



# ST. HILDA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

ESTABLISHED IN 1934

*A Dynamic Learning Community that nurtures loyal citizens with global outlook and Godly character*

*Serve Humbly ▪ Lead Wisely ▪ Live Responsibly ▪ Love Sincerely ▪ Learn Continuously*



School Distinction Award



PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT SINGAPORE



Character & Citizenship Education



Teaching & Learning



Student All-Round Development



Staff Well-Being & Development



Partnership

Our Ref: SHPS/2018/170

1 Aug 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians

## A. UPCOMING EVENTS IN AUGUST 2018

### 1. P1 to P2 Lower Primary Sports Day

The Lower Primary Sports Day will be held on **Tuesday, 7 August 2018**, with details as follows in the table below. All parents are cordially invited to this event<sup>1</sup>.

Level	Timing	Venue
P1	8.15am – 10.15am	<b>St. Hilda's Indoor Sports Hall (ISH), Level 3</b>
P2	11.15am – 1.15pm	(please access the ISH via the Primary School <b>ONLY</b> using Staircase #1 next to the canteen).

### 2. National Day Celebrations

The school will be celebrating National Day on **Wednesday, 8 August 2018**. The theme for this year is "We Are Singapore". There will be an observance ceremony, a concert and class-based activities for all students. The school hours on that day will be as follows:

Level	Timing	Remarks
P1 to P6	7.30am – 10.30am	Dress code: Red T-shirt, school skirt/short and school /sports shoes

The school bus drivers have been informed of the above revised school hours.

### 3. Teachers' Day Celebrations

The school's staff will be celebrating Teachers' Day on **Thursday, 30 August 2018** with an assembly programme for the students to show appreciation to their teachers and a celebratory lunch in an external venue. School will be dismissed earlier on that day at **1215PM** to facilitate staff's preparations, and the school bus drivers have been informed of the early dismissal.

The annual Teachers' Day celebrations have traditionally been a joyous occasion of thanks to, and affirmation of teachers, often marked by the gifting of tokens of appreciation from students to teachers. In general, our teachers are required to decline unsolicited gifts on account of their status as public officials. As such, parents/guardians are reminded to ensure that their children refrain from gifting expensive items.

## DATES TO NOTE

### 4. School Closure

There will be several days of school closure in the month as detailed below. The school's General Office will be open during the usual operating hours on these days.

<sup>1</sup> Noté: parents intending to drive may park their vehicles at public car-parking spaces in the vicinity of the school.



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- a) The day after National Day, **Friday, 10 August 2018**, is a school holiday. School re-commences on **Monday, 13 August 2018**.
- b) The school will be closed for **P1 to P5** students on **16 and 17 August 2018**, for the 2018 PSLE Oral Examinations. P1 to P5 students will carry out home-based e-learning and complete assignments via the various e-learning platforms detailed in the table below.

Subject	Platform
English Language	AskNLearn
Mathematics	AskNLearn / Koobits
Science	AskNLearn
Chinese Language	Ezhishi
Malay Language	Student Learning Space (SLS)
Tamil Language	Vaandu
GEP	OneNote

- c) The school will also be closed for all students and teachers on Teachers' Day, **Friday, 31 August 2018**.

## 5. Public Holidays

The school will be closed on the following Public Holidays in the month:

- a) National Day, **Thursday, 9 August 2018**
- b) Hari Raya Haji, **Wednesday, 22 August 2018**.

## B. GENERAL INFORMATION

### 6. Application for Vehicular Drop-off / Pick-up Decal

As part of the school's on-going efforts to enhance security, **with effect from 1 August 2018**, vehicular entry into the school compound will be restricted to authorised vehicles only. Vehicles of parents/guardians that are authorised to be driven into the school to drop off or pick up students (no parking being allowed) must clearly display the school's vehicular drop-off/pick-up decal on the windscreen.

Application for the decal closed on 27 July 2018. The next application window for the decal will open from September 2018, with forms obtainable from the School's General Office.

### 7. Departure from School

The school takes a serious view of the safety and well-being of students. As such, **during school hours**, students are not allowed to leave school without permission. In all cases where permission is given, parents/guardians (or authorised persons) are required to



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sign out for the students concerned at the school's General Office before they are permitted to take the students out of school.

Students in school are also not allowed to leave the premises during the interval between dismissal and their after-school programmes (e.g. CCA, remedial, etc.). This is to minimise the opportunities for them to loiter in the neighbourhood where they could be exposed to undesirable influences.

## 8. Hand Foot & Mouth Disease (HFMD)

There is an on-going outbreak of HFMD in our neighbouring country, affecting many students and causing some schools to be closed. Hildan Parents/Guardians are advised to be watchful for signs of the infection in their children/wards, and to take the needful precaution, including seeking medical advice. Some information on the infection is as follows:

### a) Cause and Characteristics:

- HFMD is a viral infection caused by a group of Enteroviruses, most commonly the Coxsackie virus.
- Incubation period is 3 to 5 days (with a range from 2 days to 2 weeks).
- Young children below 5 years old are more susceptible.
- Usually mild and self-limiting with treatment focused on relief of symptoms

### b) Common Signs and Symptoms:

- Fever
- Sore Throat
- Mouth ulcers on the inside of the mouth or sides of tongue
- Rash or small blisters on palms of hands, soles of feet, and/or buttocks
- Lethargy
- Poor appetite

c) HFMD is spread through direct contact with nasal discharge, saliva, faeces and fluids from the rash of an infected. A person is most contagious during the duration of the illness. We seek your cooperation to prevent the spread of HFMD by ensuring your child's personal hygiene and exercise social responsibility by not sending your infected child to school.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Daphne Yeoh  
Principal