



HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Principal's note

A Happy New Year to all. I am honoured and proud to be part of a school which has such an illustrious history. I look forward to build on the good work and achievements that have been made possible by the hard work and effort of our school staff and previous school leaders. I hope that you and your child will feel the same pride of being in this school as you journey with us on to best support your child's education pathway.

In my address to the school at the start of the year, I reminded our students to be open to learning new things. There would be new classmates and teachers to meet, new experiences to discover and new challenges to overcome.

It is always tempting to fall back on the familiar and to resist change. The students would prefer to keep the friends they have made from their previous class or stay with the teachers they like. I told them to treasure the relationships they have established in the past, and be open to forming new friendships.

As we welcome the Year of the Rabbit this coming Chinese New Year, the story of the hare and the tortoise remains instructive. There are several interpretations of this famous fable by Aesop, and I particularly like the version which reminds us not to be complacent and overconfident with our skills and competencies. The tale encourages us to seek to improve ourselves and not let hubris set in.

On behalf of the school, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Chinese New Year. Let us continue to forge meaningful partnerships in order to bring out the best in every child.

Mr Charles Chan
Principal

1 School Leaders and Year Heads

Let me take this opportunity to introduce our school leaders and Student Development Team (SDT) to you.

Mr Chua Chye Hock, VP (Academic P1-P3)
Mdm Wong Seow Ling Rennie, VP (Academic P4-P6)
Ms Regina Kim, VP (Admin)

The Student Development Team (SDT) oversees the holistic development of the students. Through the SDT, the school seeks to provide a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment for students where they have opportunities to engage in quality learning experience and acquire values supportive of their lifelong well-being.

The Year Heads (YHs) will send out letters each term to keep you updated of key matters pertaining to the respective levels.

Student Development Team	Email
P1 & P2 Level Year Head: Ms Iris See Siao Jun (P1) AYH (Covering): Ms Lam Yuen Kay (P2)	see_siao_jun_iris@moe.edu.sg lam_yuen_kay@moe.edu.sg
P3 & P4 Level Year Head: Mr Dominic Sy Sian Khye (P4) AYH (Covering): Ms Jasmine Lam (P3)	sy_sian_khye@moe.edu.sg lam_yen_fong_jasmine@moe.edu.sg
P5 & P6 Year Head (YH) Year Head: Mr Muhammad Sadhiq (P5) AYH (Covering): Ms Rajesheela d/o Rajanthiran (P6)	muhammad_sadhiq@moe.edu.sg rajesheela_rajanthiran@moe.edu.sg

2 Updates in Teaching Staff

We bid farewell to the following staff and thank them for their contribution to the school.

Mrs Priscilla Heng	Maths & Science Teacher
Miss Wang Chenying Rebecca	Art & Maths Teacher
Mdm Farah Adzlin	EL & Maths Teacher
Mr Matthew Teo	Science and Physical Education Teacher
Ms Deepa Naidu	English Language Teacher
Mdm Koh Siew Bee	Chinese Language Teacher

We also welcome the following staff who joined the school.

See Chi Huah Rodney	Math & Science Teacher
Chua Song Wai	Physical Education Teacher
Patrick Hiap Lee Ann	Physical Education Teacher
Tan Yong Yuan	Physical Education Teacher

We like to congratulate the following staff member for the new appointment wef 01 Jan 2023.

Mrs Chloe Tay	HOD English Language
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3 Staggered Dismissal Timings and Vehicle Pickup Points

In an effort to decongest and ensure safety of our children, we will continue to practise staggered dismissal of students from their classrooms by levels. The various exits and pick-up points for parents driving into school remain the same.

Pickup Points for Children to be Picked Up by Car

Level	Pickup Point	Access Gate	Gate Opens
Lower Pri, P1 to P3	Level 3, Foyer	Via Gate 2	Mon, Tue, Thu and Fri: 1320H to 1415H Wed: 1250H to 1345H *Pick up after gate closure time will be at Bus Bay (Level 1 via Gate 4)
Upper Pri, P4 to P6	Level 1, Bus Bay	Via Gate 4	After all the school buses have left the Bus Bay. Mon, Tue, Thu and Fri: Est. 1345H Wed: Est. 1315H

NOTE: For families with children from across levels, the Lower Primary child(ren) will always follow the Upper Primary sibling's pick up point. The P1-P3 students will all proceed to the Library to wait for their Upper Primary siblings. On days where the Upper Primary child is on HBL or is staying back in school for lessons, the Lower Primary sibling will still proceed to the Bus Bay for pick up. For example, in Term 3 Week 2, if a P2 child has a P4/P5 sibling (who is on HBL), the P2 child's vehicle pickup will still be at the Bus Bay. This is to ensure consistency for the children and parents.

