



# Woodlands Ring Secondary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians (Secondary Two)

Warm greetings from Woodlands Ring Secondary School! 2021, holds much Hope and Possibilities for all of us and we wish the year ahead will be an exciting one for your child/ward and as the school prepares to move to its holding campus.

## SCHOOL PRIORITIES FOR 2021

With all the disruptions we faced in 2020, we have also learnt much and there has been much positive outcomes in building resilience, human spirit, connectedness, self- discipline and creative innovation. "Change is the only constant" – Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher said many centuries ago, and this is something that we now have to take in our stride.

The education landscape is also changing rapidly with the global shifts. Rapid technological growth, subdued global growth and anti-globalisation are all factors that affect us. With this in mind, what can we do to prepare for the future? How do we stay nimble and be pioneers of the next generation? How do we stay responsive, be innovative and work towards a common good? These are questions we constantly ask ourselves as we **review and strengthen our processes and academic programme to maximise the potential** of each WRS student to **enjoy the learning and continue learning for life**. We have kept the structural change to facilitate academic and co-curricular teaching and learning by allocating Mondays and Fridays to be CCA days. Wednesdays and Thursdays are specially set aside for teachers to conduct supplementary programmes where necessary. We are constantly reflecting on how to engage students purposefully.

This year, we would be continuing with the 1 hour for recess and 45 mins for lunch. The purpose of these longer breaks is to provide greater opportunities for students to gain more self-directness and responsibility for their learning. Students can use these breaks to collaborate with peers and consult teachers on curriculum and co-curriculum matters. Curriculum and co-curriculum units will also use the breaks to showcase student talents and develop greater buzz and interest for holistic development. The school assesses students' learning throughout the year with weighted assessment. To check for understanding, teachers conduct class tests during lessons after certain units or modules are taught. More information will be provided later.

This year is also a special year, as the school prepares to move to its holding campus at the end of this year, while the current campus is refurbished from Year 2022 to 2023 to allow for better learning.

I hope you will work closely with our teachers to monitor your child's/ward's learning progress closely, to ensure that they develop strong study habits, and are coping well with the pace of study. To facilitate our cooperation and for closer partnership, we have included a set of important information for your attention.

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## A. STUDENT HANDBOOK

All students will be issued with the WRS student handbook from 8 Jan 2021. Information such as our school vision, mission, code of conduct, criteria for student progression and CCA grading are available in the handbook.

## B. ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMES

Your child/ward will be undergoing various enrichment programmes this year. The key programmes are listed below.

### 1. READING PROGRAMME

Both the English and Mother Tongue departments would be selecting reading materials, especially the reading of newspapers, for the reading programme as part of whole-school approach to raising literacy skills. Cultivating the reading habit is important to the growth of your child/ward, and we hope that parents/guardians would reinforce the message.

### 2. EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING WEEK [Term 2 Week 1]

The school would be running its signature programme of experiential learning in Term 2, week 1 this year. This programme involves leadership development, sports education, cyber wellness awareness and subject-based learning journeys. Your child/ward will be participating in the Sec 2 CCE Camp.

## C. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### 1. SAFETY MANAGEMENT MEASURES 2021

Even as Singapore moves into phase 3 of the re-opening measures due to the Covid-19 pandemic, vigilance and safe management measures will continue to be vital in 2021. As such, we remain committed to providing a safe environment for learning, and we look forward to continued cooperation of students and parents to keep our school Covid-safe. Please ensure that your child/ward:

a. Brings a working oral digital thermometer (ODT) with him/her and wears a face mask to school each day. If they do not have a working ODT, they may purchase one from the school bookshop. Secondary 1 students will receive an ODT each from the school in the first week of school.

b. Practises good personal hygiene e.g. regular hand washing, not touching the face.

c. Does not come to school if he/she or any adult household member has fever or other flulike symptoms such as cough or sore throat, or if she or any household member is on Quarantine

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Order/Stay Home Notice/ LOA. [Your child/ward will be asked to return home if they turn up in school despite this.]

The majority of our safe management measures remain unchanged, except that groups of up to 8 are now allowed for activities and during meals, and Co-Curricular Activities can resume their normal schedules. Students will continue to report directly to their classrooms for morning assembly. Staggered dismissal times will continue.

## 2. CODE OF CONDUCT

The **Code of Conduct** for the students is reflected in the **Student Handbook** from **pages 17 - 22**. All students are required to familiarise themselves with this information and adhere to them.

## 3. STUDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE

MOE requires schools to cover their students with the basic Student Protection plan. The coverage extends to all school and CCA-related activities and is with immediate effect from Jan – Dec. The cost of this insurance plan of is fully borne by the school.

