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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the new school year of 2023!

Greetings and wishing all of you a very Happy New Year. After close to three years of COVID-19, a circuit breaker, and an easing of safe management measures (SMM) in 2022, life in Singapore has returned to almost how things were prior to the pandemic. In line with national posture, we are eagerly looking forward to the full resumption of school activities in 2023!

As we begin the new academic year, we would like to bring your attention to the following matters.

1. Arrangements for First Day of School

1.1 School will re-open in 2023 as follows:

(a) **All P1 and P3 Clementians will start school from 3 January 2023 (Tuesday)**

P1 and P3 Clementians will start school on 3 January 2023 (Tuesday). School hours will be from 7.30 am to 10.30 am. The school will separately provide the details of the arrangements for 3 January to parents/guardians of P1 Clementians.

(b) **P2, P4 to P6 Clementians will start school from 4 January 2023 (Wednesday)**

The school-based Student Care Centre will be opened for enrolled P2, P4 to P6 Clementians only from 1.30p.m. on 3 January.

1.2 We would also like to urge all parents and Clementians to continue exercising social responsibility. **You are reminded not to send your child/ward to school if he/she is unwell or has flu-like symptoms.** If you are unable to acquire the school uniform from the supplier in time for the first day of school, your child/ward may report to school in his/her own attire appropriate for school; white school shoes are still required.

2. Administrative Matters

2.1 Communication with Parents

2.1.1. Our school's general information, such as school hours, calendar and contact details, can be found in the Student Handbook and on our school website, www.clementipri.moe.edu.sg. Since the start of 2016, the school has gone paperless to reduce paper consumption. Thus, you will receive

communications materials such as school notifications and examination schedules via our school website, Facebook page and the Parents Gateway (PG) app. The school will provide hard copies of communications materials for Clementians who request for them from their Form Teachers at the beginning of the year.

- 2.1.2. To view our official Facebook page which functions as our school's e-newsletter, please search for 'Clementi Primary School Official' on Facebook. You may also copy the following URL to your browser or scan the QR code using your mobile devices:



<https://goo.gl/bgA7cl>

- 2.1.3. You can look forward to viewing group photographs and video clips of our Clementians in action on our official Facebook page. These uploaded media may reflect Clementians' names and classes. **Should you wish to exclude information of your child/ward (photographs, names, classes etc.) on our Facebook page, please inform your child's/ward's Form Teacher.**

- 2.1.4. Our school onboarded MOE's Parents Gateway (PG) app on 1 April 2019. PG is one of the main modes of communication with parents/guardians. If you have yet to download and start using the PG app, we would like to strongly encourage you to do so. For assistance on the use of the PG app, please refer to the following:

- (a) Step by Step Guide to install PG App on Mobile phones: <https://bit.ly/2MD4hqY>
- (b) Step by Step Guide to register for SingPass: <https://bit.ly/2FX9bPd>
- (c) Parents Gateway Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Parents: <https://bit.ly/2DIVdOB>

2.2. Student Handbook and Homework Folder

- 2.2.1. We will provide every Clementian with a free copy of the Student Handbook and a Homework Folder in the first week of school. Please ensure that your child/ward takes responsibility for the handbook and folder, as we are unable to replace the lost copies.

3. **Important dates in Term 1, 2023**

Date (Day)	Activity	Remarks
22 and 23 Jan 2023 (Sun and Mon)	Chinese New Year	Public Holiday
24 Jan 2023 (Tue)	Day after Chinese New Year	Public Holiday
10 Mar 2023 (Fri)	Prize Giving Day	Only prize recipients need to report to school.

4. Curriculum Hours 2023

- 4.1. Curriculum hours will remain the same in 2023 from 7.30 am to 1.30 pm daily. CCA for Primary 3 to 6 Clementians will continue to be held on Tuesday mornings. The school will continue with the practice of staggered recesses at [Annex A](#). All Clementians will be dismissed at 1.30 pm, at the following dismissal points:

Level	Dismissal Point	Remarks
Primary 1 and 2	School Foyer	Older Clementians will be dismissed together with their youngest sibling's class.
Primary 3 and 4	Gate 1	
Primary 5 and 6	Gate 9	

- 4.2. As part of the school's efforts on developing a Growth Mindset in your child/ward, we would like to seek your help to ensure that your child/ward is in the school by 7.30 am every morning. We will continue to monitor latecomers and my teachers will get in touch with you, if needed, to find out how best the school and the home can work together to ensure that your child/ward comes to school to learn with joy and little anxiety.