Pickup Points for Children Walking or Taking Public Transport. There is no change to the various pickup points for this group of children.

Please refer to **Appendix 1** for gate opening hours for arrival and dismissal.

4 Traffic Matters

Henry Park Primary School is a big school and traffic to and from the school during the school reporting times and dismissal time can be very heavy. We appreciate the efforts of parents who have been understanding and given way to one another to help the school ensure a safer and smoother traffic flow. Please follow the instructions given by our staff and parent volunteers and cooperate with them to ensure the safety of our students.

For morning arrival, parents driving from Mount Sinai/Ghim Moh should use the Level 1 Bus Bay (Gate 4) to drop off your child. This is because the traffic build-up for Level 3 Foyer (Gate 2) drop off can cause a long tailback and this slows the traffic flow along Holland Grove Road significantly. The sheltered bus bay on Level 1 has a higher capacity to allow more cars to drop-off concurrently compared to the Level 3 Foyer. In addition, since Jul 2020, students who are dropped off at the Bus Bay may take the lifts to their classroom. The school hopes that with this we can encourage more parents to drop their child off at the Bus Bay as this will help alleviate the traffic situation.

For dismissal, parents are reminded that that Holland Grove Road is strictly demarcated as "No Parking" zone. This is to facilitate smooth traffic flow and expedite movement of school buses and cars out to the main roads. Parents should aim to come to the school only after the gate opening time (refer to Appendix 1 for the gate opening hours). LTA enforcement officers will take action on those who are parked illegally.

5 Health, Safety and Security

Our school believes in providing our students with a safe and secure environment to ensure that quality learning takes place. We seek the support of parents not to send your child/ward to school if they are unwell or have flu-like symptoms.

On road safety, we would like to urge parents to remind their children as well as the adults fetching them to utilise designated pedestrian crossings at all times. Jaywalking is very dangerous even if accompanied by adults. It might be slightly inconvenient or entail a longer walk but this ensures the safety of our children.

As a school, we will also practise fire drills, lock-down drills and evacuation of the whole school to the designated assembly areas. With the easing of SMMs, the conduct of such emergency drills will resume progressively throughout the year.

6 School Bus

We like to remind parents whose children are taking the school buses to inform the bus driver in advance on days when your child is not taking the school bus home at the standard dismissal time. This is to avoid holding up the bus as the driver seeks to locate your child before moving off.

7 Dental Clinic Hours

Dental Clinic (contact: 91148656 for appointments)	<p>The operating hours are as follows:-</p> <p><u>School Term</u></p> <p>Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 5:30 pm (Lunch break: 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm)</p> <p>Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (Lunch break: 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm)</p> <p>In case of clinic closure, please call the buddy clinics at 9114 2186 (Bukit Panjang Primary School) or 8764 7361 (Fairfield Methodist Primary School) for an appointment.</p> <p>For dental emergencies during clinic closure, please call School Dental Centre, HPB, at 6435 3782 for an appointment.</p>
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8 Students' Well-Being

Over the next few days, the school will collect the students' workbooks, files and materials, and place them in the classrooms. Students should use their timetable to guide them in packing their school bags. We seek your assistance to guide your child/ward in the matter. Our collective efforts will ensure that our students' school bags are not too heavy.

We believe that our P1 students will adjust well to the primary school. We seek the support of parents to encourage your child to be independent. If they need any help, please encourage them to approach their teachers so that we can assist them.

For a start, encourage your P1 child to talk about his/her new experiences and what he/she likes and dislikes about school. Listen for any worries that he/she may have and attend to those

concerns. To us adults, some matters may seem small and you may be inclined to brush them aside, but it will be helpful to learn to see things through his/her eyes.

As your P1 child adapts to school life, show your support in other ways, such as valuing him/her for who he/she is, and not what he/she has achieved. Instead of comparing his/her performance with others or expressing disappointment when he/she is not performing up to your standard, appreciate his/her efforts. Focus on the learning process – not only on the marks/grades!

