



# 德义小学

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome to the new school year in 2019, and on behalf of the TGPS Family, I would like to wish all parents and students, good health and a wonderful year of joyful learning.

I am pleased to update you on the following:

### **New Appointment**

It is my pleasure to congratulate the following staff who will be taking on new appointments with effect from 2019:

- Mr Brandon Lee Chin Eng – Assistant Year Head

### **Partnership in Education**

The school is committed to engaging and working closely with you to provide support in nurturing and developing your children. We firmly believe that parents can play the key role to show continuous interest and support for our students through the following ways:

#### **1. TGPS Online**

Your active participation and constant support are essential in our partnership of educating our students. Please access school website at [www.teckgheepri.moe.edu.sg](http://www.teckgheepri.moe.edu.sg) to obtain school updates, information and important announcements. You may also visit our official Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/teckgheepri/> to stay tuned to the various happenings in the school.

#### **2. Attendance**

Regular attendance is a major influence on a student's achievement. We encourage you to consider carefully before taking your child/ward away during term time. Please discuss your plans with your child/ward's Form Teacher and inform the school in writing before making plans to take your child/ward away during term time. When leave is granted, students need to assume complete responsibility to catch up on any assignment and parents to fully support them in doing so.



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### 3. Timeliness

Please ensure that your child/ ward arrives in school on time. The timings of arrival and dismissal with relevant daily programmes are indicated in the table below:

DAY	BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAMME (0730 – 0745)	CURRICULUM TIME Mon to Wed: 0745 – 1315 Thu to Fri: 0745 - 1345	AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME (1345 onwards)**
Monday	<b><u>Marvellous Monday</u></b> Music / Art Appreciation / Achievements	As per respective timetable	<u>All CCAs</u> 1345 – 1545  <u>SDR</u> (for selected P3 & P4 pupils only) 1345 – 1430
Tuesday	<b><u>Terrific Tuesday</u></b> EL Silent Reading / “Read for Life” Programme	As per respective timetable	<u>Enrichment Programme**</u> 1345 - 1545 <u>SDR &amp; RRP</u> (for selected P3 & P4 pupils only) 1345 – 1445
Wednesday	<b><u>Wonderful Wednesday</u></b> LLP: “I am a Confident Communicator” Programme  Workout Session for Happy Kids	As per respective timetable	<u>SDR &amp; RRP</u> (for selected P3 & P4 pupils only) 1345 – 1445 <u>Conversational MTL</u> (for selected P3 only; starts in T3) 1.45 – 2.45
Thursday	<b><u>Thoughtful Thursday</u></b> MTL Silent Reading / “Read for Life” Programme	As per respective timetable	<u>Curriculum</u> English (for P5D1 only) 1345 – 1445 English (for P6C1 only) 1345 – 1415 CCE 1345 - 1515 <u>Remediation</u> El/Ma/Sc/MTL (for selected students only) 1345 - 1515 <u>SDR</u> (for selected P3 & P4 pupils only) 1415 - 1500 <u>CCA practice II</u> (for competitive sports only) 1545 - 1645
Friday	<b><u>Fabulous Friday</u></b> CCE: “I am a Confident Communicator” Programme	FT Time: Values Education & Fitness and Bonding for all staff and pupils for the first 2 periods	

\*All information rendered above is accurate at the time of printing.

\*\*Timing may differ from programme to programme.

We hope that with this structure, we can continue our efforts in promoting holistic development within each student and encourage the adoption of a healthy lifestyle for all staff and students.



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#### **4. Homework**

Homework is important to reinforce conceptual understanding. Please ensure that your child/ward completes all homework given by his/her teachers and hand in to the teachers on time.

#### **5. School Rules**

Your child/ward needs to follow a set of rules to protect the safety, interests and rights of all individuals. To support the school's efforts in enforcing a high standard of behaviour and citizenship, we urge you to take time to reinforce the school rules that we have laid out in our Student Handbook, ensuring that your child/ward understands that he/she may lose privileges or face other disciplinary consequences if the rules are violated.

#### **6. Attire**

All students are required to put on their uniform and PE attire neatly according to that shown in the Student Handbook.

#### **7. Communication**

Communication between parents, students and teachers is critical in supporting pupils' development. Please share with your child's/ward's teacher any information regarding his/her special needs to help us address them. In addition to the Meet-the-Parents Sessions, we also encourage you to use the Student Handbook as a means of communicating with the teachers to monitor your child's/ward's progress. Besides reflecting the homework given to your child/ward each day, the Student Handbook also allows teachers and parents to keep in contact through short messages.

