



Dear Parents / Guardians

On behalf of the school, may I wish everyone a happy 2023 filled with excitement and good health. To the parents who have just joined Elias Park Primary School (EPPS) family, we extend a warm welcome to you. In the coming year, let us work together to make your child's educational journey a fulfilling, enjoyable and enriching one.

1. Our Vision and Mission

Vision: Where Potential Becomes Reality

Mission: Providing a Holistic Education

The Eliasian Experience is holistic and nurtures our students in these areas:

Outcomes (Areas)	Scholar (Cognitive)	Sportsman (Physical)	Artist (Aesthetics)	Leader (Leadership)	Citizen (Social-Moral)
Key Attributes	A Self-Directed and Passionate Learner	A Healthy and Active Learner	A Confident and Creative Learner	A Confident and Adaptable Learner	A Responsible and Respectful Learner
School Values	Endeavour, Love, Integrity, Adaptability, Service (ELIAS)				

This vision establishes a common purpose for all our staff and drives our programmes and policies in partnership with the community and parents to deliver excellent education outcomes (holistic education) for your children.

2. Providing a forward-looking and balanced curriculum

Our school focus highlights our commitment to develop learners who are ready for life and to equip our children with the essential skills to take on challenges of uncertain times. We want our students to be confident, adaptable, resilient in a rapidly changing world and be self-motivated in their personal growth.

We are heartened to know our Eliasians have excelled through their drive, fortitude and hard work. Every child's growth and success are the result of concerted efforts of the entire school community, alumni, and community partners. Eliasians' passion and strengths are nurtured through varied programmes and activities offered in the domains like academics, aesthetics, community leadership and sports.

As we prepare our children to meet the ever-changing demands of the 21st century, we have identified the following programmes to equip them with the right skills and attitudes (confidence, curiosity, and collaboration). The programmes are anchored on learner-centred environments, where authentic and experiential contexts will be used to help them be future ready.

An overview of our EPPS Total Curriculum:

Curriculum	Scholar	Artist	Sportsman	Leader	Citizen
Instructional Programmes (English/Math/ Science/Mother Tongue Languages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deep learning through collaborative and self-directed learning facilitated by ICT Talent Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAL for P1 & P2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAL for P1 & P2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAL for P1 & P2 Subject Monitors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Studies curriculum VIA-IPW Weeks Teachable Moments
Character & Citizenship Education (CCE lessons/ Student Experiences)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCE FTGP CCE MTL Channel News Elias Festival Talks Conversational Chinese/ Malay Programme CCE Transition Workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated into curriculum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated into curriculum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every Eliasian a Leader (EEL) Prefects SH@PE Guides Eco Stewards Cyber-wellness Ambassadors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NE Curriculum Values Education Elias Peaks Recognition Internationalization Programme
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALP Nurturing Citizen Leaders with Empathy and Resilience (nuCLEAR @ EPPS) 	
Physical & Health Education, Aesthetics (Integrated into curriculum)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated into curriculum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LLP Arts Creatively Expressed (ACE @ EPPS) Music and Art Curriculum Elias Got Talent Ceramics Hues @ EPPS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music and Movement in PE ACES Workout Swimsafer Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Leaders for Visual and Performing Art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Art Collaborations
Co-Curricular Activities (For P3 – P6 students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art of Speaking ICT Science Club Food & Nutrition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese Orchestra International Dance Art Club Choir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volleyball Table Tennis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scouts CCA Leaders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Performances

3. Staff Matters

We bid farewell to the following staff and extend our heartfelt appreciation to all for their dedicated contributions and wish them the best as they embark on their new endeavors.

Mdm Heng Ee Hong Janet
Mdm Lee Jun May Joreen

Mrs Low-Chua Yiru
Mr Lim Meng Wee Sean

We are pleased to welcome the following staff into the EPPS family in Semester 1 of 2023.

Mrs Huan Sook Peng
Mdm Quek Hwee Khim Shelly
Miss Joy Ong Siok Yin
Miss Tan Li Xian
Mr Fathurrahman Abdul Wahed
Mr Cornelius Joshua Lee Jin

Level Head, Mathematics
English Language and Music Teacher
Chinese Language Teacher
Physical Education Teacher
Physical Education Teacher
SEN Officer

We would also like to offer our heartiest congratulations to our newly appointed key personnel:

Mrs Anastacia Foo-Yeo Peck Hoon
Mr Liu Zhiming
Mdm Tan Sze Wei

Lead Teacher, Science
Senior Teacher, English Language
Administration Manager

As a school, we collaborate with our Eliasians, families, Alumni, and community partners to create a caring and joyful learning environment where all are given ample opportunities to develop their talents and reach their fullest potential.

