



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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RGPS/N24/P5/002

January 2024

Dear Parents/Guardian

2024 P5 JANUARY CIRCULARS

We would like to wish all a happy 2024 ahead and may every day of your life be filled with blessings. We would also like to welcome your child/ward back to school.

In this set of circulars, you will find the information on the following programmes. Please refer to the table below for a list of circulars which you will be receiving. We seek your cooperation to follow up accordingly and adhere to the submission dates.

If you require any clarifications, you may contact the General Office at 6468 4377 or email the teacher-in-charge as indicated accordingly.

S/N	Item	Remarks
1	Welcome Back to School & COE 2024	Refer to Attachment Annex A
2	Student Details via SDF Portal	Deadline by 31 January 2024
3	POSB Smart Buddy Letter	Refer to Attachment Annex B
4	HPB Online Consent for School-based Health & Dental Services	Refer to Attachment Annex C
5	Intent to Participate in Non-CCA NSG 2024	Deadline for NSG Tennis (Senior) by 8 January 2024. Deadline for all other sports by 26 January 2024.
6	Diversity in Cells Workshop @ Science Centre Singapore	Indicate consent and deadline for parent chaperon sign-up by 5 January 2024.
7	Just for Papa Event	Register via the QR code in brochure
8	Information for Parents- Keeping Your Child Vape-Free	

Thank you

Your Partner in Education
Mrs Elaine Quek
Principal

1. Welcome Back to School & COE 2024

We hope that you have had a good break with your child/ward and we would like to welcome her back to school on **2 Jan 2024 (Tue) for P1** and **3 Jan 2024 (Wed) for P2 – 6**.

As we start the new year, please take note of the following:

I. **Safe Management Measures**

Students are to bring their thermometers on **10 Jan (Wed)** for Attendance and Temperature Taking Exercise.

In line with MOH's advice and as part of our efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff, please observe the following measures:

- If your child/ward is feeling unwell, please take her to see a doctor and do not allow her to come to school.
- If your child/ward is recovering from respiratory-related illnesses, to wear a mask and minimise social interactions with big groups.
- Maintain good personal hygiene and improve hand hygiene by using sanitizers and soap available in school.

Your vigilance and cooperation are important in keeping our school safe for all.

II. **School Bookshop**

We would like to provide our reassurance to parents/guardians who are unable to purchase all the textbooks before school starts. Parents/guardians are able to proceed to the school bookshop between 2.00pm and 3.00pm (Mon – Fri) to purchase books.

III. **School Dismissal**

The school will continue to practise staggered dismissal times in the interest of the well-being of all students. The arrangements are as follow:

Dismissal Time	Levels
1.20pm	P1
1.25pm	P2, P3
1.30pm	P4, P5, P6

In the event of inclement weather, P1 and P2 students will be dismissed by class from the canteen, while P3 and P4 students will be dismissed from the unloading bay beside the canteen.

IV. **Traffic Matters**

Please take note of the following traffic matters. Your cooperation and consideration will help to make arrival and dismissal safe and smooth for all.

4.1 Students Walking to School

Students coming from the direction of the MRT station or Dunearn Road should enter the school by Gate 2A. From Gate 2A, students can access the hall and classrooms via the sheltered walkway and link bridge without crossing any roads.

4.2 Drop-off & Pick-Up by Private Cars

Students can alight along the whole stretch from the canteen to the basketball court. This stretch can accommodate at least 10 cars at any one point, when parents **drive forward as far as possible**. Students can also alight at Car Park C (see map below) and use the link bridge to access the hall and classrooms directly. Please ensure that your child/ward is ready to alight promptly when your car stops. Parents should not disembark from the car.

Cars are allowed into the school for pick-ups at 1.40pm after the school buses leave. Cars are not allowed to wait outside the school before 1.35pm. Please do not come too early and note that partial one-way traffic along Hillcrest Road operates from 1.00pm – 2.00pm and 4.30pm – 5.30 pm for CCAs. For school dismissal pick-ups, P1 to P4 parents should drive to the canteen pick-up point, while P5 and P6 parents should drive to the basketball court where the students gather to wait.



4.3 Indiscriminate Parking

Please do not park your cars indiscriminately along Hillcrest Road and Watten Rise during school dismissal. Indiscriminate parking makes traffic impassable and has resulted in a few near misses. LTA deploys officers to carry out ground enforcement of traffic rules and will issue summons to drivers who infringe the rules. Please refer to the attached advisory notice from LTA for more information.

