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Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **1. A Warm Welcome to 2023!**

We would like to warmly welcome our 2023 P1 cohort as well as all Yuhualites back for the new school term. We hope that the December school holiday had been a well-rested one for you and your family. All Yuhualites can expect 2023 to be an enriching and exciting year as we continue to plan and implement programmes and activities that aim to grow the hearts and minds of our students.

We would also like to wish our Primary 6 2022 graduates a fruitful year ahead in their Secondary Schools. We are confident that they will continue to exemplify the school values and carry on the good name of Yuhua Primary School as they start their new journey.

### **2. Staff Movement**

We would like to welcome our new teachers who joined our Yuhua Family from 1 January 2023. They are Mdm Christine Rebekah Chua, Mdm Kwan Wai Yee, Mdm Rita Bte Salleh , Mr Tan Heng Kwee, Mdm Nur Qurratuaini Binte Mohd Zuhri and Mdm Yip Lai Mun.

We would also like to congratulate Mr Shum Wai Hoh on his official appointment as the Head of Department for PE/CCA. We are confident that Mr Shum and our new colleagues will continue to do their best to develop our students holistically and help them reach their potential.

We would also like to wish the following teachers all the best in their future endeavors in their next posting. They are:

- Mr Anthony Tay Poh Hua
- Mdm Afzal-En-Nisa Bte Mohamad Nasir
- Mdm Choy Jia Ying Florence
- Mr Liu Hung
- Mdm Vikneswari D/O Sukumaran

Mrs Isa Tan-Koh Ai Hua, our School Staff Developer (SSD), will be retiring in the coming January and will be joining our school as a Flexi-Adjunct staff. Mdm Marrissa Bte Mohamed Taib will be appointed as SSD and helming the Staff Growth and Development Committee to carry on the good work done by Mrs Isa Tan.

We thank these teachers for their dedication and commitment towards the growth and development of all Yuhualites.

### 3. First Day of School

As shared with you through Parents Gateway (PG), the first day of school for our P1 students is on Tuesday, 3 January 2023, and for our P2 to P6 students, their first day of school is on Wednesday, 4 January 2023.

For our P1 students, please refer to the packing list given during the P1 Orientation Day held on 18 November this year for the required items to bring.

As for our P2 to P6 students, they should bring the following items for their first week of school:

1. Water Bottle
2. Story Book
3. Pencil Case
4. Colour Pencils/Markers
5. Notebook
6. Oral Digital Thermometer
7. Healthy Snacks for 9 a.m. and/or 12 p.m. snack break
8. English, Mother Tongue, Music and Art - Books and Files (To be brought on 5 January 2023, Thursday)
9. Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Health Education - Books and Files (To be brought on 6 January 2023, Friday.)

Kindly note that the first week of school will be used to conduct orientation activities that will help all our students ease into their new class environment, foster teacher-student relationships, and bond with their classmates. These activities focus on the well-being of our students, allowing them to start 2023 on a positive note.

### 4. School Directions

To better prepare our students for life and work, our staff had numerous discussions and conversations on the desired outcomes for our students. We are committed to grow the hearts and minds of our students and strongly believe that all Yuhualites can ACHIEVE. With these sharpened desired student outcomes, our key programmes and activities will be reviewed for better alignment to develop our students as future-ready, life-long learners.

Our re-envisioned Desired Student Outcomes are:

**EVERY YUHUALITE CAN**

**ACHIEVE**

ACTIVE CONTRIBUTOR	CRITICAL THINKER	HEALTHY PERSON	INDEPENDENT LEARNER	ENCOURAGING FRIEND	VALUES-DRIVEN LEADER	ENGAGING COLLABORATOR
I take care of my environment.	I reflect and improve.	I grow my self-confidence.	I take ownership of my learning.	I include others.	I lead responsibly.	I respect the views of others.
I am proactive in helping others.	I use the thinking routines I have learnt.	I make responsible decisions.	I persevere in my learning goals.	I am a peer supporter.	I am exemplary in my actions.	I work harmoniously with others.
I use my strengths to benefit others.	I see things from various perspectives.	I take good care of myself.	I pursue my learning interests and talents.	I am an active listener.	I find different ways to solve problems.	I share my thoughts with confidence.

Our school vision and mission will continue to guide us in providing a holistic and learner-centred environment for all our students, with enriching learning opportunities provided to engage them. Character development of students anchored in sound moral values will remain our priority.

