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Dear Parents/Guardians

1 Warm Welcome and Happy New Year!

On behalf of all the staff at Yuhua Primary School, I would like to welcome all our P2 – P6 pupils back to school and of course, extend a very warm welcome to our P1 pupils. May I wish all our staff, parents, guardians and pupils a Happy New Year! I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you, your child/ward and your family a great year ahead with good health, happiness and success in all your endeavours.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our 2017 P6 pupils who did well for their PSLE last year, with 100% pass for our 4S and 4S1H subject combination pupils. We have also achieved an overall percentage pass of 99.0%. In addition, more than half of our pupils were eligible for Express course and our pupils have done better than National Average for the percentage pass for English and Chinese Languages, Higher Chinese, Malay and Tamil, Foundation English, Malay, Tamil, Mathematics and Science as well. We wish all our 2017 P6 pupils success in their secondary school education.

2 School Directions

As we start the new year, we would like to share with you the directions and key programmes in our school.

School Mission	Growing Our Hearts and Minds
School Vision	Yuhualite – One who Cares, Shares and Contributes; One who Learns, Thinks and Innovates
School Values	R ³ ICH: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Integrity, Care, Harmony
School Strategic Thrusts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yuhualites Our Focus 2. Staff Our Asset 3. Partners Our Support

Growing Our Hearts:

We aim to develop our pupils into caring contributors anchored in strong values. The school values of Resilience, Responsibility, Respect, Integrity, Care and Harmony drive the school's culture of care. We place emphasis on inculcating strong values and building character in our pupils through our Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) Programmes. In CCE, our pupils learn to be responsible to their family and the community and understand their roles in shaping the future of our nation. Values In Action (VIA) and Co-Curriculum Activities (CCAs) are two key components in our CCE programmes.



Growing Our Hearts and Minds

Our VIA programmes involve all pupils in contributing their time and efforts to serve the community at large. There is deliberate planning, execution and monitoring of activities at the various levels to ensure that there is developmental progression of skills taught and quality learning experience for the pupils. CCAs offer excellent platforms for pupils to learn core values, social and emotional competencies and the emerging 21st Century Competencies.

We will also be embarking on positive education that blends academic learning with character and well-being. Through positive education, pupils will learn life skills such as grit, optimism, resilience, engagement and growth mindset.

Our distinctive Learning for Life Programme (LLP) focuses on building good character through Music and the Performing Arts. The school also has an outdoor Music Garden to support the school's effort to build good character through Music and the Performing Arts.

Growing Our Minds:

We aim to develop our pupils into motivated and innovative learners, having the love for learning and the ability to think. The school has an innovation programme which aims to develop pupils in the 21st Century Competencies especially in the domains of Critical & Inventive Thinking. The programme integrates Project Work Skills, Content Knowledge (interdisciplinary) and ICT Skills to extend learning in authentic settings for our pupils to experience the joy of learning and nurture an intrinsic motivation towards learning. The programme requires pupils to think innovatively and communicate confidently while working independently or collaborating in teams.

The school also adopts Paul's Wheel of Reasoning model to provide a focus in developing our pupils' critical and creative thinking (CCT) skills. Key questions (using Paul's Wheel of Reasoning) are incorporated in lesson plans for teachers to engage pupils in different levels of thinking and discussions while conducting the lessons.

The school also embarks on our InnoMake programme to nurture a new generation of digital natives and encourage pupils to explore the possibilities of digital making. All our Primary 4 and 5 pupils will go through this programme where they will be using a pocket-sized, codeable computer, called the micro:bit, to pick up coding skills. Its key objective is to empower our pupils to be digital creators and makers, so as to cultivate real-world problem-solving skills, encourage digital creativity and innovation, as well as foster collaboration and co-creation with their peers.

3 General Repair & Redecoration Work (GR&R) & Construction of the Sheltered Walkway

As mentioned in our 2017 Term 4 letter to parents, the school has been undergoing GR&R work which is expected to be completed by end of Feb to ensure the school remains conducive for pupils to learn and play. Interior and exterior painting together with refurbishment and renovation work in the school are progressing as planned. Our school's external façade has been painted with bright colours to create a vibrant school environment. During this period, the school will continue to ensure safety and security of our pupils such that the GR&R work would be carried out safely. At the same time, we urge all parents to fully support and comply with any safety instructions and advisory put up by the school. We do apologize for any inconvenience caused and thank you in advance for your kind support and patience. Painting of the interior of classrooms and other rooms in the school has been completed during the end-of-year holidays so that our pupils can start the year in the newly-painted classrooms. The tables and chairs in all the classrooms have also been replaced.