5. After-School Programme 2023

- 5.1. The After-School Programme (ASP) for Clementians complement the school's efforts in making learning authentic and enjoyable. If your child/ward needs greater support in his/her learning, he/she will be required to attend remediation on one or more days. For the other Clementians, we will offer other relevant programmes according to his/her strengths, interests and learning dispositions.
- 5.2. As the programmes are customised for Clementians, Teachers-in-charge of various ASP will use Parents Gateway to share information on the ASP which your child/ward is offered. Please refer to the table at [Annex B](#) for an overview of the After-School Programme 2023. The school bus service at 3.30 p.m. is available for Clementians who have signed up for bus service.

6. Networking session with Form Teachers

- 6.1. As part of our efforts to strengthen home-school partnerships, the school will be organising networking sessions for parents to network with their child's/ward's Form Teachers. This is an opportunity for Form Teachers to share on class matters such as routines, setting of learning targets and expectations.
- 6.2. Please note that the networking session is not a one-to-one communication platform between teachers and parents; the "Child-Teacher-Parents Conference" (one-to-one sessions) will be held in May. Please refer to the respective date, as indicated by your child's/ward's level. More details will be shared nearer to the date.

Level	Date	Time
Primary 1, 3 and 5	Friday, 27 January 2023	3.00 - 4.30 pm
Primary 2, 4 and 6	Friday, 3 February 2023	3.00 - 4.30 pm

7. Chinese New Year Celebration

7.1. As the eve of Chinese New Year falls on a Saturday, the school will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Friday, 20 January 2023. School hours will be from 7.30 am to 1.30 pm. All Clementians are encouraged to come in their traditional/ethnic costume/going-out attire and white school shoes. More details will be provided nearer to the date.

8. COVID-19 Vaccination for 5 to 11-Year-Olds

8.1. As announced by the Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) on 7 October 2022, children aged 5-11 are recommended to receive a booster dose 5 months after they received their second dose. Booster vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 years began on 25 October 2022 and parents have been informed via Parents Gateway on 8 October 2022.

8.2. Your child will be excused from strenuous physical activities for two weeks after each vaccination or COVID-19 infection. All PE and CCA teachers will check in with Clementians before the start of these activities. Please also remind your child to inform their PE, relevant CCA and other teachers about the date of their vaccination or COVID-19 infection so that they will be exempted from physical activities for two weeks.

9. Safe Management Measures (SMM)

9.1. Temperature-Taking

9.1.1. Temperature-taking will be conducted in Term 1 Week 2. Notwithstanding this, **we would like to seek your assistance to remind your child/ward to bring a working Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) to school every day.** Please replace the batteries in your child's/ward's ODT or buy a new one if your child's/ward's ODT is not working. **The school will issue ODTs to P1 Clementians, free of charge, on 3 January.**

9.2. Mask Wearing

9.2.1. It is optional for students to wear masks in all school settings, including national examinations. We will continue to promote a safe school environment, which includes wiping down high-touch surfaces and visual screening of students' well-being. Your child/ward may continue to wear a mask if preferred.

9.3. Personal Responsibility

9.3.1. We would like to reiterate the importance of social responsibility. If your child/ward is unwell, he/she should seek medical attention or rest at home.

- 9.3.2. Clementians will continue to practise frequent handwashing throughout the school day and wipe-down routines like cleaning tables and shared equipment after use. Please prepare wet wipes for your child/ward to do a wipe-down of his/her table and PE equipment after use. For greater environmental sustainability, your child/ward can also bring two clean pieces of cloth for the same purpose every day.

10. School Safety and Security

10.1. Visitors to School

- 10.1.1. All visitors to the school are required to report at the Security Post to obtain a security pass. To ensure the safety of your child/ward, we will not allow visitors without security passes to proceed to any part of the school premises. If you wish to take your child/ward home before dismissal, please inform the staff at the General Office and fill in the required details in the Early Departure Record Book before leaving the school with your child/ward.

10.2. Road Safety

- 10.2.1. We will conduct a safety briefing, including the importance of road safety, in the first week of school. Please remind your child that if he/she walks to and from school, he/she should always follow road safety procedures within and outside school. This means adhering to all traffic regulations like using overhead bridges or zebra crossings where possible, ensuring there are no oncoming vehicles before crossing any roads, and crossing only when the green man signal is on.
- 10.2.2. The HDB car park entrance to Clementi Cascadia along Clementi Avenue 3 may experience high vehicular traffic volume in the morning and during school dismissal. We have reminded Clementians who have to cross the HDB car park entrance daily to be particularly careful. Please help to reinforce this message at home.
- 10.2.3. To ensure the safety of all during dismissal time, please do not wait in your vehicle outside the school along Clementi Avenue 3 as this will affect traffic flow. We seek your cooperation to park at the nearby HDB car parks and pick up your child/ward from school.