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 <sup>3</sup> ICH: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Integrity, Care, Harmony
School Motto	Strive and Shine - Together we can Achieve
School Strategic Thrusts	1. Yuhualites Our Focus (Flourishing Students) 2. Staff Our Asset (Thriving Staff) 3. Partners Our Support (Engaging Stakeholders)

### Growing Our Hearts:

We aim to develop our students as active contributors and values-driven leaders anchored in strong values. The school values of Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Integrity, Care and Harmony drive the school's culture of care. We place emphasis on inculcating strong values and building character in our students through our Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) Programmes. In CCE, our students 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. Our VIA programmes involve all our students contributing their time and efforts to serve the community at large. Our distinctive Learning for Life Programme (LLP) will continue to focus on building good character through Music and the Performing Arts.

Positive education undergirds the holistic development of our students. Through positive education, students will learn life skills such as grit, optimism, resilience, engagement and growth mindset. This is carried out through an integrated approach that leverages the Student Management Processes and programmes such as LLP, CCE and the Co-Curriculum. These efforts aim to enrich our students' positive emotional bank, inculcate values, develop responsible leadership skills and character strengths, build positive relationships, and strengthen their resilience.

In line with developing the character strengths of our students as part of our positive education approaches, our classes are named after the character strengths: **Joy, Courage, Kindness, Gratitude, Diligence, Unity, Love** and **Honesty**. In positive education, character strengths are widely valued positive traits, recognised and valued in almost every culture to help improve the well-being of individuals. Our students will learn about their class character strength, amongst all others, promote it and apply it in their daily lives.

### Growing Our Minds:

Think@Yuhua - Developing Critical and Creative Thinkers is the school's Applied Learning Programme. The programme aims to equip our students with critical and creative thinking (CCT) skills and dispositions that will prepare them to adapt and thrive in the rapidly-changing world. We aim to develop our students into reflective and independent learners, having the love for learning and the ability to think critically.

The school adopts Paul's Wheel of Reasoning model to provide a focus in developing our students' CCT skills. Key questions are incorporated in lesson plans for teachers to engage our students through different levels of thinking and discussions during lessons. This year, the school is going to adopt facilitation skills to encourage student voices and collaboration.

The school continues to promote innovation in our students through our coding programmes such as the TechPlay 123 (P1 to P3) and the InnoMake Programme (P4 to P6) to encourage our students to explore the possibilities of digital making. The key objective of the programme is to empower our students to be digital creators and makers, so as to cultivate real-world problem-solving skills, develop computational thinking, and encourage digital creativity and innovation. At the P5 level, elements of design thinking are infused in the InnoMake programme to develop curiosities and foster the desire to solve problems in students. In addition to this, our P5 students will continue to be involved in a 10-hour Code for Fun (CFF) programme in 2023.

## 5. School-based Assessment Structures

The key aim of our school-based assessment is to develop academic literacies and life-long learning skills in our students as they strive towards being motivated and self-directed learners. Thus, Learn for Life, as a value, an attitude and a skill is what our students need to possess. It is in this spirit that changes to the school-based assessment structures have been made over the years to deepen the joy of learning and instill a stronger intrinsic motivation in our students to learn well.

Building on efforts to move away from an over-emphasis on academic results, there will not be any Mid-Year Examinations for P3 to P6 levels with effect from 2023. With the freed-up time, there will be more opportunities for student-centred teaching and learning approaches which lay the groundwork for nurturing life-long learning attitudes and skills.

The school has also reviewed its assessment process to align our school-based assessments to MOE's directives. Please note that Review Tests, with effect from Term 1 2023, will be conducted within the stipulated week, using varied alternative modes of assessments not restricted to just pen-and-paper test formats. Students will be given the opportunity to demonstrate not only the concepts learned but the skills that they have acquired.

### Assessment and Weightages for 2023

Information of the assessment and weightages in 2023 for each level is provided in the table below. This information is also available in your child's/ward's 2023 Student Handbook.

Level	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
P1	No weighted assessment			
P2	No weighted assessment			
Level	T1 Review Test	T2 Review Test	T3 Review Test	End of Year Exam (EYE)
P3	-	15%	15%	70%
P4	10%	10%	10%	70%
P5	10%	10%	10%	70%
Level	T1 Review Test	T2 Review Test	Prelim	
P6	15%	15%	70%	

Kindly note that only Medical Certificates and other valid official documents are accepted for absences from any weighted assessments. Letters from parents will not be accepted and there will be no make-up test/assessment for absentees (including all holistic assessments). Marks will not be awarded for absentees without valid documents.

