



WEST GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Letter To Parents (Term 1)

6 Jan 2023

Dear Parents,

Our Greetings to you and your family as we usher in 2023 and welcome our children back to School. We look forward to another exciting year of learning and growing @ WGPS for our students, staff and parents.

Our school vision of 'Active Minds, Gracious Hearts', our school motto of "Wisdom and Grace" and WGPS R³ICK values – Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Integrity, Commitment and Kindness will continue to be our Compass to ensure that we stay committed to providing a holistic and learner-centred environment for all our children, anchored on character development and sound moral values. We will continue to seek and create ample learning opportunities to develop their talents and passions and to bring them closer to realising their dreams and aspirations.

Our teachers will continue to engage them through a robust curriculum with differentiated pedagogical approaches and to ensure a safe and caring environment. A self-directed learner, a confident person, an active contributor, and a concerned citizen – that's what we want our children to become. They must develop good friendships and interact well with their classmates and teachers. Our students' wellbeing is paramount, and they must feel happy coming to school. We urge parents to be actively involved in their children's learning and to work in close collaboration with the school. Both parents and teachers must remain an inspiration for our children to do their best in school and in life.

For a start, we want our children to '**Begin with the end in mind**' (Stephen Covey). What do they want to achieve this year, beyond academic excellence? How are they going to achieve their goals? We want them to know their strengths and interests; and to grow them further. We want them to understand their areas for improvement and how they can become better. It is their personal journey, and we want to be a part of this to guide them to ride the waves.

A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures ... and new challenges

~ Denise Witmer

A dream doesn't become reality through magic. It takes sweat, determination and hard work

~Colin Powell

Best Wishes for a great year!

Mrs Chandler Jay Siva
Principal



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PSLE Results 2022

We are pleased to announce the PSLE results of the Primary 6 cohort of 2022. We would like to congratulate them and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

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| % students eligible for Secondary School | 99.2% |
| % students eligible for at least Express stream | 65.7% |
| % students eligible for at least N(A) stream | 87.8% |
| Number of Successful DSA applicants | 22 |

Singapore Book of Records

As a school, we ended 2022 by breaking the Singapore Book of Records for the **Largest Mass CIMO CIMO** dance with 1311 staff, students and PSG members. We thank **EVERYONE@ WGPS** who made this record breaking possible.

Read more about it in the Singapore Book of Records website or in our school's newsletter.



SBOR Website
<https://go.gov.sg/sbor>



WGPS Newsletter
<https://go.gov.sg/wgpsnewsletter2022>

Staff Updates

We thank the following staff for their contributions to the school. We wish them all the best in their new endeavours

1. Ms Foong Yuk Yew
2. Ms Koh Poh Len La Vonda
3. Ms Oh Wan Ling Chloe
4. Mr Pang Chee Kwok
5. Ms Sangeeta Dhillon
6. Ms Tan Hui Chin
7. Mr Yeow Soon Hao



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Staff Updates

We are also pleased to welcome the following staff to our school

1. Ms Lee Wei
2. Ms Germain Wong Xue Ying

School Hours and Dismissal Arrangements

School hours are from 7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. daily. All students should reach school and be ready for morning assembly by 7.30 a.m. We seek your support in ensuring that your child/ward reports punctually to school.

Venues for Dismissal

| Gate | Levels using the gate for dismissal | Remarks |
|--------------|--|--|
| Big Gate 1 | P3 to P6 | This is also the vehicular gate used by vehicles. However, it will be out of bounds to traffic from 1.15 p.m. – 1.45 p.m. daily. |
| Small Gate 1 | P1 and P2 | |
| Gate 2 | All levels | |
| Gate 3 | All levels | |

Wet Weather Dismissal

| Gate | Wet Weather Arrangements |
|---------------|--|
| Gates 1 and 2 | Parents using both Gates 1 and 2 can wait for your child/ward in the canteen. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• P1 and P2 parents - canteen corridor next to the field• P3 to P6 parents - canteen corridor next to the parade square |
| Gate 3 | Parents using Gate 3 can wait for your child/ward at the corridor of Classroom Block C (Level 1). |

Parents Gateway

The school will be using the Parents' Gateway as its main channel of communications with parents. All communications including parents' consent for various school programmes and CCAs will be done through the Parents' Gateway. Please ensure that you are on board the Parents Gateway. If you face any technical difficulties or have any other concerns, do approach your child/ward's form teacher.