We are also pleased to share that the construction of the sheltered walkway linking the school building to Side Gate 5 has been completed. The linkway will provide shelter during rainy days. Parents/guardians whose child/ward leaves school through Gate 5 during dismissal time can now wait at the void deck outside Gate 5 to fetch their child/ward on rainy days.



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Minds*

4 School curriculum hours

Our school curriculum hours for 2018 are as follows:

Days	P1 - P6
Monday - Friday	7:30am to 1:30pm

Regular attendance in school - Learning can only take place with regular attendance. We seek your kind cooperation that your child/ward attends school every day so that he/she will have opportunities to learn and grow. Absence from school must be supported by a medical certificate or other valid official documents.

5 Meal Break in School

School recess time for 2018 are as follows:

Levels	Recess Time
P1 and P5	9:30am to 10:00am
P2 and P4	10:00am to 10:30am
P3 and P6	10:30am to 11:00am

Fruits are served during recess together with the main meals to fully comply with the Healthy Meals in Schools Programme guidelines. This is to enable your child/ward to have a healthy and balanced meal with food from the 4 food groups (carbohydrates, fruits, vegetables and protein) when they are in school. With the inclusion of fruits, daily pocket money of \$1.20 to \$1.50 for meals during recess will suffice.

Pupils are allowed to eat healthy snacks in the form of dry finger food during lessons between 12.00pm and 12.30pm. This is to promote the well-being of pupils. Some examples of healthy snacks include, sandwiches, whole meal biscuits, muesli bars and fruits like apples or bananas. Having regular healthy snacks throughout the day helps pupils develop healthy eating habits and they may also benefit in terms of their cognitive, physical and socio-emotional development. Having a snack break before they go home can help to ensure that pupils do not go hungry for an extended period of time. Our pupils will be taught how to choose healthy snacks during their Health Education lessons.

6 Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) during Curriculum Time for P3 to P6 pupils

CCA is conducted during curriculum time. It is incorporated within your child's/ward's formal curriculum hours. The curriculum time for all P1 to P6 classes in 2018 will remain as 7.30 am to 1.30 pm, Mondays to Fridays. Pupils who are involved in inter-school competitions for some of the CCAs may have additional CCA sessions after school hours.

Our CCAs cater to a broad spectrum of interests and talents as we would like to enable all our pupils to experience active and meaningful CCA participation. By having CCAs during curriculum time, all our P3 to P6 pupils will have the opportunity to participate in a CCA and progressively develop CCA-specific knowledge, skills, values and attitudes through sustained participation in the CCAs.

7 School Rules and Attire

All pupils are expected to follow the school rules which are reflected in the 2018 Pupil's Handbook.

Attire for school

- As shared previously, with effect from 2017 the official uniform for the P1 to P3 girls is the 'blouse and skirt' uniform instead of the previous 'pinafore' uniform. All P1 to P3 girls will now wear the 'blouse and skirt' uniform. To facilitate the transition process of this change for the current P3 girls, they can continue to wear their current pinafore until the end of P3. However, if they wish to wear the 'blouse and skirt' uniform, they are allowed to do so as well. The uniform for the upper primary girls and all the boys remains the same.
- On Mondays, all pupils must be attired in full school uniform when reporting to school in the morning. The boys must be attired in the school shirt and shorts with the school tie. The girls must be attired in the school blouse with skirt with the school bow.
- On other days, all pupils are expected to wear the school uniform without the bow or tie when attending the morning assembly. If there is PE lesson on that day, the boys and girls are allowed to wear the House T-shirt with shorts and skirt respectively.

8 Temperature Taking

Every pupil must have an Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) in his/her bag. This is to ensure that he/she will be able to measure the body temperature when necessary. If your child/ward is unwell, he/she should seek medical consultation and should not attend school. As part of the school's efforts in ensuring preparedness for any health-related incidences like flu pandemic, the school will be conducting a temperature-taking exercise on Friday, 5 Jan. We would like to seek your assistance to ensure that your child/ward brings his/her ODT to school daily.