### Lower Primary (P1 & P2)

Since 2019, there has been no weighted assessments for P1 and P2. The school will use subject-specific learning outcomes (LO) and qualitative descriptors to report P1 and P2 students' learning progress for all subjects at the end of Semester 1 and Semester 2. These will provide feedback to parents on our students' progress and learning through the different modes of assessment completed by our students. Detailed information of these unweighted assessment tasks will be provided at the beginning of each term. A Holistic Development Profile (HDP) and portfolio will be given to parents/guardians of P1 and P2 students at the end of each semester as well.

## 6. Temperature-Taking

The school will conduct the Temperature-Taking Exercise on Wednesday, 11 January 2023.

Every student must have a working Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) in his/her bag. This is to ensure that he/she will be able to measure his/her body temperature and monitor it when necessary. If your child/ward is unwell, please bring him/her to seek medical consultation, and he/she should not attend school until he/she is fully well. We would like to seek your assistance to ensure that your child/ward brings his/her ODT to school daily.

## 7. School Curriculum Hours and Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)

Our school curriculum hours for 2023 are as follows:

Level	School Curriculum Hours
P1 to P3	Mondays to Fridays, (7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.)
P4 to P6	Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays (7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.)
	<b>*Thursdays (7.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.)</b>

*\* Please refer to Letter to Parents (Year-End) 2022 shared with you through PG on 14 November 2022.*

CCA for P3 to P6 students will be conducted on every Tuesdays, from 7.30 a.m. to 9 a.m. during school hours and will commence in Term 1, Week 5.

The schedule and consent form for the After-School Programme (ASP) for identified P4 to P6 students will be given out at a later date. ASP will also start in Term 1, Week 5.

Learning with teachers' support and guidance can only take place with regular school attendance. We seek your kind cooperation that your child/ward attends school every day so that he/she will have the opportunities to learn and grow together with his/her peers in a conducive school learning environment. Absence from school must be supported by a medical certificate or other valid official documents.

## 8. Staggered Dismissal Timings

To ensure that there will not be any congestion at the different dismissal points, we have made arrangements to dismiss our P1 to P3 students slightly earlier than the rest of the levels.

Level	Staggered Dismissal Time
P1 to P3	1.25 p.m.  <b>*Note:</b> <b>For Term 1 Week 1, from 4 Jan (Wed) to 6 Jan (Fri), only P1 students will be dismissed at 1.00 p.m.</b>  <i>From 9 Jan (Mon, Week 2) onwards, the dismissal time for all P1 students will be at 1.25 p.m.</i>

Parents/guardians will be informed if there are further changes to the staggered dismissal timings.

## 9. Meal Breaks in School

In 2023, the school will keep to the practice of having only one cohort for each recess so that our students will have enough time and space to buy and consume their food.

<b>Levels/Recess/Snack Break</b>	<b>Recess Timing</b>	<b>Lunch Break (Only on Thursdays for P4 to P6 students)</b>
<i>All Levels Snack Break 1</i>	<i>9 a.m.</i>	-
P3	9.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	N.A.
P2	9.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	
P1	10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	
P4	10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.
P5	11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.
P6	11.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon	2.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.
<i>All Levels Snack Break 2</i>	<i>12 noon</i>	-

The cost of recess and lunch meals is estimated at \$2.00 each. This is to ensure that the quality of food sold meets the basic nutritional needs of our students, and yet also provide reasonable balance between quality food, affordable prices, and business sustainability. Fruits are also served during recess together with the main meals to fully comply with the Healthy Meals in Schools Programme guidelines. Please also join us to encourage our children to avoid buying sweet drinks, and to bring their water bottle to school instead. We have water coolers located around the school for them to fill their bottles. A daily pocket money of \$2.00 to \$2.50 for meals during recess will suffice. If your child/ward is also staying for lunch, please prepare a similar amount as well.

Students are allowed to eat healthy snacks in the form of dry finger food either at 9.00 a.m. or 12.00 noon during their allocated Snack Time in class. Some examples of healthy snacks include sandwiches, wholemeal biscuits, muesli bars, fruits (e.g. apples, bananas, grapes, etc.) and others. Having regular healthy snacks during the day helps students develop healthy eating habits and they may also benefit in terms of their cognitive, physical and socio-emotional development. Having this snack break before they go home can also help to ensure that they do not go hungry for an extended period of time. Our students will be taught how to choose healthy snacks during their Physical Health Education (PHE) lessons.

## 10. Student Handbook

All students will be issued a copy of the 2023 Student Handbook during the first week of school. We are pleased to share that the cost of the first copy of the handbook will be borne by the school. In the event that your child/ward requires a second copy or a replacement, he/she can purchase a new handbook from the school bookshop. Kindly note the information provided in the handbook on School Matters. Your child/ward will need to use the handbook to record his/her homework and assignments. Teachers may communicate with you through the handbook hence please do check your child's/ward's handbook on a regular basis if that is the agreed mode of communication with his/her teacher(s).