May 2023 be filled with excitement and holistic endeavors for all of us!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P.P.', written in a cursive style.

Mdm Chua Pei Pei
Principal

A IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 Orientation and Bonding Week

As communicated in the press, only Primary 1 students and accompanying parents may report to school on Tuesday 3 January 2023. (P1 parents are to refer to the PG message sent to you separately.) Primary 2 to 6 students report on Wednesday 4 January 2023. They are to bring along a reading book, their stationery, report book, portfolio, water bottle and a light snack. A separate PG message will be sent out by Form Teachers on the items to bring for the first week.

During the Bonding Week, students will be adjusting back to school routines such as social distancing, regular handwashing, wiping down of surfaces. Teachers will also share on school values, class expectations, and self-management skills such as setting of goals. Formal lessons will commence from Monday 9 January 2023.

2 Reporting and Recess Time

EPPS is committed to provide an optimal learning environment for our students. Please kindly be reminded that the school hours will be from **7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. daily.**

Activity	Reporting Time
Reporting Time for Students	By 7.25 a.m.
Flag-Raising Ceremony	7.30 a.m.
First Period	7.35 a.m.
Dismissal Time	1.30 p.m.
School Bus Pick Up Time	Based on arrangement with vendor

Level	Recess Time
Primary 1 and 2	9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.
Primary 3 and 4	10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.
Primary 5 and 6	10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

A 10 min break time for light snacks is also included in the Timetable.

3 Purchase of School Uniforms & Name Tags

The bookshop vendor, BL Marketing Pte Ltd, has been working closely with the uniform supplier, Yangtze Kiang Tailor, to assist in the sale of uniforms, and taking orders for name tags.

Sale of school uniforms will only be available at the School Bookshop from mid-January 2023 as the bookshop will be prioritizing the distribution of textbooks in early January 2023. The daily opening hours is from Monday to Friday, 9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. for students to make their purchases and/or to order name tags. Parents/guardians may purchase the uniforms only on Fridays from 2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. If you have other enquiries, please contact Yangtze Kiang Tailor at 6769 1260.

4 Student Planner

Students will receive their Student Planner from their Form Teachers. It provides students with important information such as the school contact details, rules and expectations and assessment information.

Form Teachers will share with students on how they can make good use of the planner, for example, to record their homework, assessment dates and instructions from teachers. Subject teachers may also communicate with parents/guardians on matters related to your child/ward by writing messages in the planner.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to spend time to go through the Student Planner to understand the academic requirements, values, and standards the school expects all students to uphold as upright, responsible and respectful Eliasians.

5 Partnership in Education

The school is committed to work closely with you and to provide support in nurturing and developing your children. We firmly believe that parents can play the key role to show continuous interest and support for our students.

5.1 Modes of Communication

- (a) Parents Gateway (PG) is the main platform for communication between school and parents. Developed by MOE and GovTech, PG allows parents to provide consent/ acknowledgement for programmes, to make bookings for meeting teachers, travel declarations, and to keep previous PG messages for easy reference. Parents will receive information mainly through this platform and we encourage parents to check the PG app regularly and set up a notification system within the app so that you do not miss out on important information.
- (b) You will receive a PG (Parents Gateway) message from your child/ward's Form Teachers in the first week of school. Form Teachers will introduce themselves and provide information about your child's subject teachers, including their email addresses. Please feel free to check in with your child's Form Teachers and seek clarification, so that they can address any concerns early, and partner you in ensuring the best school experience for your child.
- (c) We also encourage you to use the Student Planner as a mean of communicating with the teachers to monitor your child's/ward's progress. Besides reflecting the homework given to your child/ward each day, the student planner also allows teachers and parents to keep in contact.

5.2 Health & Well Being

- (a) In line with the national posture, the MOE guidelines are:
 - No group size and safe distancing requirements for school activities including recess.
 - All students will be able to participate in activities regardless of their vaccination status.
 - No capacity limit for school events; and TraceTogether-only SafeEntry check-ins in schools are no longer required.