The brochure spelling out the details of the policy coverage and benefits as well as the claim procedures is available on our website at <http://www.woodlandsringsec.moe.edu.sg/>. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that all claims should be submitted to the school **within 1 month of the receipt date**.

Should you have any queries, you might wish to contact our Administration Manager, Mdm Norasheedah, at Tel: 63643712.

## 4. START OF CCA

The school would be starting with Co-Curricular Activities in Week 2 of Term 1. Do take note that they would be having to take their lunch in school and that they would be back later on the days that they have their CCA.

## 5. NATIONAL DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAMME (NDLP)

As part of the Smart Nation initiative, the National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP) for our schools and Institutes of Higher Learning, was launched last year. One of the components of the NDLP is the introduction of the Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDL) for all secondary school students, whereby every secondary school student will own a school-prescribed Personal Learning Device (PLD) by end-2021, to help students strengthen their digital literacy. More information on this will be coming your way via Parents Gateway.



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## 6. COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS / GUARDIANS

To leverage technology, we would like to share relevant school information with parents/guardians through the school website [<http://www.woodlandsringsec.moe.edu.sg/>]. School activities, letters to parents/guardians, test and exam schedules will be available on the website.

If parents/guardians have not updated the school regarding change of address or your contact numbers, you would have to inform us of the change through your child/ward or by sending an email to our school's email address: [wrss@moe.edu.sg](mailto:wrss@moe.edu.sg).

## 7. SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2021

The key dates in our school calendar, which are of importance to your child/ward, are pencilled in the table in Annex A for your easy reference and planning. The various school events for Semester 1 2021, are correct as of today. You may refer to the school website for any updates.

Finally, my staff and I will do our best to care for every child, and to make their time here a rewarding one. I look forward to working with you to ensure that your child/ward has a successful and enriching year ahead, full of learning, growing and exploring new frontiers. I definitely look forward to meeting you at our **"An Evening with Parents"** on **Wednesday, 13 Jan 2021** where we can interact at a deeper level for the well-being of our students, your children.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Ng Siew Bee  
Principal



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## Annex A

### Sec 2 Calendar

Date	Event Description
<b>TERM 1</b>	
Monday, 4 January -Thursday, 7 January	Teach the Child Programme
Wednesday, 13 January	Evening with Parents, 7-9pm [Online]
Thursday, 11 February	Community Morning- early dismissal at 10.30am
<i>Friday &amp; Saturday, 12-13 February</i>	<i>Chinese New Year Holidays</i>
<i>Monday, 15 February</i>	<i>Chinese New Year School Holidays</i>
Monday, 22 February –Friday, 12 March	Weighted Assessment 1
<b>Saturday, 13 - Sunday, 21 March</b>	<b>March School Vacation</b>
<b>TERM 2</b>	
Monday, 22 - Wednesday, 24 March	Non-Residential CCE Camp
Thursday, 24 - Friday, 26 March	Experiential Learning Week [Week X]
<i>Friday, 2 April</i>	<i>Good Friday Public Holiday</i>
<i>Thursday, 13 May</i>	<i>Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday</i>
Monday, 17 May – Thursday, 27 May	Weighted Assessment 2 [Lang and Humanities]
<i>Wednesday, 26 May</i>	<i>Vesak Day Public Holiday</i>
Friday, 28 May	Parent Teacher Meeting
<b>Saturday, 29 May – Sunday, 27 June</b>	<b>June School Vacation</b>
<b>TERM 3</b>	
Monday, 28 June – Thursday, 1 July	Weighted Assessment 2 [ Math & Sciences]
<i>Friday, 02 July</i>	<i>Sports Day @ Woodlands Stadium</i>
<i>Sunday, 4 July</i>	<i>Youth Day</i>
<i>Monday, 5 July</i>	<i>Youth Day School Holiday</i>
<i>Tuesday, 20 July</i>	<i>Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday</i>
Friday, 6 August	National Day Celebrations - early dismissal at 10.30am
<i>Monday, 9 August</i>	<i>National Day Public Holiday</i>
<i>Tuesday, 10 August</i>	<i>National Day School Holiday</i>
Thursday, 2 September	TASAD Celebrations - early dismissal at 10.30am
<i>Friday, 3 September</i>	<i>Teachers' Day School Holiday</i>
<b>Saturday, 4 – Sunday, 12 September</b>	<b>September School Vacation</b>
<b>TERM 4</b>	
Monday, 27 September – Thursday, 14 October	End-of-year Exams