## 11. School Uniform Matters

Starting from 2023, Asencio Pte Ltd will be the school's new school uniform vendor. You may purchase the school uniform from the vendor at the school canteen (in January), school bookshop (from February onwards) or from their main office at:

120 Hillview Avenue #05-01  
Kewalram Hillview  
Singapore 669594

Opening Hours: 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (Monday to Friday)  
9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. (Saturday)

For other enquiries, you can contact them through the following ways:

Email	sales@asencio.com.sg
Telephone	67643102
Fax	67641032

## 12. Visitor's Pass and Students' Safety

All visitors are requested to report to the security counter at the Main Gate and register their particulars with the security guards.

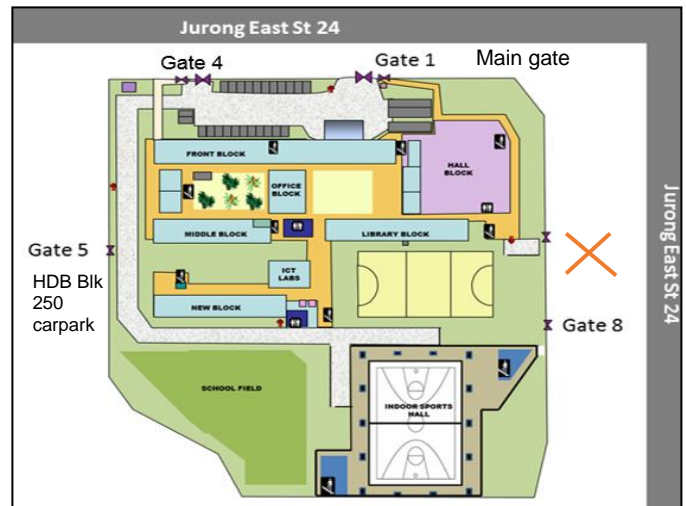
For security reasons, visitors are also required to produce their NRIC or other national identification document (driving license, work permit, passport, etc.) for verification purposes. The physical NRIC/ID document will be returned to the visitors after the verification of their identity and will not be retained by the school. Visitors will be issued with a Visitor's Pass. With the Visitor's Pass, visitors can then proceed to make purchases at the bookshop or proceed to the General Office for assistance on any other matters. Please put on the Visitor's Pass that is issued to you as you enter the school premises.

All visitors to school will not be allowed to venture off 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 our students in the school as well as to minimize disruptions to their 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)	6.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Gate 5 (Facing HDB Blk 250 carpark)	6.45 a.m. to 7.25 a.m. 1.30 p.m. to 1.50 p.m. 4.15 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.
Gate 8 (Next to ISH and facing traffic light junction)	<b>To note:</b> <b>Will NOT be in used</b> <b>due to upcoming renovation of ISH in 2023</b>



Please note that Student Care dismissal will be via Gate 5 with effect from January 2023.

### 14. Traffic Conditions and Cooperation of Parents/Guardians

For the safety of our students, parents/guardians are not allowed to drive into the school compound at all times, except in cases of inclement weather where the drive-in gates will be opened to facilitate students' drop-off at the school porch. We strongly urge all parents/guardians who drive to park their cars at the car park next to the school at Blk 250 and guide their child/ward to enter by Gate 5.

Kindly note that parents/guardians should not park/stop their vehicles in front of the school along Jurong East St 24 to pick-up or drop-off our students. Not only is this illegal, but it also poses grave danger and inconvenience to pedestrians and other road users. Let us role-model consideration for our students and others.

### 15. Operating Hours of the General Office and Important Contact Details

The General Office is open on Monday to Friday from 7.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. The following are the contact details for the various services in the school:

Services	Operating Hours	Telephone
Dental Clinic	Mon – Thur: 8.00 a.m. – 5.30 p.m. Fri: 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Lunch Time: 12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.  <i>Note: Clinic will be opened on alternate weeks starting from Week 1 onwards.</i>	6567 4427 (Kindly call the dental clinic to arrange for an appointment should your child/ward need emergency dental treatment before coming down to the clinic.)
School Book Shop: <b>Pacific Bookstore Pte Ltd</b>	Mon – Thur: 8.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. Lunch Time: 12.00 noon – 1.00 p.m.	6897 5927
School Bus: <b>Chitson Transport</b>	–	Office: 6765 0262 HP: 9666 5436 (Mr Yap)



## **16. Term 1 & Term 2 Calendar of Activities**

The list of activities, programmes and assessments which the school has planned for Semester 1 is attached for your reference. Any changes or updates to the details of these events will be made in our next termly letter to parents or sent via Parents Gateway (PG).