9 School Continual Assessment 1 (CA1) Schedule for Primary 3 to Primary 6 pupils

Fri 23 rd Feb	Mon 26 th Feb	Tue 27 th Feb	Wed 28 th Feb	Thur 1 st Mar
Higher Mother Tongue (for P5 & P6 only)	English	Mathematics	Mother Tongue	Science

Please note that in place of continuous and semestral assessments for our P1 and P2 pupils, a holistic development profile and the portfolio of each child will be given to parents at the end of each term. In addition, feedback on the pupils' progress and learning will also be provided to parents through alternative modes of assessment and topical tests. P2 pupils will be taking the semestral assessment 2 in term 4 to facilitate their transition to P3. The weightings for Holistic Assessment in P1 and P2 are as follows:

	Holistic Assessment	P1	P2
Semester 1	Term 1	-	10%
	Term 2	30%	20%
Semester 2	Term 3	30%	15%
	Term 4	40%	55%
	Total	100%	100%

The assessment weightings for Continual and Semestral assessment in 2018 are as follows:

	Assessment	P3 to P5
Semester 1	Continual Assessment 1(CA1)	10%
	Semestral Assessment 1(SA1)	20%
Semester 2	Continual Assessment 2(CA2)	10%
	Semestral Assessment 2(SA2)	60%
	Total	100%

	Assessment	P6
Semester 1	Continual Assessment 1(CA1)	10%
	Semestral Assessment 1(SA1)	20%
Semester 2	Preliminary Assessment	70%
	NA*	-
	Total	100%

* All Primary 6 pupils will sit for the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) at the end of their primary education. Posting to secondary schools is based only on the PSLE results.

10 Absence from School Examination

Only Medical Certificates and other valid official documents are accepted for absences from examinations. Please note that letters from parents will not be accepted. There will be no make-up examination for absentees for all school-based examination (including all holistic assessments). Marks will not be awarded for absentees without valid documents.

11 Operating Hours of General Office

The General Office is open on Monday to Friday from 7:00am to 5:00pm.

12 Visitor Pass and Pupils' Safety

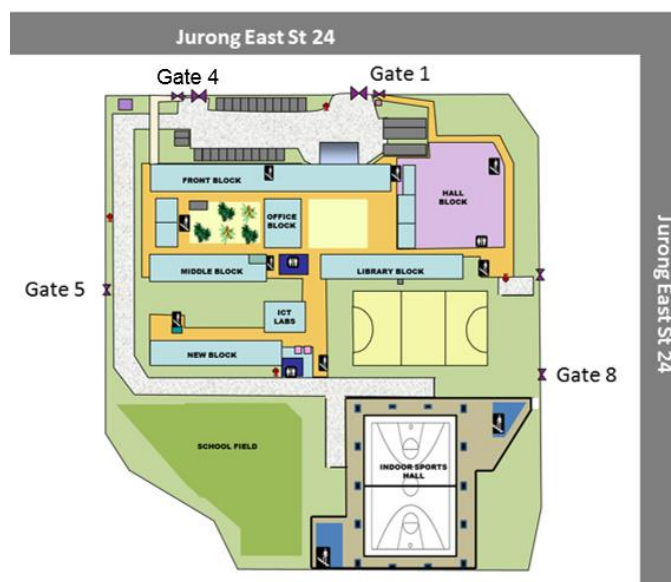
All visitors are requested to report to the security counter at the Main Gate and register your particulars with the security guards. You will be issued with a visitor pass. With the Visitors' Pass, you can then proceed to make purchases at the book shop or report to the General Office to get assistance on any other matters.

Parents/Guardians will not be allowed to go to the other parts of the school, especially the classrooms. This is one of the measures the school is taking to ensure the safety and security of the pupils in the school as well as to minimize disruptions to the pupils' learning.

13 Pedestrian Gates

The daily opening hours of all our pedestrian gates are as follows:

Gate	Monday to Friday (school term)
Gate 1 (Main Gate)	6:30am to 6:30pm
Gate 4 (Front Gate)	6:50am to 7:30am
Gate 5 (Facing HDB Blk 250 carpark)	6:50am to 7:30am 1:30pm to 1:50pm 4:15pm to 4:45pm
Gate 8 (Next to ISH and facing traffic light junction)	6:50am to 7:30am 1:30pm to 1:50pm



14 Traffic Conditions and Cooperation of Parents/Guardians

Due to the limited car park lots and space in the school, parents/guardians are not allowed to drive into the school compound during peak hours*. We strongly urge all parents/guardians who drive, to use the HDB car park next to the school (next to HDB Blk 250) as a pick up or drop-off point for your child/ward.

