



# NORTHOAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NKPS/2021/086

24 June 2021

Dear Parents / Guardians

## 1. Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 3 2021! I hope your children and you were able to spend some quality time together during the June holidays despite the restrictions of Phase 2 (Heightened Alert).

We would like to thank all parents for working very closely with the school to support the children during the period of Full Home-Based Learning (FHBL) at the end of Term 2. I am very heartened to share that a vast majority of students (close to 95% on one of the FHBL days) were able to join in during the live online lessons. There was overall a very high level of participation and it would not be possible without your help and support. We will nevertheless not rest on our laurels and will consider how we can make HBL experiences more accessible and meaningful for our students. To that end, thank you for the invaluable feedback you have provided to us through the survey we conducted.

## 2. New Staff

We warmly welcome the following staff to the Northoaks family:

- ❖ Key Personnel
  - Miss Noor Alinah Bte Ismail (School Staff Developer)
- ❖ English-medium Teachers:
  - Ms Nurhanisah Binte Ahmad Jalani
  - Ms Shalini d/o Vickraman
- ❖ Mother-Tongue Language Teachers:
  - Miss Lim Wan Rong
  - Miss Ang Lay Chen
  - Miss Nyana Priya d/o Panir Selvam



The following staff have left or are leaving the school in Semester 1. We thank them for their contributions and wish them all the best in their future endeavours:

- Mrs Audrey Ting (Teacher)
- Miss Chloe Lim (Administration Manager)
- Ms Kavitha d/o Maghalingam (Management Support Officer)

## STUDENT WELL-BEING

### 3. New School Curriculum Hours for Semester 2 in 2021

As announced in our newsletter on 22 Mar 2021 and also in our end-of-semester note sent to all parents on 24 May 2021 through Parents Gateway, the school will be implementing our new curriculum hours from this semester onwards so that we can better meet the overall well-being needs of our students.

For your easy reference, we have attached the following schedule here again for your noting.

	Monday to Friday	Remarks
<b>Start Time of First Lesson</b>	7.45am	
<b>Reporting Time</b>	<b>By 7.40am</b> in the classroom	The school will start our flag-raising ceremony at 7.40am sharp in the classroom. Students reporting <b>after 7.40am</b> in the classroom will be <b>considered late</b> .
<b>Pre-Assembly Programme in the Classroom</b>	From 7.30am to 7.40am	Students are <b>highly encouraged</b> to participate in the pre-assembly programmes. Reporting to school slightly earlier will provide our students with ample time to settle down and get into the right frame of mind for learning.
<b>Dismissal Time</b>	1.15pm (for P1, P2) and 1.30pm (for P3 to P6) daily	All after-school lessons and activities including CCAs, enrichment and remedial/supplementary lessons will begin from 2pm onwards.  Our <b>P1 to P4 students</b> will be dismissed from Gate 2 (main gate). <b>Our P5 and P6 students</b> will be dismissed from Gate 1 (Gate closer to the bus stop) except on days of inclement weather.

In addition, we would also like to update all parents regarding the **new timings for recess and snack break** for each level in Semester 2:

<b>Recess</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Snack Break in the Classroom</b>
Primary 1 and Primary 2	9.15 am to 9.45 am	12 noon
Primary 3 and Primary 5	9.45 am to 10.15 am	
Primary 4 and Primary 6	10.15 am to 10.45 am	

#### **Recess Arrangement for Primary 2, 5 and 6 Students**

In adhering to the new guidelines of fixed seating with one metre spacing between students, we have arranged for all our **Primary 2, Primary 5 and Primary 6** students to have **their recess in the classrooms**. Hence, we would like to seek the assistance of all parents/guardians concerned, where possible, to help their child/ward prepare and **pack some food in lunch boxes/containers** so that your children can consume their meals in their classrooms during recess. The canteen stalls will still be open for students who need to purchase food. **For Primary 6 students, this arrangement will start from 28 Jun 2021. For Primary 2 and 5 students, this will begin from 6 Jul 2021.**

In addition, we also encourage all our **Primary 2, Primary 5 and Primary 6** students who need to purchase food from the canteen to **bring their own containers/lunch boxes and cutlery** to school. In this way, our students do not have to make another trip to the canteen to return their receptacles after consuming their food in the classroom. It will also be a good opportunity to teach our students how to wash their own containers and cutlery at home after using them in school.

