- ✓ Learn to cook or bake or eat healthily as a family.
- ✓ Visit the nearest community library and borrow a range of books. For the school holidays, the quota of books that can be borrowed is usually increased.
- ✓ Do revise on the areas, which your child needs to work on for the respective subjects. Start your child reading on new topics to be taught in the new level.
- ✓ Get your child to do a mini-research on culture, places of interest, historical background, geographical structure, famous people, etc. to widen his/her general knowledge.
- ✓ Get your child to identify an area of self-management that he/she would like to improve on and actively work on it this holiday, e.g. cultivating the habit of cleaning after himself/herself, packing his/her work and play areas, sleeping and waking early, etc.

#### 4. Cyber Wellness

It is essential for parents to work hand in hand with educators to nurture students in developing a culture of digital citizenship. There is no denying the importance of digital technology in enhancing students' 21st century education. As children spend more time online during the COVID-19 pandemic, whether for entertainment or home-based-learning, it is important for parents to be vigilant and monitor their children's digital interactions closely. This is to ensure that the children are not victims of cyber bullying, or worse, become cyber bullies themselves.

Please inculcate the right mindset and attributes in your child by going through the following resource with him/her at home: <https://www.betterinternet.sg/Resources/Resources-Listing/Be-Kind---Cyberbullying-Tipsheets>

#### 5. Updates of Personal Particulars

To ensure the school's database is up-to-date, please inform the Form Teacher or Staff in the General Office whenever there are updates pertaining to your child, e.g. **contact address or phone numbers**. Latest information is especially crucial during emergencies.

#### 6. Vaccination for 12-year Old Students

Children, who turn 12, and have crossed their birthday, are eligible to book a vaccination appointment. Parents can register interest for your child to receive the vaccination on <https://www.vaccine.gov.sg/>. We urge parents to take your eligible children for the vaccination during the Nov/Dec holidays for better protection against COVID-19.

#### 7. TraceTogether (TT) Token

**From 20 Nov onwards and in 2022**, contact tracing for all schools will be fully TT-based and no manual contact tracing will be conducted. As contact tracing during the school holidays will be TT-based, students are to bring their TT token for checking-in via SafeEntry when returning to school. **This includes those returning to Student Care Centres (SCCs)**. For effective contact tracing, you should periodically check that your child's token is working. Kindly replace your child's token if it is not working and do it soonest. **Students must carry their tokens with them at all times and especially in school when school reopens.**

For replacement of faulty or lost tokens, you can proceed to your nearest CC for a replacement or new token, contact the TraceTogether Hotline (69736511) or email support@tracetogogether.gov.sg, should you require further assistance.

## 8. School Schedule 2022

We have appended next year's schedule\* below for your planning. Do note that there will be a snack break in addition to the 30-min recess break. If your child needs a bite, please ensure that he/she brings along his/her snack.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
7.30 am	Flag Raising & Pledge-Taking				P3 – P6 CCA
8.30 am	P2 Recess				
9 am	P6 Recess				
9.30 am	P5 Recess				
10 am	P3 Recess				
10.30 am	P4 Recess				
11 am	P1 Recess				
1.30 pm	School Dismissal				
2 pm – 3 pm	E2K Programme (MA or SC) for Identified P4 - P6 Students	Remedial Lessons for EL, MA or MTL for Identified P1 & P2 Students		Remedial Lessons for EL, MA or MTL for Identified P1 & P2 Students	HTML Lessons for Identified P3 Students (2 pm – 3 pm); P5 & P6 Students (2 pm – 3.30 pm)
		Remedial Lessons for EL, MA, SC or MTL for Identified P3 & P4 Students		Remedial Lessons for EL, MA, SC or MTL for Identified P3 & P4 Students	
		Supplementary Lessons for all P5 & P6 Students		Supplementary Lessons for all P5 & P6 Students	
	3.15 pm – 4.45 pm				
1. On days when there are supplementary lessons, P5 & P6 students will have their lunch break from 12.30 pm – 1 pm & 12 pm – 12.30 pm respectively.					
2. P1 remedial lessons will commence only in Semester 2.					

\*Based on face-to-face interaction. The schedule may be subjected to changes following national posture and guidelines from MOE. Should CCA be online, it will be on Tuesdays from 3.45 pm – 4.45 pm after remedial lessons. Competitive CCA will be on Thursdays from 3.45 pm – 5.15 pm.

## 9. Back-To-School Plans for 2022

Default Plan	If Situation Worsens (Will update when required)
<u>T1W1, Tue (4/1/22)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Only P1 to be in school</li></ul> <u>T1W1, Wed (5/1/22) onwards</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All levels return</li></ul>	<u>T1W1, Tue (4/1/22)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Only P1 to be in school</li></ul> <u>T1W1, Wed to Fri (5/1/22 – 7/1/22)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>P1, P2 &amp; P6 to return</li></ul> <u>T1W2 onwards</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All levels return</li></ul>

## 10. Caring Teacher Awards (CTA)

Caring Teacher Awards (CTA) 2022 is organised biennially by the NIE NTU, Singapore, with support by ExxonMobil Asia Pacific Pte Ltd and the Ministry of Education.

Visit the CTA website at [www.cta.nie.edu.sg](http://www.cta.nie.edu.sg) to nominate the teachers who exemplify the values of caring for the academic, moral, social, emotional and mental welfare of their students. We encourage our students and parents to do so in recognition of our teachers and staff.

## 11. Recognizing Efforts of Your Children

As we draw nearer to the end of the school year, we feel it is opportune to share these insights with you. Understandably as parents, we expect our children to do well in school and achieve a reasonable level of academic performance. However, there will inevitably be some who may not have performed as anticipated and feel disappointed. They may also experience difficulties managing unmet expectations and emotions.

Be observant and supportive. Recognise your children's strengths and weaknesses. Instil in them the resilience to learn from their experience and confidence to continue forging on. While we should set high expectations to stretch our children's potential, be realistic about their abilities. There are multiple pathways to reaching their goals in life. For primary students, PSLE is but one of the many milestones in their educational journey and that the results alone do not define who they are or determine their future.

The school has prepared a specially designed card that will be passed to you through your child this week. The cards are also attached for your own printing should you require more. **We recommend that you take the time to pen words of encouragement and affirmation on the card for your child and give it to him/her. Show that you value his/her efforts over just results, and regardless, your love for him/her will not be any lesser. For the parents of the P6 students, we suggest you do it before the release of PSLE results.**

We encourage you to take pictures of the card or pictures of you and your child with the card and upload to <https://unityprimaryschool.padlet.org/joscelin/chyqvgigzca3e8bt>. We would love to share such meaningful cards and moments with the rest of the school community.

Thank you once again for partnering us on this amazing journey of your child's development. We wish all families a well-deserved holiday and see you when school reopens on **Tue, 4 Jan 2022**.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Lee-Koh SC  
Principal