9 Snack Break

To cater to the well-being of our students, all students may have a 10-minute snack break daily during lesson time. The timing of the snack break is arranged by teachers who will take into account their recess time. Depending on the nature of the lessons, the teachers will inform the students when they can have the 10-minute snack break during the day.

We seek your cooperation in packing healthy snacks or fruits for their snack break and encouraging your child/children to take responsibility in keeping the classroom clean by observing the hygiene protocols and completing the necessary wipe down procedures after finishing their food.

10 School Achievement- PSLE 2022

We are proud to announce that our 2022 P6 cohort did well in the PSLE and 99.8% passed. 39% of our students obtained PSLE Score of 10 or less. In all subjects, our students have fared well when compared with national results and comparable schools. Congratulations to our Class of 2022 P6 students and we wish them the best as they move on to the next lap of their education journey.

11 Calendar of Events

A copy of the Term 1 Calendar of Events will be provided to your child. Please refer to **Appendix 2**.

12 Chinese New Year Celebration 2023

To celebrate Chinese New Year, the school will be organising a concert and students will attend the event in the School Hall.

Please find the information of the event as shown below:

Date & Day	20 January 2023 (Friday)
Venue	School Hall
Attire	Ethnic costumes or red-coloured T-shirts/ tops with students' school skirts or Bermuda shorts
Time of concert	12pm – 12.45pm (Students follow normal school timetable from 7.30am to 12pm)

Students will be dismissed as per normal school timetable on that day.

Please note that 23 January – 24 January 2023 are public holidays. The students will return to school on 25 January 2023, Wednesday.

13 Parenting Article

'Exciting days ahead: Easing into primary school'

Your child is heading to Primary 1. How will they fare with this change? Here's what Mr Melvin Cher, Principal, Northoaks Primary School, would like all parents to know about transitions, why it's important and how to prepare your child to ease into school life.

<https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/exciting-days-ahead-easing-into-primary-school/>

Charles Chan
Principal

Vision
Lead with Character, Serve with Talents

Mission
Nurturing concerned citizens with integrity and a spirit of excellence through holistic education

School Values
Respect, Integrity, Care, Excellence



Gate Opening Hours

By Car (Arrival)

	Gates Opened	Gates Closed	Remarks
Level 1, Gate 4 (vehicle entrance gate)	0630 hrs	0800 hrs	
Level 3, Gate 2 (vehicle entrance gate)	0630 hrs	0735 hrs	If you arrive after gate opening hours, please use Level 1, Gate 4
Level 3, Gate 6 (vehicle exit gate)			This gate is strictly for cars to exit only

Note: Please drive off immediately after dropping your child. Parents are not allowed to park in the school.

By Car (Dismissal)

	Gates Opened	Gates Closed	Remarks
Level 1, Gate 4 (vehicle entrance gate)	Wednesday		Gate 4 is controlled through arm barrier access. Parents may drive in only after school buses have left.
	1315 hrs	1900 hrs	
	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday		
	1345hrs	1900 hrs	
Level 3, Gate2, (vehicle entrance gate)	Wednesday		Parents should arrange to pick their children at Level 1, Gate 4 if they come in after gate opening hours.
	1250 hrs	1345 hrs	
	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday		
	1320 hrs	1415 hrs	
Level 3, Gate 6 (vehicle exit gate)			This gate is strictly for cars to exit

School Arrival (Walk-in)

	Gates Opened	Gates Closed	Remarks
Level 1, Gate3 (Bus Bay Pedestrian Gate)	0630 hrs	0800 hrs	
Level 1, Gate5 (Bus Bay Exit Gate)			Students are NOT to enter school from this gate
Level 3, Gate 1 (Pedestrian Gate near vehicle entrance gate)	0630 hrs	0735 hrs	Students who arrive after gate opening hours, should use Gate 3 (Bus Bay Pedestrian Gate). Parents will not be allowed in.
Level 3, Gate 7 (Pedestrian Gate near vehicle exit gate)	0630 hrs	0735 hrs	Students who arrive after gate opening hours, should use Gate 3 (Bus Bay Pedestrian Gate). Parents will not be allowed in.