### **CURRICULUM MATTERS**

#### **4. New Time-Table for Primary 4 to Primary 6 Students**

Your child/ward will receive their new class time-table from their Form Teachers through Parents Gateway **on 25 Jun 2021 (Fri)**. The new time-table will take effect from 28 Jun 2021 (Mon) onwards. Please approach your child's/ward's Form Teachers if you need further clarifications regarding the new time-table.

#### **5. Home-Based Learning (HBL) Schedule and New Time-Table For Primary 1 to Primary 3 Students**

##### **HBL Schedule**

As announced by Ministry of Education (MOE), to ease into full resumption of school when Term 3 starts on 28 Jun 2021, all Primary 1 to 3 students will be on HBL for the first week (28 Jun to 2 Jul 2021).

Your child/ward will receive his/her **HBL Schedule** for Term 3 Week 1 from their level **Year Heads** through Parents Gateway **on 25 Jun 2021 (Fri)**. In planning for our HBL experience, we have ensured that the learning tasks assigned are level appropriate and manageable for our students. The offline work will be assigned only after their live/SLS lessons have taken place for the

respective subjects. We hope that this arrangement will help our students to be able to complete their offline work more independently.

Your child/ward can access the daily tasks for HBL through logging into Student Learning Space (SLS) and referring to the Assignment List panel in SLS. In addition, we will also be providing parents and students the **details of the HBL tasks (i.e. for live and offline work) through Parents Gateway** so that you and your child/ward can have an alternative mode to access the HBL information besides using SLS. Following this letter, you will be receiving the detailed instructions from your child's/ward's Form Teachers as well as the various Subject Teachers **by the end of this week.**

Apart from the live lessons, **all the other lessons (i.e. SLS and offline work) can be completed any time of the day as we understand that some of our students have to share their digital devices with their siblings at home. Hence, the timings provided in the HBL time-table are for students' reference to help them better manage their time and workload at home.** Do also note that all SLS assignments will only be released on the day itself for students to attempt so as to help our students pace out their learning. Our Form Teachers will also be in regular contact with your child/ward through the live check-in sessions scheduled on Mon, Wed and Fri to follow up on their well-being as well as learning needs.

### **New Time-table**

Your child/ward will receive their **new class time-table** through Parents Gateway on **2 Jul 2021 (Fri)**. The new time-table will take effect **from 6 Jul 2021 (Tue)** onwards. Please approach your child's/ward's Form Teachers if you need further clarifications regarding the new time-table.

### **6. After-school Lessons and Activities**

There will be no after-school activities for all levels in the week of 28 Jun. All after-school core-subject-related activities and lessons (e.g. Higher Mother Tongue Language, remedial and supplementary lessons) **will resume from Term 3 Week 2 (6 Jul 2021)** onwards. However, all Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) and Primary 1 and 2 Enrichment Activities (eg: In-line Skating) will only resume from Term 3 Week 5 onwards with adherence to national safe management guidelines. More Information regarding CCA/Enrichment Activity resumption will be given to you at a later date.

More information will be given by end of Term 3 Week 1 by the respective teachers in-charge regarding the resumption of after-school lessons and activities for Term 3 Week 2.

## **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

### **7. Health Matters**

Daily temperature-taking will continue to be carried out in Term 3. We seek your help to remind your child/ward of good hygiene practices and to bring his/her thermometer to school every day for temperature-taking before the start of lessons. Please also check that the oral digital thermometer is in good working condition. Should your child/ward feel unwell, please bring him/her to seek medical help and let him/her rest at home.

In addition, if there are household members on Home Quarantine / Stay Home Notice or if any household member **age 6 and above** have flu-like symptoms, we seek the understanding of all parents/guardians to keep their children at home. They can only return to school when their household members are tested negative for COVID-19. Our teachers will work with you to support your child/ward in his/her learning during his/her absence.

## 8. TraceTogether-only SafeEntry (TT-only SE)

The TT-only SE tokens will be an essential component of the national contact tracing effort. This will be critical especially when we resume more activities both within and across schools as the TT-only SE tokens will help us identify close contacts quickly and efficiently. As such, we would like to once again seek the assistance of all parents/guardians to remind our students to bring their TT-only SE token to school and have it with them as far as possible so as to facilitate faster and more accurate contact tracing where necessary.

