



29 December 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the new school year of 2022!

Greetings and a Very Happy New Year to all of you. 2021 has been a challenging year due to the disruptions that arose from the surge in Covid-19 confirmed cases nationwide. We certainly hope that 2022 will be a better year where we can look forward to return to some form of normalcy in schools.

On a separate note, I am pleased to welcome Vice Principal, Mrs Cheryl Lim to Clementi Primary School. She will be overseeing curriculum matters. Prior to this posting, Mrs Lim was the Vice Principal of Marymount Convent School.

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. Schools will re-open in 2022 with Safe Management Measures (SMM), such as temperature taking, visual screening of Clementians, and reducing congestion where possible. **Clementians are required to carry their TraceTogether (TT) token to school and have it with them throughout the day to facilitate accurate contact tracing.** All face-to-face Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) and external activities remain suspended as we await more information on the Omicron variant.

1.2 You are reminded not to send your child/ward to school if they are unwell or have flu-like symptoms. If you are unable to acquire school uniforms 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.

(a) **All P1 Clementians will start school from 4 January 2022 (Tuesday)**

Only P1 Clementians are to report to school on 4 January. In line with prevailing SMM, only one parent / guardian is allowed to observe your child / ward during recess. **Only vaccinated parents, or unvaccinated parents (including those medically ineligible for the vaccines) with a negative ART self-swab result are allowed to do so.**

The school has separately provided the details of the arrangements for 4 January to parents/guardians of P1 Clementians. Details can also be found on the school website.

(b) **P2 to P6 Clementians will start school from 5 January 2022 (Wednesday)**

The school-based Student Care Centre will be opened for enrolled P2 to P6 Clementians only from 1.30p.m. on 4 January.

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 students 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 mode of communications 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 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 all Clementians with free copies of the Student Handbook and Homework Folder by 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, 2022

| Date (Day) | Activity | Remarks |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 31 Jan 2022 (Mon) | Eve of Chinese New Year | Staggered Dismissal from 9.15 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. |
| 1 and 2 Feb 2022 (Tue and Wed) | Chinese New Year | Public Holiday |
| 11 Mar 2022 (Fri) | Prize Giving Day | Only prize recipients need to report to school. |

4. Curriculum Hours 2022

- 4.1. Curriculum hours will remain the same in 2022 from 7.30 am to 1.30 pm daily as communicated in the End of Term 4 Parent Notification dated 8 November 2021. The school will continue with the practice of staggered recesses and school dismissal as shown in [Annex A](#) and [Annex B](#) respectively. Class-based CCA for Primary 3 to 6 Clementians will continue to be held on Tuesday mornings.
- 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 Programmes 2022

- 5.1. The After-School Programmes (ASP) for Primary 3 to 6 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 after-school 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 C](#) for an overview of the After-School Programmes 2022. 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 two sessions for parents to network with their child's / ward's Form Teachers over Zoom. The networking session 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 the teacher and the parents; the “Child-Teacher-Parent Conference” (one-to-one sessions) will be held in May. Please refer to the respective dates, as indicated by your child’s/ ward’s level.

| Level | Date | Time |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Primary 4 to 6 | Friday, 14 January 2022 | 3.00 - 4.00 pm |
| Primary 1 to 3 | Friday, 21 January 2022 | 3.00 - 4.00 pm |

7. Chinese New Year Celebration

- 7.1. Our school will be celebrating the Chinese New Year on Monday, 31 January 2022, with adherence to SMM. The school hours will be from 7.30 am to 9.15 am. All Clementians are encouraged to be dressed in their traditional/ethnic costumes 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. On 21 Dec 2021, MOE announced the extension of the national vaccination programme to cover children aged 5 to 11, starting with the older children from 27 Dec 2021. (<https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/20211221-protecting-our-children-from-covid-19-with-vaccination-for-5-to-11-year-olds>)
- 8.2. MOE will be sending a customised SMS invitation to parents/guardians to expedite the vaccination booking process by primary level cohorts. Booking for a vaccination appointment can be done immediately once you received the SMS. If you did not receive the unique link via SMS or encounter issues with the link, please proceed to register interest on the National Appointment System (<https://child.vaccine.gov.sg>). A unique link will be sent via SMS to parents/guardians within 3 to 5 working days after registration.
- 8.3. Your child will be excused from strenuous physical activities for two weeks after each vaccination. 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 so that they will be exempted from physical activities for two weeks.
- 8.4. Please refer to the following useful resources pertaining to the vaccination.