School Dismissal (Walk-Out)

	Gates Opened	Gates Closed	Remarks
Level 3, Gate 1 (Pedestrian Gate near vehicle entrance gate)	Wednesday		Students who are walking out after gate opening hours, should use Gate 3 at Level 1 (Bus Bay Pedestrian Gate).
	1245 hrs	1345 hrs	
	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday		
	1315 hrs	1415 hrs	
Level 1, Gate 1B (near Indoor Sports Hall)	Wednesday		Parents will be allowed into the designated waiting area behind canteen. Enter Gate 1B via road level, Gate 1.
	1245 hrs	1330 hrs	
	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday		
	1315 hrs	1400 hrs	
Level 1, Gate 3 (Bus Bay Pedestrian Gate)	Wednesday		
	1315 hrs	1900 hrs	
	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday		
	1345 hrs	1900 hrs	
Level 1 Gate 5, (Bus Bay Exit gate)			Students are NOT to exit school from this gate
Level 3, Gate 2A (Pedestrian Gate near vehicle entrance gate) & Turnstile	Wednesday		This is for students who are walking out. It is a one-way exit only. Students who are walking out after gate opening hours, should use Gate 3 at Level 1 (Bus Bay Pedestrian Gate).
	1245 hrs	1345 hrs	
	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday		
	1315 hrs	1415 hrs	
Level 3, Gate 7 (Pedestrian gate)	Wednesday		Parents will be allowed in to wait at the designated waiting area at School Exit Gate Porch on: - Wednesday from 1245hrs to 1330hrs - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 1315hrs to 1400hrs.
	1245 hrs	1800 hrs (One-way exit only)	
	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday		
	1315 hrs	1800 hrs (One-way exit only)	

