



ANDERSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of P2 - P6 Students,

Welcome to a new academic year at Anderson Primary School. To the new parents/guardians amongst us, a warm welcome to our Anderson Family. As we get ready to welcome all our P2 to P6 Andersonians back to school, we would like to thank all parents/guardians for your partnership in co-building a safe and nurturing learning environment for our students.

1. A Special Welcome: Vice-Principals Mr Thomas Boh and Ms Jasmine Tan

Anderson Primary School warmly welcomes Mr Thomas Boh (VP EO) and Ms Jasmine Tan (VP Admin), both of whom were posted to our school with effect from 15 Dec 2022. Mr Boh and Ms Tan have had many years of school leadership experience. Mr Boh was posted from Woodlands Ring Primary School, where he had served as the VP (EO) for nine years, while Ms Tan was posted from Si Ling Primary School, where she had served as VPA for eight years.

Mr Boh and Ms Tan will be supporting me in leading the school to provide authentic platforms for Andersonians to internalise and demonstrate good habits and values and shine the Anderson LIGHT. To understand more about our 2023 school theme and key directions, I'd like to invite you to read my 2023 Principal's Message published on our school website (<https://andersonpri.moe.edu.sg/about-us/principals-message-for-2023>).

2. Start of School on 4 Jan (Wed)

There is no school for P2 - P6 students on 3 Jan (Tue). The school year will start on 4 Jan 2023 (Wed). Our school-based SCC, operated by Commit Learning SchoolHouse, will be open from 1.30 pm on 3 Jan (Tue) for all SCC students.

Please refer to **Annex A** for our 2023 school hours, arrival and staggered dismissal timings. Morning flag-raising will start punctually at 7.30 am, followed by first period curriculum lessons. Students are considered late for school if they arrive after 7.30 am. All students are encouraged to arrive by 7.20 am.

On 4 Jan (Wed):

To facilitate our students' transition to the new school year, all students will go through Start Right!, an orientation programme on 4 Jan (Wed). For the first day of school, students will only need to bring their water bottles, snacks for snack break and stationery for classroom activities and a storybook. On 4 Jan, all students can come in their PE attire (PE T-shirt and shorts).

From 5 Jan (Thu):

Curriculum lessons will only begin from 5 Jan (Thu). The curriculum time-table will be issued to all students on 4 Jan (Wed). Your child's/ward's Form Teachers will also inform your child/ward on the books/files to bring on each day for the rest of the week. Students should be dressed in their PE attire on days with PE lessons and in their school uniform on non-PE days.

3. Snack Break

There will be a snack break at 8.30 am (for P3, P4 & P5) or 12.00 pm (for P2 & P6) daily for about 10 minutes. We encourage you to prepare healthy snacks for your child/ward. You may refer to the list below for the suggested snack items. We also encourage the use of reusable containers for the storage of the snacks.

Allowed as snacks	Not allowed as snacks
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cut fruits• Dried fruit e.g. raisins• Bread buns / sandwiches• Energy bar• Nuts• Vegetable sticks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Titbits e.g. potato chips• Hot food e.g. rice, porridge, noodles• Sweets, chocolates and candies• Sugary drinks• Fried food

4. Storybook for Silent Reading

Before morning flag-raising at 7.30 am daily, all students are expected to read a book either in their respective classrooms or in the school hall. Please ensure that your child/ward brings a storybook to school daily.

Mon and Wed	Mother Tongue Language storybooks
Tue, Thu and Fri	English Language storybooks

5. Student Well-Being & Temperature-Taking Exercise on 11 Jan (Wed)

Please ensure that your child/ward brings a working thermometer to school daily. The school will be conducting a school-wide temperature-taking exercise on 11 Jan (Wed). All students are expected to take their temperatures with their personal thermometers to be reported to their Form Teachers.

If your child/ward feels unwell (e.g. sore throat, cough, fever and/or running nose), please keep your child/ward at home and bring him/her to see a doctor. If a medical certificate is issued, your child/ward can only return to school after the stipulated MC period.

If your child/ward has received a Covid-19 vaccination within 2 weeks before he/she attends school, please inform his/her Form Teacher about the date of vaccination. Your child/ward will be excused from any strenuous activities for 2 weeks from the day of vaccination.

6. Form Teachers' Meet & Greet Sessions and Level Curriculum Briefings (from 16 Jan – 1 Feb)

Your child's/ward's Form Teachers will be arranging to meet you virtually through a meet & greet session. It will be a common Zoom meeting together with other parents of students from the same class, scheduled anytime from 16 Jan – 1 Feb. Your child's/ward's Form Teachers will provide more information via ClassDojo.

The school would also be sharing online resources to keep you updated about our level-based curriculum. Your child's/ward's Form Teachers will share the link to access the online resources with you after 16 Jan.

