



Dear Parents / Guardians

On behalf of the school, may I wish everyone a great year with abundant joy and good health as well as every success. To the parents who have just joined Elias Park Primary School (EPPS), let me also extend a warm welcome to you. Let us work together to make your child's education with EPPS a fulfilling, enjoyable and enriching one.

This termly newsletter will share some key updates of our school's plans and how we can partner one another to support your child's learning and development. The focus of our first newsletter in 2022 is on the key school processes which support teaching and learning.

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 the 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

2021 has been an exceptional year for EPPS with our students continuing to pursue excellence in various domains like academic, aesthetics, sports and community leadership. It gives me great pleasure to give thanks to all staff, students, parents and various stakeholders who have contributed tirelessly to achieve this outstanding performance. This reflects the concept of "I am because we are" where it takes a village to raise the child.

While many parents have commended that the school has done well through strong determination and hard work, our school's priority for the next few years continues to build on the foundation of our values, our drive and our determination to make our students future-ready.

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). These revised programmes are anchored on learner-centred environments, where authentic and experiential contexts will be used to help them be future ready. Below is a brief overview of the total curriculum for EPPS:

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 	<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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCE FTGP CCE MTL Channel News Elias Festival Talks Conversational Chinese/ Malay Programme 	<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 Arts and Performing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Art
Co-Curricular Activities (For P3 students and above where applicable)	<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. Practising Good Personal Hygiene and Social Responsibility

In the light of the evolving COVID-19, Singapore has implemented a multi-layer defence approach to combat the virus. The extension of the vaccination programme to children aged 5 to 11 is part of the larger national efforts to keep our children, their families and the wider community safe. We encourage all medically eligible children to take up the vaccine when offered to them. The risk of community spread remains and comprehensive coverage of COVID-19 vaccination can help protect everyone against the virus. For more information, parents can visit <https://www.moe.gov.sg/faqs-covid-19-infection>

At EPPS, we help our students understand that their individual actions and practice of social responsibility can help keep the community safe. Every Eliasian has a part to play in practising good personal hygiene, and keeping our classrooms and school compound clean, to prevent a community spread.

Since 2020, we have implemented various precautionary measures to enhance the protection of our students and staff against COVID-19. While we can understand the inconvenience posed, we seek your continuous understanding that this is our Eliasian way of practising personal and social responsibility. These measures have helped us to mitigate the potential risks while allowing us to continue with most of the usual learning and activities.

The measures included:

- i. Daily health checks and temperature screening for all students, staff and visitors.
- ii. Regular disinfection of the classrooms and common areas.
- iii. Suspension of large group and communal activities such as assemblies.
- iv. Suspension of all external and inter-school activities such as Learning Journeys and National School Games, to minimise exposure of students to the public and to avoid mixing of students across schools.

On this note, we would like to thank all parents for your unwavering support. We will continue to closely monitor the health of our students and staff and advise them to see a doctor immediately if they are sick and return to school only when fully recovered.

4. 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.

Miss Chermine Lau Ying Jie
Mr Low Wei Jie
Ms Siti Nur Amalina Kamalazami
Mdm Siti Raudah Iskandar

Miss Daphne Tan Jo-Yi
Mdm Yeo Soo Ting
Mr Andy Ho Hean Thoon
Mdm Inthirani Nadarajah

We are pleased to welcome the following staff into the EPPS family in 2022.

Mrs Angela Lee Bee Ngoh	English and Mathematics Teacher
Miss Bhairavi Lachimanan	English and Mathematics Teacher
Mdm Ng Gay Koon Sophia	English and Mathematics Teacher
Miss Kavitha d/o Kalimuthu	Tamil Language Teacher
Mdm Periasamy Thavamani	Tamil Language Teacher
Mdm Mah Huimin	Chinese Language Teacher
Miss Michelle Lim Qian Wen	Chinese Language Teacher
Miss Lydia Dawn Amla D/O Sasidharen	English and Mathematics Teacher
Miss Neemika Rai	School Counsellor

The new staff will further strengthen the school's community as we work together to provide a holistic education for all Eliasians.