- (b) To continue to safeguard the well-being of our students and staff, safe management measures in primary schools include the following:
- School staff will carry out daily general screening of students' well-being. Students and staff who are unwell with flu-like symptoms, are required to stay away from school. They should seek medical attention if needed and be tested for COVID-19 if required.
 - Frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces in school premises.
 - Students are advised to practise personal and social responsibility to protect themselves and others, such as not attending school if unwell, frequent handwashing throughout the school day and wiping down of tables and shared equipment after use.
- (c) Mask-wearing is not mandatory for both indoor and outdoor settings, except on public transportation (MRT/LRT/public buses but not school buses/taxis) and healthcare settings. However, those who prefer to continue wearing masks may do so.
- (d) To enrich the learning experiences and better support the long-term holistic development and well-being of our students, MOE has resumed most school activities, including CCAs and residential camps, in our schools. All schools have resumed in-person CCA in school, based on the prevailing national Safe Management Measures (SMMs). CCAs held at external venues, residential camps, learning journeys and community-based VIA can proceed, subject to external venue's SMMs, where applicable.

5.3 Attendance for School

- (a) All students are strongly encouraged to be in the Hall by 7.25 a.m. Flag raising ceremony will start punctually at 7.30 a.m. Students are encouraged to arrive earlier to enjoy their silent reading time.
- (b) Please note that dismissal is at 1.30 p.m. daily. Parents/Guardians should check with their child/ward and/or on PG notifications, to know if they have after-school activities such as CCAs or remedial lessons.
- (c) Curriculum time is precious, and students should not miss lessons where possible. If there are urgent matters in the family that require your child's absence from school, please inform the school and/or Form Teachers in writing. Your request will be subjected to the school's consideration and approval. When your child's/ward's leave application is approved, students should be prepared to put in more effort to catch up on their assignments. We seek your understanding to partner the school in this matter.

6 Safety & Security Matters

6.1 Updating of Personal Particulars

- (a) MOE would like to request for an update of parents' and their child's information via the Student Details Form (SDF) Portal. Parents may login to the SDF portal using the SingPass account to submit information for themselves and their child.

Please look out for the Parent Gateway Announcement from MOE for instructions to complete the exercise. All online submissions should be duly completed by 31 January 2023.

S/N	Groups of Parents	Schedule Date/Time to receive MOE PG announcement	Remarks
1	Parents with P1 to P3 child/ward	Tue, 3 Jan 2023 at 10am	Parents with youngest child in P1-P3 accessing SDF at this stage can also update for their elder children (in Primary, Secondary, Pre-U) when they login. Deadline to complete SDF submission: 31 Jan 2023.
2	Parents with P4 to P6 child/ward	Fri, 6 Jan 2023 at 10am	Parents with youngest child in P4-P6 accessing SDF at this stage can also update for their elder children (in Primary, Secondary, Pre-U) when they login. Deadline to complete SDF submission: 31 Jan 2023.

(b) Informing MOE of A Change of Particulars through the School or Parent Gateway App

Category	MOE Form Type	Remarks
Students' Address	Form C Request Form for Updating of Student's Address	Your child may approach their Form Teacher or the General Office for the MOE Forms.
Parents' / Legal Guardians' Particulars	Form A Updating of Parents' / Legal Guardian's Particulars	
Parents' / Legal Guardians' Contact Numbers	N.A.	You may update the contact numbers on the Parent Gateway app directly, and the school/Form Teachers will receive the auto-notification.

It is important that any changes are updated in a timely manner to enable easier communication with parents / legal guardians.

6.2 Consent for Photography & Video-Taking

Please note that photographs and video images of parents/guardians and/or your child/ ward may be taken during lessons, CCA, school camps and events. Parents are deemed to have given consent for the school to use and publish such photographs and/or video recordings in school publications, school website, social media channels and other communication channels. Please be assured that any personal data received by our school is managed according to the MOE Data Management Policy and Guidelines. Should you have enquiries, please write in to epps@moe.edu.sg for clarification.

6.3 Entry into School

- (a) In the interest of the safety and security of our students, parents or visitors are not allowed into the school. All visitors must first report to the Gate 2 Security Guard Post to obtain a 'Visitor Pass' before proceeding to the General Office to register the purpose of your visit.
- (b) Please note that except for medication and spectacles, the school will not accept any other items to be delivered to our students. We seek parents' cooperation in encouraging our students to be responsible for their belongings.