| For Queries Relating to | Resources |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Vaccine Safety and Efficacy | https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgBw4fHUtzK2hnCEMxpKE54Al6nQqYIDV (Recorded Webinar MOE YouTube channel) |
| | https://www.hsa.gov.sg/announcements/press-release/pfizercomirnaty_children |

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| | https://www.moe.gov.sg/faqs-covid-19-infection |
| Vaccination and Registration | https://www.moe.gov.sg/faqs-covid-19-infection |
| | https://www.vaccine.gov.sg/locations-vcs |
| Registration link for Parents/ Legal Guardians who did not receive SMS booking invitation | https://child.vaccine.gov.sg |

9. Safe Management Measures

Our school will continue to remain vigilant in our fight against Covid-19. We continue to seek your cooperation to observe the SMM and practice social responsibility as follows:

- (a) All visitors to school are required to scan in using their TraceTogether (TT) token or the TT App at the security guard house.
- (b) Clementians are required to carry their TT token to school and have it with them throughout the day to facilitate accurate contact tracing.
- (c) Daily temperature-taking with additional visual screening will continue to be carried out for all students and staff.
- (d) **Our school would like to remind all parents to exercise personal and social responsibility to help keep our school safe.** Please see a doctor and stay home if your child/ward is unwell. If your child/ward is on Health Risk Warning (HRW), please make sure your child/ward tests ART negative before leaving home in the morning. Please comply with Isolation Orders and Stay Home Notices (SHN).
- (e) The staggered dismissal times for different levels and designated gates remain unchanged.
- (f) Clementians and staff are required to wear their face masks/shields.
- (g) Clementians will continue to practise frequent hand-washing throughout the school day and practise wipe-down routines like cleaning tables and shared equipment after use.
- (h) Intermingling across classes and levels will be minimised.
- (i) Our school will clean high-touch surfaces more frequently and disinfect our premises daily.

10. Personal Responsibility

(a) Trace Together Token (TT Token)

Parents are to ensure that the TT Tokens are in working condition. Clementians are expected to take good care of the TT tokens issued to them. They are required to personalise their TT tokens (e.g. using permanent/paint markers to write their name/school/class) to facilitate the returning of the tokens to the rightful owners.

(b) Temperature Taking

Since 13 Sep 2021, schools have been conducting once-daily temperature-taking and screening for flu-like symptoms for students and staff. A second temperature-taking will only be required for Primary School students attending School-based Student Care Centre. **We would like to seek your assistance to remind your child/ward to bring a working 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 4 January.**

(c) Wet Wipes or Two Clean Pieces of Cloth

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.

(d) Face Mask and Hand Sanitiser

Mask wearing and personal hygiene protect us from Covid-19. Hence, please continue to ensure that your child/ward wears a mask to school, as well as bring with him/her a small bottle of hand sanitiser to help keep their hands clean.

(e) Face Towel

We would like to request that you prepare a face towel for your child/ward to clean his/her face after PE lessons before putting on his/her face mask/shield.

Please assist your child/ward in keeping the above items clean.

11. School Safety and Security

11.1. Visitors to School

11.1.1. 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.

11.2. Road Safety

11.2.1. 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 follow road safety procedures within and outside school at all times. 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.

11.2.2. 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.

11.2.3. 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.

11.3. Traffic Updates

11.3.1. 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.

11.3.2. 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.

11.3.3. 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.

11.3.4. 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.

12. **Parental Involvement and Support**

12.1. 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.