For students who need to replace their faulty tokens or tokens that are out of battery, you can visit this website <https://token.gowhere.gov.sg/> to get more information on how to do so.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## 9. Celebrating Our Joy

We would like to congratulate the following departments and their students for their effort and participation in the following events/competitions:

School Team	Event / Competition	Achievement (s)
Mother Tongue Language Department	Muthamizh Vizha - A Tamil literary competition organised by Association of Singapore Tamil Writers  Categories participated in: P1 & P2: Fancy dress P3 & P4: Storytelling P5 & P6: Oratory	Obtained 5 Individual Awards as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Storytelling: Awarded Certificate of Participation - Special mention for commendable performance</li> <li>• National Tamil Debate Series: Three students were selected to enter the quarter finals</li> <li>• Fancy Dress Competition: Awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</li> </ul>
PE, ART & MUSIC Department	SYF Art 2021  A Joyous Celebration of the Duan Wu Festival Youth Art Contest - Children Category (organised by Singapore Federation of Chinese Clan Association)	Group Award – Three students were awarded Certificate of Recognition for their artwork entitled: Technology and Our Emotions (also selected for SYF online exhibition)  Individual Award: First Prize
Co-Curricular Activities	National School Games Wushu Senior Division Boys 2021  Category participated in:	Placing: Obtained 31st Individual placing

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We are heartened and encouraged by the strong commitment and effort put in by our students and staff to attain the above achievements. In school, we provide numerous opportunities for our students to realise their potential despite their background or starting point. We want to assure parents that our school will continue to do our best in putting in place sound processes and structures to build our students' successes, anchoring on our school values to help every child **grow and glow with H.E.A.R.T.** (i.e. our school values: **H**onesty, **E**mpathy, **A**ppreciation, **R**esilience, **T**enacity). This includes developing an inclusive classroom where all students are provided with the necessary support to help them build and sustain their success wherever their starting point may be.

We hope to get the support of parents to help reinforce the school's values, complement and work with the school to provide an **empathetic and inclusive environment** for all our students. For instance, parents reminding their children to be patient towards peers who may need additional support from teachers in class due to their learning and/or behavioural needs. Also, parents reminding their children to appreciate that we all have different strengths and to use their strengths to reach out and do more for those who may need help in some of these areas.

We are confident that by working together and maintaining this close partnership that we have with parents, the school will be able to build **a safer, more caring and supportive environment**, for every child in Northoaks Primary to thrive and be inspired to achieve greater excellence.

## PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

### 10. NKPS Bouquets of Appreciation for School Staff

We would like to thank parents for your close partnership with our school and your words of encouragement and appreciation for our school team especially during the recent e-Parent – Teacher Meet conducted over two days on 27 and 28 May 2021. Your positive feedback for our staff and the school will certainly go a long way in motivating us to continue to do our best for our students.

We are pleased to share that you can now thank or show your appreciation to our staff or school team directly through scanning the QR code any time that you may wish to.

Alternatively, you can also use the link provided below, which is also available on our school's website, to provide us with your positive feedback or words of encouragement for our staff or school team:

<https://northoakspri.moe.edu.sg/nkps-bouquets-of-appreciation>



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We thank you in advance for taking time to appreciate our staff and school team.

## 11. CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR TERM 3

Date	Event
Mon, 5 Jul	Scheduled School Holiday for Youth Day
Tue, 20 Jul	Hari Raya Haji – Public Holiday
Mon, 9 Aug	National Day – Public Holiday and Scheduled School Holiday
Tue, 10 Aug	
Thu, 12 Aug to Fri, 13 Aug	PSLE Oral Examination for Primary 6 Students – All Primary 1 to Primary 5 students <b><u>do not need</u></b> to come to school on these two days.
Thu, 2 Sep	Teachers' Day Celebration during School Hours
Fri, 3 Sep	Teachers' Day – Scheduled School Holiday
Sat, 4 Sep to Sun, 12 Sep	Term 3 School Vacation

In partnership with you,



Mr Melvin Cher  
Principal