7. After-School Programmes

In tandem with the removal of Mid-Year Exams (MYE) for all levels, the school will not be holding after-school supplementary lessons for P5 and P6 levels in 2023. The removal of MYE will free up curriculum time for teachers to reinforce and deepen students' learning.

Extended curriculum lessons for students taking Higher MTL, Foundation EL and/or Foundation Math are compulsory and will begin from Term 1 Week 3. The individual subject teachers will provide you with more details separately.

P3 and P4 students selected for SDR and RRP will continue to be supported in these after-school reading programmes. The SDR and RRP lessons will begin from Term 1 Week 3. The SDR and RRP teachers will provide you with more details separately.

To support students in their learning of the core subjects (EL, MTL, Math & Science), structured remedial lessons will be arranged and start from Term 1 Week 5. If your child/ward is selected for these remedial lessons, his/her subject teacher(s) will provide you with more details separately.

As a guide, all CCAs will start from Term 1 Week 5. Students participating in NSG will start their CCA practices earlier. CCA teachers will share more details on the CCA sessions with you separately. Please refer to **Annex B** for our 2023 CCA Schedule.

8. CNY Celebrations on 20 Jan (Fri) – no early dismissal

There will be a school-based CNY celebration on 20 Jan (Fri). As it is not CNY Eve, there is no change to school hours (i.e. from 7.30 am to 1.00 pm/1.10 pm). School will close for CNY on 23 Jan (Mon) and 24 Jan (Tue), and resume on 25 Jan (Wed).


9. EZLink School Smart Card Photo-Taking Exercise for P1 & P6 Students on 31 Jan (Tue)

The individual photo-taking exercise for P1 and P6 students will be held on 31 Jan (Tue). Students can come to school in their PE attire if they have PE lessons on that day.

10. Communication Channels

We remain committed to building a strong home-school partnership, working closely with parents/guardians to enrich the learning experiences of our students.

While teacher-parent communication is encouraged, teachers are not expected to provide their personal phone number to parents. We seek your understanding to use the following channels to communicate with our teachers.

S/N	Existing Communication Channels between School and Parents/Guardians	Remarks
1	Student Handbook 2023 & Class Dojo	Exchanging notes with teachers
2	School Email	anderson_ps@moe.edu.sg
3	School General Office	6456 0340
4	School Website	http://www.andersonpri.moe.edu.sg 
5	Emails with Teaching Staff	Email addresses can be found on school website
6	Emails with School Leaders and EXCO	Email addresses can be found on school website.
7	Face-to-face/virtual engagements	School briefings and Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC)
8	Letters to Parents through <i>Parents Gateway</i>	Letters to parents will be sent out <u>electronically</u> through <i>Parents Gateway (PG)</i> . Please ensure that

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		you have on-boarded PG so that you can be kept updated on important school matters.

We also seek your understanding to only contact our teachers during school operating hours (weekdays during school terms from 7.30 am to 5.30 pm). Our teachers may only be able to respond on the next working day. You may contact the school's General Office for assistance if queries/requests made during working hours are urgent.

11. 2023 School Terms, Holidays & PSLE Dates

The school would also like to apprise parents of 2023 school terms, school and public holidays as well as PSLE dates. This is for your early information. However, should there be any changes to the dates, we will notify you closer to the actual dates. Please refer to Annex C.

12. (Reminder) Vehicular Access via Car Decals & Road Safety

For parents/guardians who wish to have vehicular access to the school compound for picking up/dropping off your child/ward, kindly be reminded that you will need to display a registered serialised car decal prominently on the windscreen of your vehicle. For those who have yet to register, please do so by completing a short road safety quiz at <https://go.gov.sg/roadsafetyquiz> or access the quiz via the QR code.



You will be prompted to submit the car decal application form only after you have completed and submitted the quiz. Our admin team will process the application and pass the car decal to your child/ward when it is ready.

13. Looking forward to a year of strong partnership with you. Wishing all parents/guardians a fulfilling and happy new year ahead.

Delia Hoo (Mdm)
Principal

1. School Hours for 2023

Day	School Hours	Reporting Time	Staggered Dismissal Time	Recess/ Snack & Lunch Breaks	Pick-up Time (by car)
Mon, Tue & Wed	7.30 am – 1.30 pm	7.20 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P1, P2, all students taking sch bus & attending SCC: 1.30 pm • All other students from P3 – P6: 1.40 pm 	<u>Staggered Recess:</u> P1: 8.30 – 9.00 am P2: 9.00 – 9.30 am P6: 9.30 – 10.00 am P3: 10.00 – 10.30 am P4: 10.30 – 11.00 am P5: 11.00 – 11.30 am	1.50 pm
Thu & Fri	7.30 am – 1.00 pm	7.20 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P1, P2, all students taking sch bus & attending SCC: 1.00 pm • All other students from P3 – P6: 1.10 pm 	<u>In-Class Snack Break:</u> P3, P4, P5: 8.30 am P1, P2, P6: 12.00 pm	1.20 pm