12.2. 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 2022 ahead!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Vimalenthiran Vijayasingam', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr Vimalenthiran Vijayasingam
Principal

Daily Staggered Recess Timings

| | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri |
|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Pri 1 | 8.30 – 9.00 | 8.45 – 9.15 | 8.30 – 9.00 | 8.30 – 9.00 | 8.30 – 9.00 |
| Pri 2 | 9.00 – 9.30 | 9.15 – 9.45 | 9.00 – 9.30 | 9.00 – 9.30 | 9.00 – 9.30 |
| Pri 3 | 9.30 – 10.00 | 9.45 – 10.15 | 9.30 – 10.00 | 9.30 – 10.00 | 9.30 – 10.00 |
| Pri 4 | 10.00 – 10.30 | 10.15 – 10.45 | 10.00 – 10.30 | 10.00 – 10.30 | 10.00 – 10.30 |
| Pri 5 | 10.30 – 11.00 | 10.45 – 11.15 | 10.30 – 11.00 | 10.30 – 11.00 | 10.30 – 11.00 |
| Pri 6 | 11.00 – 11.30 | 11.15 – 11.45 | 11.00 – 11.30 | 11.00 – 11.30 | 11.00 – 11.30 |

STAGGERED DISMISSAL PLAN FOR PRIMARY 1 to 6 CLEMENTIANS 2022



Dismissal Time: 1.30 p.m.

| Classes | Dismissal Point |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Empathy, 1 Perseverance & 1 Confidence | Foyer (Left Side) |
| 2 Empathy, 2 Perseverance & 2 Teamwork | Foyer (Right Side) |
| 3 Confidence & 3 Teamwork | Gate 1 |
| 4 Responsibility | Gate 1 |
| 5 Empathy & 5 Perseverance | Gate 9 |
| 6 Confidence | Gate 9 |

Dismissal Time: 1.35 p.m.

| Classes | Dismissal Point |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Initiative, 1 Sincerity & 1 Teamwork | Foyer (Left Side) |
| 2 Confidence, 2 Sincerity & 2 Responsibility | Foyer (Right Side) |
| 3 Initiative | Gate 1 |
| 4 Initiative & 4 Empathy | Gate 1 |
| 5 Confidence | Gate 9 |
| 6 Empathy & 6 Perseverance | Gate 9 |

Dismissal Time: 1.40 p.m.

| Classes | Dismissal Point |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Responsibility, 1 Enthusiasm & 1 Unity | Foyer (Left Side) |
| 2 Initiative & 2 Enthusiasm | Foyer (Right Side) |
| 3 Responsibility & 3 Perseverance | Gate 1 |
| 4 Confidence | Gate 1 |
| 5 Responsibility & 5 Teamwork | Gate 9 |
| 6 Responsibility | Gate 9 |

Dismissal Time: 1.45 p.m.

| Classes | Dismissal Point |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 3 Empathy | Gate 1 |
| 4 Perseverance & 4 Teamwork | Gate 1 |
| 5 Initiative | Gate 9 |
| 6 Initiative & 6 Teamwork | Gate 9 |



Practise social distancing.

Put your mask on at all times.

The table below provides an overview of the after-school programmes for 2022:

| Time | Level | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Additional Learning Support for P2 to P4 (2.00 to 3.00 pm) | P2 | | | | | PM Read |
| | P3 | Remediation | | | Remediation | |
| | P4 | Remediation | | | SDR/RRP | |
| | | SDR/RRP | | | Remediation | |
| | | | | | SDR | |
| Additional Learning Support for P5 to P6 (2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.) | P5 | Remediation | | Remediation | | |
| | P6 | Remediation | | Remediation | | |
| Other ASP | P2-P6 | E2K Math (P6) | Math Olympiad Training Programme (P2 to P6) | | | DI (P6) |
| | | Additional sessions for selected CCA (P3 to P6) (Tentative) | | | Additional sessions for selected CCA (P3 to P6) (Tentative) | |