V. **CCA & Enrichment Programmes**

CCAs will start in week 3 and Enrichment Programmes in week 4.

VI. **Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTM)**

The Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) in Term 1 serves as a platform for your child's/ward's subject teachers to meet you as a class. They will talk about general expectations and how they will be working with you to support the students' learning. The PTM will be conducted virtually via Zoom. Details of the session were sent to you on 28 December 2023 (Thursday).

Date	Level	Timing
3 January (Wed)	P2	2.30 – 4.00pm
4 January (Thur)	P6	
5 January (Fri)	P5	
8 January (Mon)	P3	
10 January (Wed)	P1	
11 January (Thur)	P4	

VII. Calendar of Events

Please refer to [Annex A](#) for the calendar of school events for Semester 1.

As we move into 2024, we look forward to your continued support and partnership in the holistic development of your child/ward.

Have a blessed 2024 ahead.

2. Student Details via SDF Portal

The Ministry of Education (MOE) would like to request for an update of your information and your child's/ward's information via the Student Details Form (SDF) for the purpose of providing educational services to your child/ward in MOE schools.

Please submit the information through the SDF portal which can be accessed via this URL: <https://pg.moe.edu.sg/forms/sdf> or the QR code below. Parents/Legal Guardians may login to the SDF portal using your Singpass account to submit your information and information of your child/ward. Authorised Caregivers can only submit your own information.



The SDF portal can be accessed via desktop computers or mobile devices such as laptops and mobile phones.

We seek your help to complete the submission by **31 Jan 2024**.

You may also wish to know that the SDF portal will be accessible till the last day of Term 4 for you to provide timely updates of your information and/or your child's/ward's information.

3. POSB Smart Buddy Letter

RGPS has been partnering with POSB to implement the world's first in-school wearable tech programme, POSB Smart Buddy since 14 August 2017. With this programme, you will be able to pre-set your child's / ward's daily allowance, and monitor her expenses and savings conveniently with a mobile app. Your child / ward will be able to make payments at the school bookshop, canteen and selected merchants outside of school with the Smart Buddy watch. In addition, you may choose to automatically transfer your child's / ward's savings into her ePOSBkids Account every month.

This initiative aims to help our pupils develop financial literacy and better saving habits. They will also learn about contactless payment as they experience using the wearable tech to pay for their purchases in the school canteen and bookshop.

You may refer to the attached digital registration letter by POSB for more details on the programme and sign-up process. Upon successful sign-up, POSB will post the welcome pack consisting of the wearable watch and other information to your mailing address. Your child will be able to begin making purchases with the POSB Smart Buddy watch from **2 January 2024** onwards.

We look forward to your support in this initiative.

4. HPB Online Consent for School-based Health & Dental Services

The Health Promotion Board (HPB) will conduct **health screenings, immunisations and dental checks** for your child/ward. These services ensure the protection of your child's/ward's health and allow for early detection of health issues.

Please read the attached HPB digital letter for online consent.

For any enquiries, do contact Mrs Claresta Chee (claresta_wong@schools.gov.sg).

5. Intent to Participate in Non-CCA NSG 2024

This notification is meant for students who have been training externally for sports that are recognized by the Singapore Primary Schools Sports Council and not being offered as a CCA in RGPS. Some examples of such sports competitions are Wushu, Swimming, Track & Field, Sailing, Golf.

If your child's/ward's coach deems her fit and prepared for participation in competition and would like to take part in the National School Games (NSG), **please complete the form by 26 January 2024**.

For those who are interested to participate in **NSG Tennis (Senior Division)**, **please complete the form by 8 January 2024**. Any late submission will not be accepted.

The link to the form is <https://form.gov.sg/6540a6373a98390012259d61>

We will contact you once we have received news of the NSG registration.

For any enquiries, do contact Mdm Sharifah Maznah (sharifah_maznah_salim_bamasri@schools.gov.sg).

6. P5 Diversity in Cells Workshop @ Science Centre Singapore

The primary 5 pupils will be attending a workshop on the topic 'Diversity of Cells' at Science Centre Singapore in Term 1. They will explore and observe the amazing building blocks of a whole variety of life forms on this Earth through a microscope and appreciate their significance. They will learn about classification of living things, identify different parts of the compound microscope and know their functions and prepare sample slides using simple staining methods and view them under the microscope.