2. More information on staggered dismissal times for 2023

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Dismissal Gates (pick up by foot)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All P1 & P2 students • All students taking sch bus & attending SCC 	1.30 pm	1.30 pm	1.30 pm	1.00 pm	1.00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P1 dismissed at Gate B. • P2 dismissed at Gate C (Gate E for wet weather)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All other P3 – P6 students 	1.40 pm	1.40 pm	1.40 pm	1.10 pm	1.10 pm	Gate A or Gate E

2023 CCA Schedule

CCA will commence from Term 1 Week 5 onwards. For selected students taking part in National School Games, their CCA commencement date will be earlier. Your child's/ward's CCA teachers will share more information separately.

CCA Cluster	Thursday (1.30 pm to 3.30 pm)	Friday (1.30 pm to 3.30 pm)
Performing Arts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Angklung (P3-P6) 2. Brass Band (P2-P6 + Percussion Band) 3. Dance Ensemble (P2) 4. Guzheng (P2) 5. Guitar (P2-P6) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Angklung (P2) 2. Brass Band (P3-P6) 3. Dance Ensemble (P3-P6) 4. Guzheng (P3-P6) 5. English Drama
Sports and Games	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Badminton (Girls) 2. Basketball (Girls) 3. Volleyball (Boys) 4. Football (Boy/Girls) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Badminton (Boys) 2. Basketball (Boys) 3. Volleyball (Girls) 4. Football (Boys/Girls)
Uniformed Groups		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Boys' Brigade 2. Girls' Brigade
Clubs and Societies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Art Club 2. Infocomm Club 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robotics Club 2. GAIA Club

2023 School Terms, Holidays & PSLE Dates**A) School Terms for 2023**

Semester 1	
Term 1	(For P1) 3 Jan (Tue) to 10 Mar (Fri) (For P2 – P6) 4 Jan (Wed) to 10 Mar (Fri)
Term 2	20 Mar (Mon) to 26 May (Fri)

Semester 2	
Term 3	26 Jun (Mon) to 1 Sep (Fri)
Term 4	11 Sep (Mon) to 17 Nov (Fri)

B) School Vacation for 2023

Semester 1	
Between Terms 1 and 2	11 Mar (Sat) to 19 Mar (Sun)
Between Semesters 1 and 2	27 May (Sat) to 25 Jun (Sun)

Semester 2	
Between Terms 3 and 4	2 Sep (Sat) to 10 Sep (Sun)
At End of School Year	18 Nov (Sat) to 31 Dec (Sun)

C) Public Holidays & Scheduled School Holidays for 2023

Holiday	Date
New Year's Day	1 Jan (Sun) *2 Jan (Mon) will be a public holiday.
Chinese New Year	22 Jan (Sun) and 23 Jan (Mon) *24 Jan (Tue) will be a public holiday.
Good Friday	7 Apr (Fri)
Hari Raya Puasa	22 Apr (Sat) *24 Apr (Mon) will be a school holiday and a designated day off-in-lieu, school will be closed including the General Office and Student Care Centre.
Labour Day	1 May (Mon)
Vesak Day	2 Jun (Fri)
Hari Raya Haji	29 Jun (Thu)
Youth Day	2 Jul (Sun) *3 Jul (Mon) will be a school holiday.
National Day	9 Aug (Wed) *10 Aug (Thu) will be a school holiday.
Teachers' Day	1 Sep (Fri)
Children's Day	6 Oct (Fri)
Deepavali	12 Nov (Sun) *13 Nov (Mon) will be a public holiday.
Christmas Day	25 Dec (Mon)

For information on the school terms and school/public holidays 2023, you may visit this web link:
<https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/20221019-school-terms-and-holidays-for-2023>

D) PSLE 2023 and School Closure due to PSLE

National Exam	Exam Dates	Remarks
PSLE Oral Examinations	15 Aug (Tue) – 16 Aug (Wed)	School will be closed; P1 to P5 students do not report to school.
PSLE Listening Comprehension	15 Sep (Fri)	School will be closed; P1 to P5 students do not report to school.
PSLE Written Exams	28 Sep (Thu) – 4 Oct (Wed)	There will be Home-Based Learning (HBL) for P1 – P5 levels. More details will be shared nearer the dates.
PSLE Marking Exercise	16 Oct (Mon) – 18 Oct (Wed)	School will be closed; all students do not report to school.

The national examination dates may be subjected to changes and parents will be informed of any changes.