- Parents/Guardians should not park/stop their vehicles in front of the school along Jurong East St 24 to pick up or drop off your child/ward. Not only is this illegal, but it also poses grave danger to pedestrians and other road users.
- If it rains, parents/guardians are allowed to drive into the school compound to drop your child/ward off. You should drive with care and observe instructions given by the security officers/staff on duty while in the school compound.
- We seek your co-operation and kind understanding for the safety of our pupils.

*Peak Hours: 6:45am to 7:30am
1:30pm to 2:00pm

15 Important Contact Details

The following are the contact details for the various services in the school:

Services	Operating Hours	Telephone
**Dental Clinic	Wed – Thur 8:00am – 5:30pm Fri 8am – 5:00pm Lunch Time: 12pm – 1pm	65674427
School Book Shop: Pacific Bookstore Pte Ltd	Mon – Thur: 8:00am – 3pm Lunch Time: 12pm – 1pm	68975927
School Bus: Chitson Transport	–	Office: 67650262 HP 96665436 (Mr Yap)
School Uniform: United Uniforms Manufacturers Pte Ltd	–	Office: 67638346 Fax:67638346

*** Note: Kindly give a call to arrange for appointment should your child/ward need emergency dental treatment, or call the following clinics on days that our clinic is closed:*

School Dental Clinic	Telephone	Address
Jurong Primary School	65646859	320, Jurong East St 32 Singapore 609476
Lakeside Primary School	62654284	161, Corporation Walk, Singapore 618310
Rulang Primary School	65617150	6, Jurong West St 52, Singapore 649295

16 Term 1 Calendar of Activities

The list of activities, programmes and assessments (Annex A) which the school has planned for Term 1 is attached for your reference. Should you need further clarifications on any of the above matters, you can speak with your child/ward's teachers or contact the General Office at 65605062.

On this note, I would like to thank all our parents/guardians for your support. Your active involvement in your child/ward's education and your continuing support for the school are helpful in his/her effective development. If you are keen to be a parent volunteer, do pick up a registration form from the General Office or at the Parent Support Group (PSG) Room in the canteen.

May I wish you and your child/ward a happy and fulfilling year ahead.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs See Lai Kwan
Principal

Annex A

2018 Term 1 Calendar of Activities

Wk	Date	Time	Activity / Event	Venue	Target Group
1	1 Jan (Mon)	New Year's Public Holiday			
6	8 Feb (Thur)	2.15pm - 5.00pm	Heats for Annual Athletic Meet (AAM)	Clementi Stadium	Identified P3-P6 pupils
7	12 – 14 Feb (Mon – Wed)	7.30am (12 Feb) to 12.30pm (14 Feb)	P5 Camp	MOE Dairy Farm Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre	P5 pupils
	15 Feb (Thur)	Curriculum Time	Chinese New Year celebration and Commemoration of Total Defence Day (Note: All pupils will be dismissed by 10.30am)	School	All pupils
	16 Feb (Fri)	Chinese New Year Public Holiday			
8	19 Feb (Mon)	Chinese New Year School Holiday			
	23 Feb (Fri)	Curriculum Time	CA1 Higher Mother Tongue Languages (HMTL)	School	P5 – P6 HMT pupils only
		5.30pm - 7.30pm	P6 Briefing for Parents	School	Parents of P6 pupils
9	26 Feb (Mon)	Curriculum Time	P1 and P6 Photo-taking for School Smart Card	School	P1 and P6 pupils only
			CA1 English Language (EL)		P3 – P6 pupils only
			CA1 Mathematics		P3 – P6 pupils only
			CA1 Mother Tongue Languages (MTL)		P3 – P6 pupils only
	27 Feb (Tue)		CA1 Science	P3 – P6 pupils only	
	28 Feb (Wed)				
1 Mar (Thur)					
2 Mar (Fri)	2.15pm – 3.30pm	P3 VIA - Garden Composting Workshop	School	All P3 pupils	
10	5 – 9 Mar (Mon – Fri)	Curriculum Time	Mother Tongue Fortnight (MTL) Programme (Note: MTL Fortnight will continue in Term 2 Week 1)	School	All pupils
	7 Mar (Wed)	7.30am – 12.30pm	Annual Athletic Meet (AAM)	Clementi Stadium	P3-P6 pupils (There will be no school for P1-P2 pupils)
	9 Mar (Fri)	8.00am – 4.00pm	P1 – P6 Parent-Child-Teacher Conference	School	Parents of P1 to P6 pupils