The schedule for the workshop for the respective classes are as follows:

Date (Day)	9 Jan (Tues)	10 Jan (Wed)	11 Jan (Thurs)
Classes	5AB, 5E & 5HI	5C & 5G	5D & 5F

Time (depart from school) : 1.50pm (Pupils to assemble in the canteen at 1.45pm after lunch)

Time (arrival in school) : 5.10pm (may vary due to traffic conditions)

Please make the necessary transport arrangement to fetch your child/ward home from school.

Kindly provide your consent via **Parents Gateway** by **5 January 2024 (Friday)**.

Each class requires one parent chaperon for the workshop. Please sign up via the link or QR code below if you are able to assist the teachers in bringing the pupils to the workshop by **5 January 2024 (Friday)**.

Sign-up link: <https://go.gov.sg/p5sc-centre-pv>



Your child's/ward's Science teacher will confirm with the selected parent volunteer prior to the start of the workshop should there be more than one volunteer. Parent volunteers are required to be present at the lower canteen at 1.30pm on the day of the workshop.

If you require any clarification, kindly contact your child's/ward's science teacher.

7. Just for Papa Event



JUST FOR PAPA

**Cultivating Fatherhood:
Be the Best Dad You Can Be**

 **20 January 2024, Saturday**

 **2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

*Registration at 1:30 pm (light bites and beverages will be served)

 **New Life Youth Hub at Fajar**
Blk 419 Fajar Road,
#01-449 Singapore 670419

TOPIC 1

Parenting Through Different Stages

- Newborns - Nurturing Attachment
- Youths - Communication & Understanding
- Young Adults - Supporting Independence

TOPIC 2

Parenting Skills and Strategies

- Positive Discipline and Setting Boundaries
- Supporting Partner Relationships

TOPIC 3

Self-Care and Wellbeing

- Managing Stress and Parental Burnout

**SCAN
to register**



<https://go.gov.sg/justforpapa>



8. Information for Parents- Keeping Your Child Vape-Free

Keep your child **Vape-free**

Why **SHOULD** parents take note?

Globally, there is a worrying trend on the uptake of e-cigarettes, especially among youth. The promotion of e-cigarettes to the young has resulted in an exponential increase in the number of young people using e-cigarettes in other countries.

While there are still ongoing health effects of e-cigarettes, existing evidence shows that the harmful chemical composition within e-cigarettes pose many health risks to their users and non-users.

What are E-cigarettes?

E-cigarettes have many names and are sometimes called 'e-cigs', 'vapes', 'vape pens', 'mods', or 'Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems' (ENDS). They are battery-operated devices that mimic the act of regular smoking by heating a liquid to generate an aerosol, which is inhaled by users, through a mouthpiece and exhaled as a visible vapour.

E-cigarettes contain **nicotine**, a highly addictive substance that can affect brain development in youth.

There are also many cancer-causing substances such as **formaldehyde**, **benzene** (produced when heated), and **heavy metals** such as lead.

How to identify an e-cigarette?



E-cigarettes come in a variety of shapes and sizes, some look like traditional tobacco products like cigarettes, cigars and pipes, while others resemble everyday items like USB flash drives and pens. This should not be confused with heated tobacco products (HTP), also known as Heat-Not-Burn products, which consist of a small tobacco stick that is heated electronically, rather than burned.

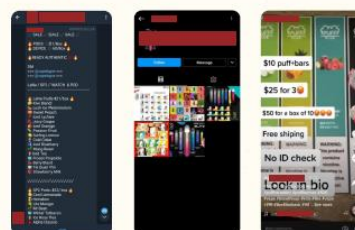
What can you do as a parent?

- Talk to your teen on the harmful effects of smoking and vaping.
- Monitor your child's online activities.
- Look out for these products at home.
- Advise your child to dispose of e-vaporisers and accessories if they possess any.
- Contact Health Sciences Authority (HSA), Health Promotion Board (HPB) or School for advice.

All e-cigarettes and their related accessories are prohibited in Singapore:

- Regardless of age, it is an offence to purchase, use or possess these products in Singapore. Offenders can be fined up to \$2,000.
- It is also an offence to advertise, import, distribute, sell, offer for sale or possess for sale these products in Singapore. Offenders can be fined up to \$10,000, or face an imprisonment of up to 6 months, or both for first time offenders.

How do children obtain e-cigarettes if they are illegal?



Telegram Instagram Tiktok

Common hiding places:



Scan to learn more about vaping



Scan to get tips on getting your teen to quit

For support on Quitting:

1800 438 2000

HPB_SMOKING_CONTROL@hpb.gov.sg/HSA_TRB@hsa.gov.sg