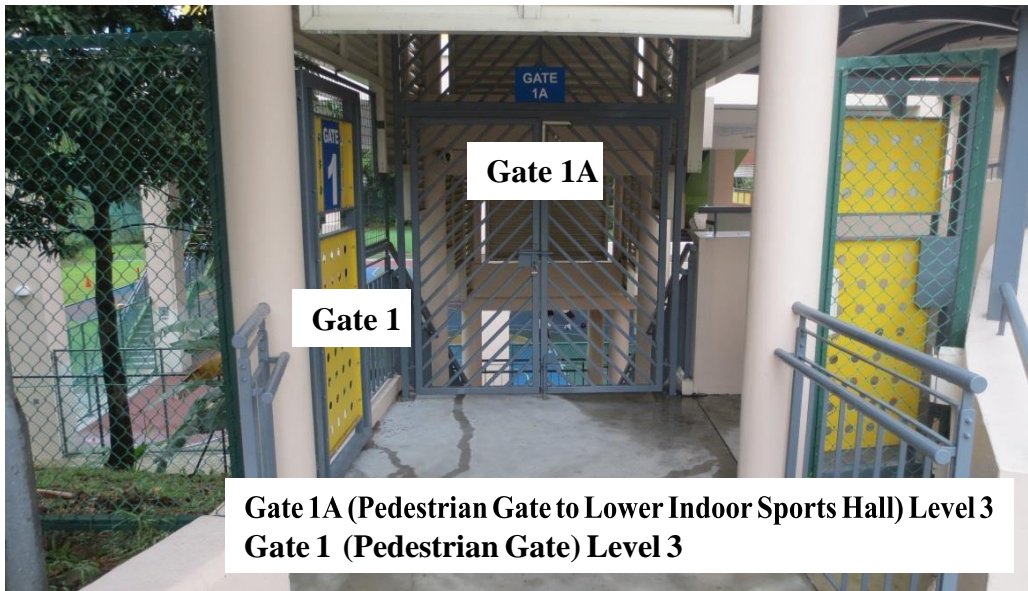
HPPS GATES - Gates 1 to 7



Gate 1

Gate 2

**Gate 1 (Pedestrian Gate) Level 3
Gate 2 (Vehicle Entrance Gate) Level 3**



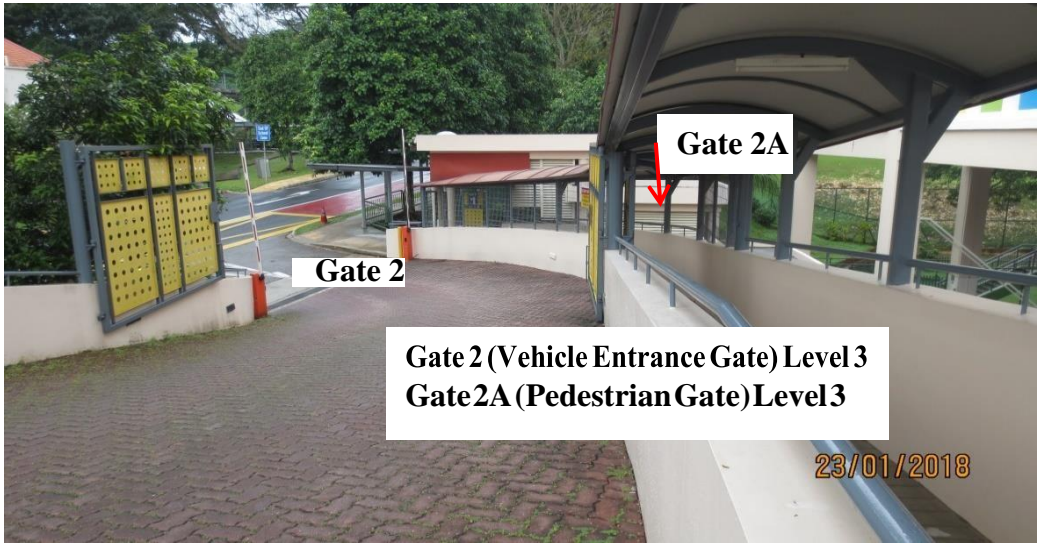
Gate 1A

Gate 1

**Gate 1A (Pedestrian Gate to Lower Indoor Sports Hall) Level 3
Gate 1 (Pedestrian Gate) Level 3**



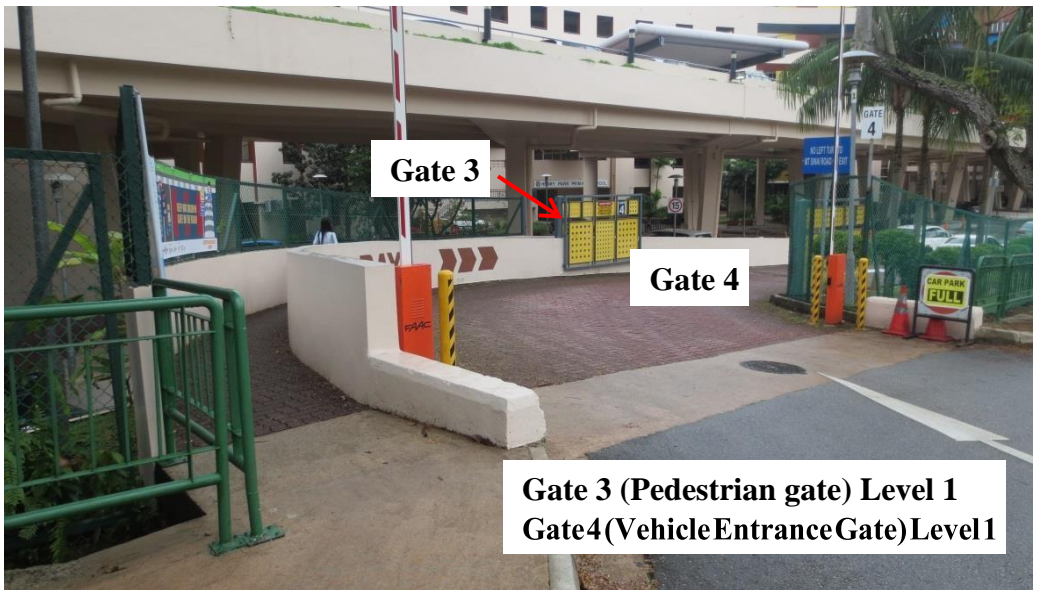
**Gate 1B, Level 1
(near Indoor Sports Hall)**