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Safe Management Measures

To ensure the safety of students, students who are unwell with flu-like symptoms such as fever, running nose, sore throat and cough are required to stay away from school. Please do inform your child/ward's form teacher in such an event.

Students are to ensure that they have working thermometers, water bottles and hand sanitizers and masks (optional) with them daily. The sharing of personal items is not encouraged. Please label all personalized items with your child/ward's name and class.

School Security

All visitors to the school are reminded to report to the Security Guard Post before proceeding to the General Office for assistance. You are not allowed in any other part of the school premises.

Road Safety

The school would like to emphasize the importance of road safety. We hope to seek your cooperation in ensuring the safety of students coming to and leaving school. This is especially important as young children may not have the skills required to use roads properly and do not always fully appreciate the dangers presented. Their small physique also makes them less visible to motorists. Let's do our part to model safe road use.

Reminder on Dual Vehicular Lanes in the Morning

The school allows two vehicles to enter through the Main Gate to better manage congestion. You will see a demarcation of the lanes as shown in the picture below. We urge parents to exercise caution and patience when driving into the school.

Please avoid the following:

- (a) Alighting children along the roadside can hinder smooth flow of traffic and cause a possible accident.
- (b) Trying to change lanes as you drive into the school is dangerous.
- (c) Driving at a high speed in the school zone can lead to a possible accident.
- (d) Failing to abide by the security guard's instructions.
- (e) Large numbers of cars enter the school from 7.20 to 7.30 a.m. to beat the school starting time. It might be good to send your children to school earlier.
- (f) Several parents are also not using the pedestrian crossings at the traffic junctions but crossing the road just outside the school gates. This can be a danger to you and your children.



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Everyone's safety is paramount and as adults, we must abide by safe driving/traffic rules and be good role models for our children.



Students Cycling or Scooting to School

All parents of students cycling or scooting to school are required to acknowledge an advisory letter which will be issued in Term 1. This is to encourage parents to actively monitor the child/ward's behaviour and conduct in the use of their bicycles / scooters. Students who do not commute safely may not be allowed to cycle / scoot to school.

Parking in School

The school is unable to provide parking for parents and we would like to remind parents who are visiting the school to **park in the nearby HDB blocks**.

For parents who are here to pick up their child/ward who is **unwell**, or for any **emergencies**, please inform the security guard and they will allow you to park in the temporary visitor lots (subject to availability).

School Canteen

Stalls 2 and 7 in our school canteen are Halal certified. Students can also purchase **vegetarian food** from **Stall 6**.

In our continuous effort to inculcate healthy eating habits among our students, the school has embarked on the **Healthy Meals In Schools Program** since 2018. The main objective of this Health Promotion Board initiative is to encourage our students to have a balanced diet (brown rice, vegetables, meat and fruits) as well as to make healthier food and beverage choices. The price of each set meal ranges from **\$1.80** to **\$2.30**. Please give sufficient



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pocket-money to your child/ward/children for their meals during recess. The canteen menu is available at <https://go.gov.sg/wgpsscanteenmenu2023>.

We would also like to encourage students to drink plain water and cut down on sugary drinks, as high sugar intake is a contributing factor to diabetes. Students should bring their own water bottles to school and refill them at the water coolers.

Chinese Lunar New Year Celebrations

The school will celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year on **20 January 2023 (Friday)**.

On the day of the celebration, school hours will be as per normal from **0730 – 1330**.

As part of the celebrations, the school will engage our children in festive learning activities after 1100. To facilitate learning, your child/ward is required to bring their colouring materials that day.

In the spirit of festive celebration, your child/ward/ward is encouraged to put on his/her traditional costumes, with black school shoes and white socks that day. Students who do not have traditional costumes may come in red attire or school uniform.

Please note that the school will be closed on the following days:

23 January 2023 (Monday) – Public Holiday

24 January 2023 (Tuesday) – Chinese Lunar New Year off-in-lieu

The school will resume on **25 January 2023 (Wednesday)**.

On behalf of the staff, the school would like to wish all Chinese parents and students a Happy & Prosperous Lunar New Year.

Starting 2023 Off with Good Routines

It is the start of a new school year. How do we ensure that your child/ward is off to a good start? One of the top tips to easing your child/ward back to school is to develop and practice good routines. Good routines reduce stress and anxiety for both parents and students. Nurturing good sleep habits is one such important routine, essential to keep your child/ward learning and developing positively. Read more about it in the infographic attached.



<https://go.gov.sg/sleepbenefits>