Yours sincerely,



Mdm Chua Pei Pei
Principal

A IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 First Week of School

As communicated in the press, only Primary 1 students and 1 accompanying parent may report to school on Tuesday 4 January 2022. (P1 parents are to refer to the PG message sent to you separately.) Primary 2 to 6 students report on Wednesday 5 January 2022. They are to bring along their TraceTogether Token, thermometer, stationery, report book, portfolio, water bottle, snacks for recess and a reading book. Students will be advised by their Teachers on the items to bring from Day 2 onwards. For staggered dismissal timing, please refer to para 5.3b.

In the first week, students will be adjusting back to school routines such as social distancing, regular handwashing, wiping down of surfaces after use. Teachers will also share on school values, class expectations, and self-management skills such as setting of goals. Formal lessons will commence from Monday 10 January 2022.

2 Revised School Hours

EPPS is committed to provide an optimal learning environment for our students. Please kindly be reminded that the school hours for 2022 will end at 1.30 p.m. daily. In order not to compromise on curriculum, the school hours will be from **7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. daily**.

No.	Item	Current (2021)	With effect from Jan 2022
1	Reporting Time for Students	7.40 a.m.	7.25 a.m.
2	Flag-Raising Ceremony	7.55 a.m.	7.30 a.m.
3	First Period	8.00 a.m.	7.35 a.m.
4	Dismissal Time	3.00 p.m. (Thu)	1.30 p.m. (Mon – Fri)
		1.30 p.m. (Mon – Wed & Fri)	
5	School Bus Pick Up Time	Based on arrangement with vendor	No change

More details can be found in the PG notifications sent on 28 May and 18 November 2021.

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 2022 as the bookshop will be prioritizing the distribution of textbooks in early January 2022. 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 can 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.

For parents/guardians of P1 students who have ordered the name tags, the Form Teachers will distribute the name tags to your child/ward. All students should have their name tags on all school uniform and PE attire. Our school community hopes to know each student and reinforce a positive school culture.

4 Student Planner

Students will receive their Student Planner from their Form Teachers on Wednesday 5 January 2022. 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 will 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 that is disseminated.
- (b)** You will receive a PG (Parents Gateway) message from your child/ward's Form Teachers prior to their first reporting day. Form Teachers will introduce themselves and provide information about your child's subject teachers, such as 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) Schools will reopen in 2022 with Safe Management Measures (SMMs), such as temperature taking, visual screening of students and reducing congestion where possible. All students are expected to have their TraceTogether tokens with them daily to facilitate contact tracing.
- (b) While most school activities will resume, higher-risk activities will remain suspended or limited to a smaller group. Our schools continue to be safe with the current set of safe management measures that have been implemented. MOE continues to monitor the situation closely and we are guided by MOH guidelines.
- (c) On the part of parents, please continue to monitor your child's health, and seek medical attention immediately, if unwell. Please ensure that he/she observes good personal hygiene, practises safe distancing, has his/her TT token and wears his/her mask when leaving home. Students should stay at home if their household members exhibit flu-like symptoms. Please inform Form Teachers or the General Office before 7.30 a.m. if your child/ward is unable to attend school.
- (d) For students who have taken their vaccination from 27 December 2021, please inform the school via this link <https://go.gov.sg/19pvzo> . For those who have made their bookings, please update via the link, on the same day when your child takes his/her vaccination. This will help the school to monitor their well-being when they report to school after their vaccination.

5.3 Attendance for School

- (a) All students are strongly encouraged to be in their classroom by 7.25 a.m. Flag raising ceremony will start punctually at 7.30 a.m. and the first lesson commences at 7.35 a.m.
- (b) Staggered dismissal (Table 1) will continue in 2022 to avoid congestion at our dismissal points. 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.

Level	Mondays to Fridays
P1	1.15 pm
P2	1.25 pm
P3	1.30 pm
P4	1.20 pm
P5	1.25 pm
P6	1.35 pm

Table 1: Staggered Dismissal for all levels

- (c) Curriculum time is precious and students **should not** miss lessons where possible. In the event that 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) The “Individual Student Details Report for Year 2022” will be given to all students on Wednesday 5 January by Form Teachers.

