



Teck Ghee Primary School

Nurturing 20morrow's Leaders, Today



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Upcoming Changes in 2023

We would like to take this opportunity to share two upcoming changes in 2023 so that you understand the rationale and have adequate time to make any necessary adjustments.

1. Revision in School Hours in 2023

- a) Students are encouraged to arrive in school by 7.30 am daily. Morning assembly, including #HowAreYOu programme, and flag-raising will be carried out between 7.30am and 7.45am daily. This is the current practice and will remain unchanged in 2023.
- b) However, please note that there will be changes to the curriculum hours for 2023 onwards for our **Upper Primary (P4 – P6) students**. MOE has increased the curriculum time for the Character & Citizenship Education - Form-Teacher Guidance Period to provide more opportunities for student engagement through discussion and experiential activities for this group of students.
- c) All CCAs (except Basketball and Volleyball competitive teams) will be conducted on Mondays with effect from 2023.
- d) Curriculum and dismissal times for the Lower Primary (P1 – P3) students are not affected.
- e) Please refer to table in ANNEX A which has reflected the above changes in dismissal timing, as well as after-school schedule.

2. School Canteen Food Prices

As explained in our Term 3 Parent's Letter, we were able to work with our canteen operators to maintain the food prices for our students in Term 3 and Term 4.

However, our canteen operators are facing challenges with rising costs, especially with costlier ingredients for healthy meals and they need to reflect the underlying cost of the food items to sustain their businesses without affecting the food quality.

Hence, with effect from 2023, there will be some adjustment of our balanced set meal prices, and option choices, which consist proportionate amounts of food from the 4 main food groups; 1) brown rice / wholemeal bread, 2) meat and others, 3) vegetables, and 4) fruit, in accordance to Health Promotion Board's guidelines:

- Small Set - \$1.60
- Big Set - \$2.00

We seek your understanding on the price adjustment and would like to assure that meal subsidies will also be adjusted correspondingly for students who are on financial assistance.





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3. School Uniform

Please be informed that school will replace our boy's shirt and girl's blouse to the **Dri-Fit Collar T-shirt** as part of our official school uniform from 2023 onwards. This is in view of the warmer Singapore climate and it is more practical and comfortable for our students to wear the dri-fit shirts. Do note however that there is no change to the checkered design shorts/skorts.

The uniform shop will cease the sale of the shirt and blouse but students can still continue to wear their existing top during the transition period until they have outgrown the current ones or when replacements are needed along the way.

4. First Day of School 2023

- a) All **P2 to P6** students will start school on **Wednesday, 4 January 2023**.
- b) P1 students will start school on Tuesday, 3 January 2023, for their orientation programme.

If you need any clarifications, please contact us at 6454 8769.

We wish all parents and students happy holidays and we look forward to seeing all of you again in 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Wong Jia Wang
Principal





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ANNEX A

Revised School Hours and After-School Schedule in 2023

Day	Activities	Time
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ P1/P2/P3 dismissal ▪ P4/P5/P6 dismissal ▪ CCAs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1.30pm ▪ 2.30pm^{new #} ▪ 2.30pm – 4.30pm
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ P1-P6 dismissal ▪ Enrichment ▪ Remedial (for selected students only) ▪ P3 & P4 SDR (for selected students only) ▪ P3 & P4 RRP (for selected students only) ▪ P4 RSP (for selected students only) ▪ P5 RSP (for selected students only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1.30pm ▪ 2.00pm – 4.00pm ▪ From 2.00pm ▪ 2.00pm – 3.00pm ▪ 2.00pm – 3.00pm ▪ 2.00pm – 3.00pm ▪ 2.00pm – 3.00pm
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ P1-P6 dismissal ▪ P3 & P4 SDR (for selected students only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1.30pm ▪ 2.00pm – 3.00pm
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ P1-P6 dismissal ▪ P5/P6 HMTL ▪ P5/P6 FMA (for those taking 3S1FMA combination) ▪ P5/P6 MTL (for those taking 3F1SMT combination) ▪ P3 & P4 SDR (for selected students only) ▪ P3 & P4 RRP (for selected students only) ▪ P4 RSP (for selected students only) ▪ Remedial (for selected students only) ▪ Basketball CCA (2nd session) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1.30pm ▪ 2.00pm – 3.00pm ▪ 2.00pm – 3.00pm ▪ 2.00pm – 4.00pm ▪ 2.00pm – 3.00pm ▪ 2.00pm – 3.00pm ▪ 2.00pm – 3.00pm ▪ 2.00pm – 3.00pm ▪ From 2.00pm ▪ 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ P1-P6 dismissal ▪ P3/P4 HMTL ▪ Volleyball CCA (2nd session) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1.30pm ▪ 2.00pm – 3.00pm ▪ 2.15pm – 4.15pm

Legend

SDR: School-Based Dyslexia Remediation

RRP: Reading Remediation Programme

RSP: Reading Support Programme

MTL: Mother Tongue Languages

HMTL: Higher Mother Tongue Languages

FMA: Foundation Mathematics

#Students taking the school bus may be impacted by the above changes as pick-up / arrival timing may differ on Mondays. The school bus vendor will be contacting affected parents directly for the arrangements.

