



NAVAL BASE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

NBPS/2019/001

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings from NBPS and Happy New Year to you!

Firstly, a warm welcome to our new students and staff joining the Naval Base Primary Family. We trust that 2018 was a fruitful year for every Navalite ; one that was filled with enriching learning experiences and cherished time with family. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our Navalites can achieve their fullest potential. We will continue to emphasise on values education, anchoring our school programmes on the school's core values of Self-Discipline, Integrity, Respect, Compassion and Learning.

Focus on Education

With the key changes in the education system, there are efforts to shift away from an over-emphasis on academic grades to focus on our students' holistic education and nurture in them an intrinsic motivation to learn, which will spur them to explore and discover their interests and strengths. While academic excellence is a key strength of our system, we will continue to nurture the joy of learning through designing teaching and learning so that our students learn deeply, and develop skills to learn for life, rather than to only focus on excelling in tests and examinations.

Character Development

At Naval Base Primary, the aim has always been to deliver a holistic curriculum that is strongly anchored on Character and Citizenship Development. The school values are imparted to our students in a myriad of ways – in and outside of the classroom, in their daily interactions with their teachers and peers, in every aspect of their school life. We hope that every member of the Navalite family will truly walk the talk and make the values a way of life.

As part of our efforts in character development, we will be renaming our classes with values. The rationale for this change is to strengthen the learning of values which is in alignment with holistic education. More information will be provided in the Form Teachers' Introductory letter.

Peer Support and Relationships (PSR)

We also have specific programmes in place to nurture our students' holistic development. Apart from promoting an active and healthy lifestyle in our students, we also strive to strengthen their mental well-being and resilience. These are crucial in ensuring that they are well-equipped to adapt and cope positively when faced with challenges. This includes helping Navalites develop social and emotional competencies, such as emotion regulation, self-control, problem-solving, relationship management, and conflict management. This year, NBPS will be emphasizing the

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importance of PSR to help students internalize resilient mindsets and skills in a caring and enabling environment.

Punctuality and Attendance

Students are required to report to school and be seated in the hall by **7.50 a.m.** from Monday to Friday. We seek your cooperation to ensure that your child adheres closely to this school rule as late-coming is considered a school offence. Punctuality is a good habit that we would like all students to learn and practice as part of their holistic and life-long education.

School hours for 2019

	Monday and Tuesday	Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
Reporting Time	7.50 am	7.50 am
Dismissal Time	2.00 pm	1.30 pm

We would also like to reiterate the importance of your child's regular attendance and active participation in all school activities. Teaching and learning can only take place effectively if a child is present for school regularly. Any absence from school must be supported by a medical certificate or letter from parents.

Safety in School

Let us continue to keep our students safe on the roads. Do constantly remind your children to observe traffic rules and to use the pedestrian crossings when coming to and returning from school. All parents and visitors are requested to sign in at the security desk when visiting the school. Let us work together to make the school a safe and conducive place for teaching and learning.

Temperature-Taking Exercise

As part of our continuing efforts to safeguard the well-being of every Navalite, we seek the effort of all parents to ensure that your children bring their thermometers to school every day. The school will be conducting a Temperature Taking Exercise on **Monday, 7 January 2019**. Please ensure your child has a working thermometer for the Exercise. All Primary 1 students will be issued with a complimentary thermometer.

Co-curricular Activities (CCA) and PAL

As part of the school's efforts in providing students with a holistic school experience, CCAs will be held on **Mondays, after curriculum time, from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm**, for all Primary 3 to 6 students. P1 and P2 students will also be having their PAL (Programme for Active Learning) sessions during curriculum hours in the mornings. More details will be provided in your child's timetable.

Communication with Parents – Every Parent a Supportive Partner

We value having a close partnership with parents thus enabling our students to do their best. The school has scheduled the following briefings for parents to interact with your children's teachers and to find out more about the school's programmes:

Date	Time	Level
11 January 2019	6.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.	Primary 1, 2 and 3
18 January 2019	6.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.	Primary 4, 5 and 6

The teachers will be addressing key areas in which you can work with them to help your child learn effectively. We look forward to seeing you at the session. More details will be given at a later date.

Use of Students' Photographs / Works'

Please be informed that students' photographs or works may be used during school events. These photographs and images of students' works may also be published in school publications, websites, social media and other school communication channels.

We would like to seek your consent to allow the school to use the photographs and works for non-commercial purposes. Kindly return the completed consent form to your child's / ward's Form Teacher by Monday, **7 January 2019**.

The Navalite Compass

Parents who take a keen interest in their children's school work will be able to help them reach their potential and achieve their overall learning outcomes. Hence, do use your child's school diary, The Navalite Compass, as a means of communicating with the teachers to monitor and support your child's progress.

We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our students need support from both the home and school. My colleagues and I look forward to working closely with you to nurture our students holistically and to enable them to achieve their best.

Here's wishing you and your families a wonderful 2019 ahead.

Thank you.

Warmest regards,

Sita Singh (Mrs)
Principal

Parent's / Guardian's Notification Form

(To be returned to Form Teacher)

To Principal,

I, parent/ guardian of _____ of class _____

have noted the contents of the letter dated 2 January 2019 and

allow

do not allow

my child/ward's photographs or works to be used.

Name. : _____ Contact Number : _____

Signature of Parent : _____ Date : _____