6.4 Safety Routes

- (a) Our Student Planner also contains important information on safety for all Eliasians. Please spend some time going through the safety information in the Student Planner with your child/ward and reinforce the key points with them.
- (b) To ensure orderly dismissal at staggered times, we appeal to parents/ guardians/ care givers not to obstruct student movement, and to practice social distancing when waiting outside all the school gates.
- (c) We would also appreciate if you could train your child/ward to look out for the right person to accompany him/her home and not to follow strangers or their friends. If your child is unable to find his/her caregiver during dismissal, he/she should go the General Office for assistance.
- (d) We would like to appeal to all parents who drive their child to school, to use the designated covered drop-off/pick-up points located near Blocks 517 and 504, Pasir Ris Street 52, during peak traffic periods. This will ease the traffic congestion at Gate 1 - entrance to school carpark.

6.5 Prohibited Items

Students are reminded that items that may inflict injury (to self and/or others) such as box-cutters, penknives and lighters should not be brought to school. Parents are encouraged to educate their child/ward on the proper handling of such items outside of school.

7 Appreciation of Teaching Staff

7.1 President's Award for Teachers (PAT) 2023

The President's Award for Teachers (PAT) gives national recognition to experienced teachers for their dedication and hard work in developing our young. These teachers inspire both their students and peers through their words and deeds.

We welcome parents and students to make nominations for the PAT 2023 as an appreciation of the effort of our teachers. PAT 2023 nomination will close on Wednesday 11 January 2023. You may submit your nominations online through this link go.gov.sg/pat2023.

7.2 Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) 2023

The Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) recognizes young teachers, aged 35 and below, who are role models for the teaching profession. These teachers personify youthful idealism, enthusiasm, and inspire their students and peers.

Nominees for the Award should be teachers who born on or after 30 June 1988. We welcome parents and students to make nominations for the OYEA 2023 as an appreciation of the effort of our teachers. Nomination for OYEA 2023 will close Wednesday, 11 January 2023. You may submit your nominations online through this link go.gov.sg/oyea2023.

B SCHOOL PROGRAMMES IN TERM 1

1 Parents' Engagement Sessions

Engaging parents/guardians on school matters, both academic and non-academic early in the school year is important to us. This allows us to build a positive school-home partnership to help our children achieve their best in the coming year.

Level	Date	Time/ Mode
Primary 1	Tuesday 3 January	8.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. P1 Orientation Day in the Hall
Primary 2	Monday 16 January	4.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. Zoom Webinar Details will be provided near to the respective sessions.
Primary 3 & 4	Friday 13 January	
Primary 5 & 6	Thursday 12 January	

Information shared during the briefing will include:

- School's Directions
- Level Initiatives / Key Programmes
- Assessment Matters
- Programme for Active Learning (for P1 & P2 only)
- Subject-Based Banding (for P3 & P4 only)
- PSLE Matters and Choice of Secondary Schools (for P5 & P6 only)

Should parents/guardians have enquiries on their child's/ward's progress, they can contact subject teachers separately via email or telephone call. In May, there will be a Meet-The-Parents session for updates on students' learning progress.

2 Co-Curricular Activities Schedule

CCAs are a key component of students' holistic education. Through CCAs, students discover their interests and talents. Through CCAs, students develop their character, learn values, social emotional competencies and skills to prepare them for future challenges. CCAs bring students from diverse backgrounds together. By learning and interacting with one another, students develop friendships and deepen their sense of belonging to the school and community. The Term 1 CCA Schedule will be from Monday 16 January – Friday 10 March 2023. For more information, please refer to the PG notification sent by the respective CCA Teachers.

3 Photo-Taking for School Smart Card (for P1 and P6 only)

P1 and P6 students will be taking photos for their School Smart Cards on Friday 6 January 2023. Students are expected to be in their school uniform and have neat hairstyles. The stored value smartcard allows primary school students to use for travel on the public transport system. Students can activate the card by making a minimum top-up of \$2 and bringing along their birth certificate/passport for verification purposes to any TransitLink Ticket Office.