#### **8. Student Well-Being**

If your child/ward is ill, please submit a medical certificate when your child returns to school. We would appreciate it if you could inform the school, at your earliest convenience, if your child/ward is diagnosed with Dengue Fever, Chicken Pox, Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) or other contagious disease so that precautionary measures can be taken in school to ensure the continued health of all our students.

It is recommended that children recovering from high fever be free from fever before returning to school. If your child/ward has a fever in the morning, please ensure that he/she remains at home. If your child/ward is unwell in school, you will be contacted immediately to pick him/her up from the school.



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If your child/ward is unwell during the examinations, a medical certificate is needed to be produced during his/her period of absence. Without official certification, your child/ward will not be given any marks for the paper(s) he/she has missed.

### 9. Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)

As part of our efforts to develop students holistically and to promote CCA participation, **all CCAs have been rescheduled** to take place every Monday between 1.45pm to 3.45pm. (with the exception of those who join competitive sports/ performing arts CCAs as they may have additional training slots on Thursday afternoons if the need arises).

All Primary 3 to Primary 6 students will have the chance to participate in a CCA. If your child/ward is not in any CCA to date, he/she can choose his/her CCA from the CCA list which will be attached to the CCA Recruitment 2019 letter. Please note that trials or selection tests may be conducted for admission to school teams.

### 10. Calendar of Events in Semester 1

A list of tentative dates for events in Semester 1 is appended at the end of the circular. In general, we will confirm the dates between 2 weeks to 1 month in advance.

### Other Administrative Matters

- a. We will be conducting a Temperature Taking Exercise on **7 Jan 2019 (Monday)**. All students are reminded to **bring along their personal oral digital thermometers** to school that day.
- b. There will be a photo-taking session for the **School Smart Card** for all P1 and P6 students. Students from these two levels are required to be dressed in their school uniform on **16 January 2019 (Wednesday)**. Thus, students who are having PE lessons must bring along their school uniform that day.

We look forward to another fruitful year of working closely with all parents/guardians as strong partners. If you have any queries on any matters concerning the school or your child/ward, please feel free to call the general office or contact the Form Teachers.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Wong Jia Wang  
Principal



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### School Calendar of Events for Semester 1, 2019

Term 1	
Date	Events
2 to 4 January	Back to School Programme
7 January	Temperature Taking Exercise (please ensure your child has a working oral digital thermometer)
16 January	P1 & P6 Photo-taking for smart cards (students need to be in full school uniform)
30 January – 11 February	School Health Service: Annual Health Visit to Primary Schools (HPB)
4 February	Chinese New Year celebrations
5 – 6 February	Chinese New Year holiday
13 February	P1 First Month Celebrations (AM) P4 Subject Based Banding briefing for parents (PM)
14 February	P2 Parent Engagement (AM) P6 PSLE briefing for parents (PM)
4 – 6 March	P5 Adventure Camp @ MOE Changi Coast Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre
4 March	P6 Continual Assessment (English Language)
5 March	P6 Continual Assessment (Mathematics)
6 March	P6 Continual Assessment (Mother Tongue Languages)
7 March	P6 Continual Assessment (Science)
8 March	P6 Continual Assessment (Higher Mother Tongue Languages)
11 March	Prefects' Investiture
16 – 24 March	Term 1 School Holidays



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Term 2	
Date	Events
19 April	Good Friday holiday
1 May	Labour Day holiday
7 May	SA1 Oral Examinations (P3)
8 May	SA1 Oral Examinations (P4)
9 May	SA1 Oral Examinations (P5)
14 May	SA1 e-Oral Examinations (P6)
15 May	SA1 English and Mother Tongue Languages Listening Comprehension Examinations (P3 to P6)
16 May	SA1 English and Mother Tongue Languages P1 Examinations (P3 to P6)
17 May	SA1 Higher Mother Tongue Language P1/P2 Examinations (P5/P6)
19 May	Vesak Day
20 May	Vesak Day off-in-lieu (school holiday)
21 May	SA1 English language P2 Examinations (P3 to P6)
22 May	SA1 Mathematics Examinations (P3 to P6)
23 May	SA1 Mother Tongue Languages P2 Examinations (P3 to P6)
24 May	SA1 Science Examinations (P3 to P6)
31 May	Student-led Parent-Teacher Conference (P3-P6)
1 to 30 June	Term 2 School holidays