## **17. Parents Gateway (PG)**

Parents Gateway (PG) is the digital service that connects parents and schools on key administrative matters. It is a mobile application available on iOS and Android for our parents/guardians. It affords our school the timely convenience of updating parents on our school's programmes and for our parents/guardians to provide consent for their children to participate in school activities. PG is free-of-charge and access to the mobile application is restricted to parents and legal guardians who are Singpass holders. We encourage all parents/guardians to come onboard PG.

Should you need further clarification on any of the above matters, you can speak with your child/ward's teachers or contact the General Office at 6560 5062.

On this note, we would like to thank all our parents/guardians for your trust, strong support and partnership. We look forward to having your child/ward with us and to a fruitful learning journey ahead in 2023.

Thank you and wishing you and family a very good year ahead.

Yours Partners-in-Education,

Mrs Ruth Tai  
Principal

Mrs Zoey So  
Vice-Principal

Mr Noah Ong  
Vice-Principal (Admin)

**Yuhua Primary School  
Calendar of Activities  
Term 1, 2023**

*Note: Activities/ Events are tentative & subject to changes. Parents/guardians will be notified of the changes, if any.*

Wk	Date	Time	Activity / Event	Venue	Target Group
1	2 Jan (Mon)	<b>New Year's Day Public Holiday (Day Off-in-lieu)</b>			
	3 Jan (Tues)	P1 First Day of School			P1 students
	4 Jan (Wed)	P2 to P6 First Day of School			All students
2	11 Jan (Wed)	Temperature-Taking Exercise (All students are to ensure their working Oral Digital Thermometers are with them.)			All students
	12 Jan (Thurs)	Start of P4 SwimSafer (On Thursday afternoons) More details will be shared with you.			P4 students
3	20 Jan (Fri)	Chinese New Year School Celebrations (Full Day school) (All students are encouraged to come in their traditional costumes as part of the festive learning experiences.)			All students
4	23 Jan (Mon)	<b>Chinese New Year Public Holiday</b>			
	24 Jan (Tues)	<b>Chinese New Year Public Holiday (Day Off-in-lieu)</b>			
5	2 Feb (Thurs)	Start of P4 to P6 ASP (On Thursday afternoons)			Selected P4 to P6 students
7	13 Feb (Mon)	Total Defence Day School Celebrations			All students
	14 Feb (Tues)	2 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Annual Athletics Meet (Heats)	Chua Chu Kang Stadium	Selected students
8	20 Feb (Mon) to 24 Feb (Fri)	Curriculum Time	Term 1 Review Tests	School	P4 to P6 students
9	3 Mar (Fri)	TBC	P4 and P6 Parent's Engagement	TBC	P4 & P6 Parents
10	10 Mar (Fri)	TBC	Annual Athletics Meet (Tentative)	Chua Chu Kang Stadium	P3 to P6 students
-	11 Mar (Sat) to 19 Mar (Sun)	March Term Break			

**Yuhua Primary School  
Calendar of Activities  
Term 2, 2023**

*Note: Activities/Events are tentative & subject to changes. Parents/guardians will be notified of the changes, if any.*

<b>Wk</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity / Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Target Group</b>
1	22 to 24 Apr (Wed to Fri)	Curriculum Time	P4 Museum-Based Learning Journey (SS)	Kreta Ayer Heritage Gallery	P4 students
	23 & 24 Apr (Thurs & Fri)	Curriculum Time	P6 Museum-Based Learning Journey (SS)	Asian Civilisation Museum	P6 students
3	7 Apr (Fri)	<b>Good Friday Public Holiday</b>			
5	17 Apr (Mon)	Hari Raya Puasa School Celebrations			All students
6	24 Apr (Mon)	<b>Hari Raya Puasa Public Holiday (Day Off-in-lieu)</b>			
	28 Apr (Fri)	Curriculum Time	P5 Museum-Based Learning Journey (SS)	Indian Heritage Centre	P5 students
7	1 May (Mon)	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>			
8	8 May (Mon) to 12 May (Fri)	Curriculum Time	Term 2 Review Tests	School	P3 to P6 students
10	26 May (Fri)	Home-Based Learning (HBL)			All students
		Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC)			
-	27 May (Sat) to 25 Jun (Sun)	Mid-Term Break			