10.3. Traffic Updates

- 10.3.1. We observed that more parents are driving Clementians to school in the morning. This has inevitably caused congestion outside the school main gate along Clementi Avenue 3 and the drop-off area at the school foyer. Arising from this, the school had received community feedback via the Land Transport Authority (LTA) that vehicles approaching from Clementi Avenue 4 have had trouble in making U-turns along Clementi Avenue 3. This situation is worst during weekday mornings between 7.00 am and 7.25 am.
- 10.3.2. To help ease the traffic situation along Clementi Avenue 3, we would like to seek your cooperation in ensuring smooth vehicular movement in the morning by avoiding the peak hour traffic. We would also like to remind all drivers to:

- (a) Stay on the left lane patiently to wait for your turn to drive into the school. Overtaking the vehicles turning into Clementi Town Secondary School (CTSS) will likely result in you blocking the vehicles on the right lane, causing traffic on both lanes to be blocked.
- (b) Stop your vehicle at the alighting point that is furthest along the driveway. The covered driveway can accommodate **four vehicles** at a time.
- (c) Remind your child/ward to sit on the left side of the car and alight as soon as your vehicle comes to a stop.
- (d) Place your child's/ ward's school bag in the car beside him/her, and allow your child/ward to alight by himself/herself independently to avoid holding up the traffic behind you.
- (e) Drive carefully when it rains. Any delay in getting to school on such days is understandable.
- (f) Please DO NOT park along the road outside the school during dismissal times.

10.3.3. The Land Transport Authority (LTA) would like to remind all drivers that there shall be strictly NO PARKING:

- (a) 9 metres of a bus stop;
- (b) 6 metres of a junction;
- (c) 3 metres of a fire-hydrant;
- (d) 50 metres of a pedestrian crossing;
- (e) On grass verge and footway; and
- (f) At entrances or exits of any other premises.

10.3.4. LTA officers will not hesitate to take the necessary enforcement actions against vehicles that park at the above-mentioned areas. Let us all show consideration and emphasise road safety, so that we can be role models to our Clementians.

11. Parental Involvement and Support

11.1. Parents play an important role in their child's/ward's growth, and your involvement and support in your child's/ward's education will motivate him/her to better behaviour and learning outcomes. It is our shared responsibility to bring out the best in your child/ward. Please visit our school website if you wish to join our school's Parent Support Group (PSG) and be involved in the school's activities.

11.2. More information on how you can be involved in your child's/ward's education can be found at <https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/education>.

We wish you and your family a fulfilling 2023 ahead!

Yours sincerely,



Mr Vimalenthiran Vijayasingam
Principal

Daily Staggered Recess Timings

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Pri 1	8.30 – 9.00	8.30 – 9.00	8.30 – 9.00	8.30 – 9.00	8.30 – 9.00
Pri 2	9.00 – 9.30	9.00 – 9.30	9.00 – 9.30	9.00 – 9.30	9.00 – 9.30
Pri 3	9.30 – 10.00	9.30 – 10.00	9.30 – 10.00	9.30 – 10.00	9.30 – 10.00
Pri 4	10.00 – 10.30	10.00 – 10.30	10.00 – 10.30	10.00 – 10.30	10.00 – 10.30
Pri 5	10.30 – 11.00	10.30 – 11.00	10.30 – 11.00	10.30 – 11.00	10.30 – 11.00
Pri 6	11.00 – 11.30	11.00 – 11.30	11.00 – 11.30	11.00 – 11.30	11.00 – 11.30

The table below provides an overview of the After-School Programme for 2023:

Level	ASP	Time	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
P1 & P2	Additional Learning Support	2 pm - 2.45 pm	PM Read	-		PM Read	-
P3	Additional Learning Support	2 pm - 2.45 pm	Remediation	SDR/RRP		SDR/RRP/Remediation	-
		2.45 pm – 3.30 pm	-	-		Remediation	-
P4	Additional Learning Support	2 pm - 2.45 pm	SDR/Remediation	SDR/RRP		SDR/RRP/Remediation	-
		2.45 pm – 3.30 pm	Remediation	-		Remediation	-
P5	Curriculum lessons	2 pm - 3.30 pm	Higher Mother Tongue	-		Foundation Mathematics	-
	Additional Learning Support	2 pm - 2.45 pm	Remediation	-		Remediation	-
		2.45 pm – 3.30 pm	Remediation	-		Remediation	-
P6	Curriculum lessons	2 pm - 3.30 pm	Foundation Mathematics	-		Higher Mother Tongue	-
	Additional Learning Support	2 pm - 2.45 pm	Remediation	-		Remediation	-
		2.45 pm – 3.30 pm	Remediation	-		Remediation	-
	Other ASP	2 pm - 3.30 pm	-	Math Olympiad Training Programme (P3 to P6) Enrichment		E2K Science (P4 & P5)	Enrichment
		After 3.30 pm	CCA sessions (*for selected CCA only)	Student Leaders' Training/ Meeting		CCA sessions (*for selected CCA only)	-