Parents/Legal Guardians are requested to do the following:

- Verify the student details, and ensure all items are completed including ‘Afterschool Care Arrangements’
- Make amendments/ cancellations in “RED” (if any)
- Indicate name of parent / legal guardian, insert signature and date on the last page
- For medical condition(s), please provide supporting medical documents. If the medical condition is not supported by doctor’s certification, parents would need to indicate “no supporting document from the doctor.”

The Individual Student Details Report for Year 2022 should be returned to Form Teachers by Friday 7 January 2022.

- (b) Informing MOE of Change of Particulars through the School and/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 is 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. Parents and visitors must comply with the school's safety and security measures which include Temperature Taking, SafeEntry and TraceTogether protocols.
- (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) 2022

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 2022 as an appreciation of the effort of our teachers. PAT 2022 nomination is now open and will close on Tuesday, 25 January 2022. You may submit your nominations online through this link go.gov.sg/pat2022.

7.2 Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) 2022

The Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) seeks to recognise excellent young teachers for their youthful idealism, energy, enthusiasm and active involvement in the development of youth.

Nominees for the Award should be teachers who are 35 years old or younger as of 30 June 2022. We welcome parents and students to make nominations for the OYEA 2022 as an appreciation of the effort of our teachers. Nomination for OYEA 2022 is now open and will close on Wednesday, 12 January 2022. You may submit your nominations online through this link go.gov.sg/oyea2022.

B SCHOOL PROGRAMMES IN TERM 1

1 Parents' Briefing 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 4 January	8.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. P1 Orientation day in the Hall
Primary 2	Friday 11 February	4.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. Zoom Webinar Details will be provided near to the respective sessions.
Primary 3 & 4	Thursday 10 February	
Primary 5 & 6	Thursday 20 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 tele-call. In May 2022, 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 10 January – Friday 11 March 2022. 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 7 January 2022. 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 \$5, and bringing along their birth certificate for verification purposes to any TransitLink Ticket Office. Students are expected to be in their school uniform and have neat hairstyles.

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 2022.

5 Chinese New Year (CNY) Celebrations

Chinese New Year (CNY) falls on Tuesday, 1 February 2022. The school will have our CNY Celebrations on Monday, 31 January 2022 from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and students may wear their PE attire. Dismissal on that day will be at 10.00 a.m. **for all students**. Students will return to school on Thursday, 3 February 2022.

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

6 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 Thursday 10 February – Monday 14 February 2022, 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 2022)

Date	Events	Remarks
Tuesday 4 January	Only P1 students report to school	Please refer to PG notification.
	Parents' Briefing for P1	During P1 Orientation Day
Wednesday 5 January	All students report to school	P2-P6 students report back for new academic year.
Friday 7 January	Photo-taking for School Smart Card (for P1 & P6 only)	For P1 and P6 only. Students are expected to be in school uniform and have neat hairstyles.
Friday 7 January	Submission of Individual Student Detail Report for Year 2022	Students are to submit their returns to Form Teachers
Monday 10 January – Friday 21 January	Code for Fun Programme (for P5 only)	During curriculum time for P5 only. Details will be provided via PG nearer the event date.
Monday 10 January – Friday 11 March	Term 1 CCA	Please refer to the PG notification sent by the respective CCA Teachers.
Thursday 20 January	Parents' Briefing for P5 & P6	For parents/guardians of P5 and P6 only. Details will be provided via PG nearer the event date.
Monday 31 January	Chinese New Year Celebration	School celebrations from 8.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. All students will have staggered dismissal from 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday 1 February – Wednesday 2 February	Chinese New Year Holiday	Students return to school on Thursday 3 February.
Thursday 10 February	Parents' Briefing for P3 & P4	For parents/guardians of P3 and P4 only. Details will be provided via PG nearer the event date.
Friday 11 February	Parents' Briefing for P2	For parents/guardians of P2 only. Details will be provided via PG nearer the event date.
Thursday 10 February – Monday 14 February	Total Defence Day activities	During curriculum hours for P1-P6
Saturday 12 March – Sunday 20 March	Term 1 School Holidays	The General Office remains open from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on weekdays.
Thursday 17 March – Friday 18 March	Supplementary Lessons	For P6 only. Details will be sent through PG.