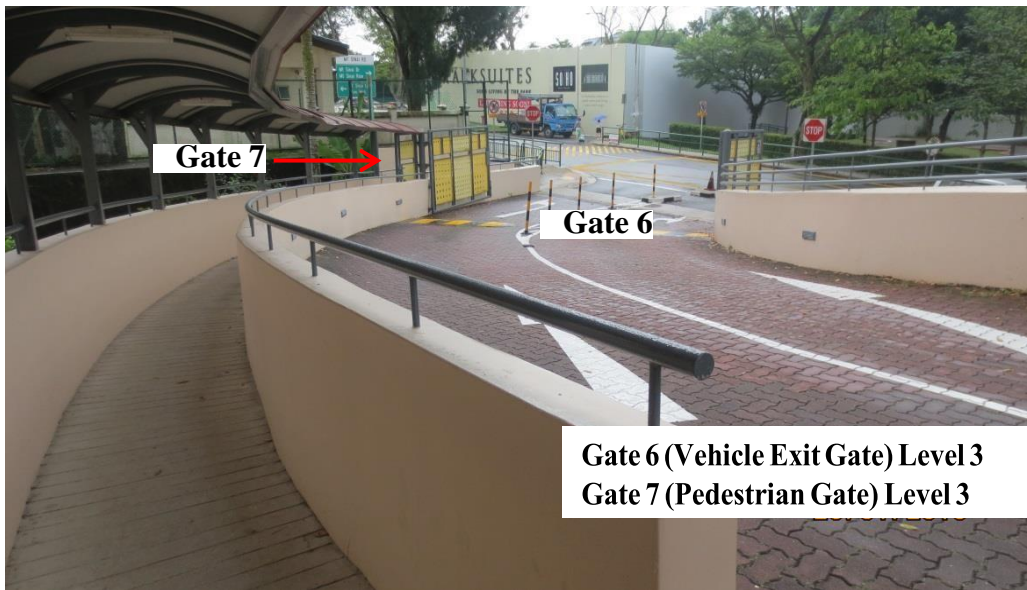
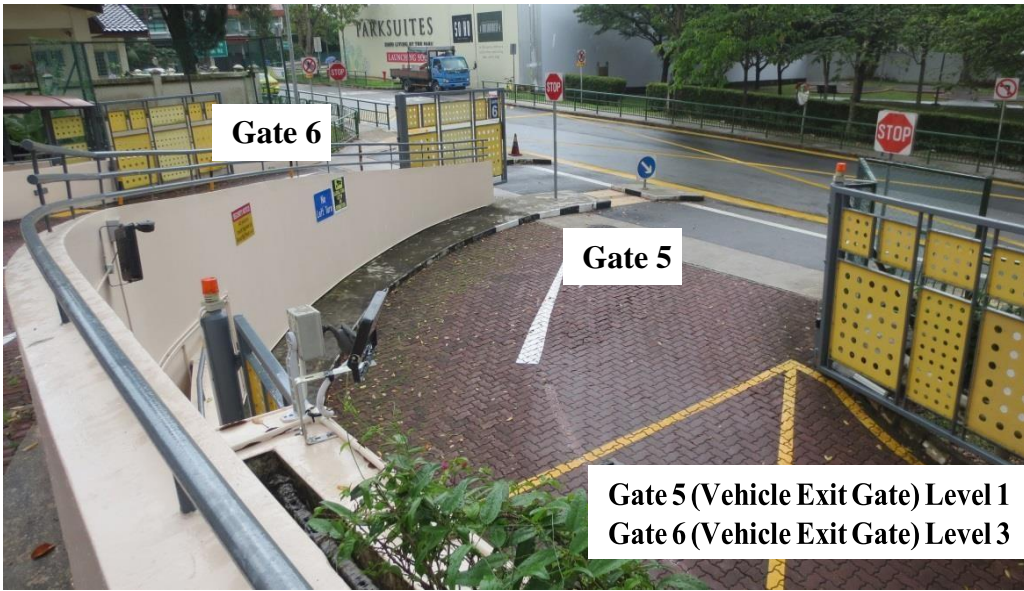
**Gate 2 (Vehicle Entrance Gate) Level 3
Gate 2A (Pedestrian Gate) Level 3**



Turnstile (near Gate 1) Level 3



**Gate 3 (Pedestrian gate) Level 1
Gate 4 (Vehicle Entrance Gate) Level 1**



HPPS 2023 Term 1 School Calendar (Mon 2 Jan to Fri 10 Mar)

Day/Date	Event	Remarks
Fri, 20 Jan	Chinese New Year Celebration	Normal school hours (7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.)
Mon, 23 Jan	Chinese New Year	Public holiday
Tue, 24 Jan	Chinese New Year	Public holiday
Thurs, 26 Jan	Start of Recreational CCA	Individual CCA teachers will send out information by end of T1W2
Fri, 3 Feb	Prize Giving Day (P2 – P6)	P1- 6 students do not come to school 8.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. (for prize winners only)
Mon 20 Feb	Photo taking for School Smart Card	Primary 1 pupils (during curriculum time)
Tue 21 Feb	Photo taking for School Smart Card	Primary 6 pupils (during curriculum time)
Sat, 11 Mar to Sun, 19 Mar	Term 1 School Vacation	

Note: All events will be during curriculum time unless stated