4 Code for Fun Programme (for P5 only)

Code for Fun Enrichment programme is a collaboration between IMDA and MOE. It includes academic learning of related concepts using visual based programming language. Students apply reasoning to solve problems by breaking them down in a fun way. Each P5 class will participate in a two-day coding experience during curriculum hours in January 2023.

5 Chinese New Year (CNY) Celebrations

Chinese New Year (CNY) falls on Sunday 22 January 2023. The school will have our CNY Celebrations on Friday, 20 January 2023 from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m., followed by the usual timetabled lessons. Please note that dismissal at 1.30 p.m. for all students. Students should be in their PE attire for the celebrations. Students will return to school on Wednesday 25 January 2023.

The school wishes all Eliasians and families a prosperous and healthy Chinese New Year!

6 SwimSafer 2.0 Programme

Swimming is a useful skill which develops strength and flexibility, increases stamina and even improves balance and posture. Children can swim to keep themselves fit and healthy. Being able to swim also allows children to participate in other water sports in the future.

The SwimSafer 2.0 programme teaches children to be water-safe and acquire life-long swimming skills. The ability to swim is a learning outcome in the Physical Education Primary Syllabus. Our P5 students will be attending their swimming lessons during curriculum hours on selected Wednesdays in Term 1. More details will be provided via PG nearer the event date.

7 Total Defence Day

The Total Defence campaign will profile Total Defence in action and encourage students to play a greater role in Total Defence by showing them how they can contribute in small and big ways.

Our students will participate in a series of activities from Monday 13 February – Wednesday 15 February 2023, to gain better understanding that Total Defence can help rally and mobilize Singaporeans to prepare for future threats and be resilient to recover quickly when crises strike. More information will be shared in February via Form Teachers and PG notification.

Summary of Term 1 Events (January – March 2023)

Date	Events	Remarks
Tuesday 3 January	Only P1 students report to school	Please refer to PG notification. Dismissal is at 10.30 a.m.
	P1 Parents' Engagement Session	For P1 parents/guardians only and conducted during P1 Orientation Day.
Wednesday 4 January	All students report to school	P2-P6 students report back for new academic year.
Wednesday 4 January – Friday 6 January	Bonding Week Activities	During curriculum time for all students.
3 January – 31 January	Submission of Individual Student Detail Form	Parents/Guardians can make online submissions via the Student Details Form (SDF) Portal. Please refer to the MOE PG message dated 3 January (for P1-P3) and 6 January for (P4-P6).
Friday 6 January	Photo-taking for School Smart Card	For P1 and P6 only. Students are expected to be in school uniform and have neat hairstyles.
Monday 9 January – Friday 20 January	Code for Fun Programme	For P5 only. During curriculum hours. Details will be provided via PG nearer the event date.
Wednesday 11 January	Temperature Taking Exercise	All students should bring along a working thermometer for this exercise.
Monday 16 January – Friday 10 March	Term 1 CCA Sessions	Please refer to the PG notification sent by the respective CCA Teachers.
Thursday 12 January	Parents' Engagement Session for P5 & P6	For parents/guardians of P5 and P6 only. Details will be provided via PG nearer the event date.
Friday 13 January	Parents' Engagement Session for P3 & P4	For parents/guardians of P3 and P4 only. Details will be provided via PG nearer the event date.
Monday 16 January	Parents' Engagement Session for P2	For parents/guardians of P2 only. Details will be provided via PG nearer the event date.
Wednesday 18 January – Wednesday 8 March	SwimSafer 2.0 Programme	For P5 only. Wednesdays 7.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. followed by usual timetable. Details will be provided via PG nearer the event date.
Friday 20 January	Chinese New Year Celebration	School celebrations from 8.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. followed by usual timetabled lessons. Dismissal at 1.30 p.m. for all students. Students should be in their PE attire.
Sunday 22 January – Tuesday 24 January	Chinese New Year Holiday	All students return to school on Wednesday 25 January.
Monday 13 February – Wednesday 15 February	Total Defence Day Activities	During curriculum hours for all students.

Date	Events	Remarks
Monday 6 March – Friday 10 March	Arts Fiesta <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'Elias Got Talent' Showcase - Visual Art Competition 	During curriculum hours. Details will be provided via PG nearer the event date.
Friday 10 March	Eat with Family Day	Home celebrations
Saturday 11 March – Sunday 19 March	Term 1 School Holidays	The General Office remains open from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on weekdays.