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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings and welcome to an exciting Term 2 ahead! We are glad to share that many of our students have settled down well and are giving their best to learn and interact with their teachers and friends. We hope to continue to work with you closely and ensure that all our students are well supported both in school and at home.

We would like to highlight some important information, dates and events to note in Term 2.

1. **Morning Shuttle Buses (Bedok, Admiralty & Redhill)**

We are pleased to inform you that the Redhill shuttle bus will continue to run for the rest of the year. The shuttle bus timings for Bedok and Admiralty have been adjusted slightly, with the updates in **bold** in the table below. The pick-up location maps are available on our school website at <https://nls.edu.sg/shuttle-bus/>.

Location	Timing	Remarks
BEDOK	6:30 am	40 seater
	6:45 am	40 seater
ADMIRALTY	6:40 am	40 seater
	6:45 am	20 seater
REDHILL	6:45 am	20 seater

We would like to remind parents that the shuttle buses are not manned by staff. All students are regularly reminded to be punctual and well-behaved, and to take personal responsibility for their own belongings. We encourage parents to remind the students to do the same. We have appointed students to serve as Bus ICs starting in Term 2. They will guide fellow students in boarding the bus in a safe and timely manner, give feedback to the school if any, and look out for students who are new to the shuttle bus.

2. **Parents Gateway**

The school will be using **Parents Gateway**, an online portal, actively from next term (Term 3). Parents/Guardians are reminded to update their contact details through the Form-Teachers. In Term 2, we are trying it out with a few pilot classes. We will also be putting up announcements and term letters to parents. You can download the app and sign in using your Singpass. The frequently asked questions are reflected in **Annex A**.

3. **NETS Payment available at General Office**

For greater convenience, payment of school fees can now be done using NETS. Please enquire at the Front Desk in the General Office for more information.

4. **Annual School Camps**

Our Camp aims to emphasise the importance of teamwork and provide opportunities for students to experience outdoor activities through camp craft, outdoor cooking, challenge rope courses, obstacle courses, kayaking etc. It is also a platform for character and resilience building. The activities will be conducted by qualified instructors and trainers. Our teachers will also be accompanying the students to provide guidance throughout the camp period. Details of the camp are as follows:

Level	Day/Date	Venue	Remarks
Year 1	Wednesday 24 April to Friday 26 April	NorthLight School	Attendance at Camp is compulsory. Students who are exempted on medical grounds will attend a school based programme during this period.
Year 2	Wednesday 24 April to Friday 26 April	<i>To be confirmed</i>	
Year 3	Monday 22 April to Friday 26 April	Outward Bound Singapore (OBS)	

5. **Emergency Drill**

Our school will be conducting an Emergency Preparedness Drill on **Tuesday, 30 April**. This is an important emergency exercise that we conduct twice a year. The purpose is to ensure that staff and students continue to be prepared for any emergency in the school premises and to be familiar with the safety and evacuation procedures. Students will experience a simulated emergency situation in which the whole school undergoes a lockdown. We seek your understanding should you be turned away from the school during the period of the exercise.

6. **Reading Assessment**

The English department will conduct the Reading Assessment for the respective levels as shown below. The objective of administering this reading assessment is to allow the English teachers to assess the student's reading abilities and provide the necessary support. The assessment will be held between 3.15pm to 5.00pm in the school's multipurpose hall.

Year 3: Tuesday, 2 April

Year 2: Monday, 22 April

Year 1: Tuesday, 30 April

7. **Mid-Year Examinations**

The Mid-Year Examination for Year 2 to Year 4 students will take place from **Tuesday, 14 May to Thursday, 16 May**. The Mid-Year Examination schedule and topics for examination will be shared with students at a later date. Year 1 students will not be having any mid-year examinations. This allows them the time to settle down and adjust to the new school and curriculum.

8. **Workplace Numeracy (WPN) Assessment**
Year 4 students will be sitting for their WPN assessment from **Wednesday, 22 May to Friday, 24 May**.
9. **Industrial Experiential Programme**
All Year 4 students will be going through a one-week 'Ready-to-Send' programme before they are either attached to industry or placed in-house for 8 weeks in either Term 2 or Term 3 to have authentic work experience. Upon completion, they will return to school on the 10th week (27.5.19 to 31.5.19) to share their experiences during the 'Ready-to Receive' programme. Please take note that students will be dismissed at 12pm during the 'Ready-to-Send' programme from 25th March to 29th March.
10. **Marking Day**
Please be informed that **Friday, 17 May** is designated as the Marking Day and your child/ward **does not need to report to school**.
11. **Post-Examination Activities**
The school has planned an array of interesting activities during the Post Exam period from **Monday, 27 May to Wednesday, 29 May** for all students. We will furnish you with more details at a later date.
12. **Meet the Parents Session**
There will be a Meet-the-Parents session on **Thursday, 30 May**. Your child's/ward's Form Teacher will arrange to meet up with you and furnish you with more details at a later date.
13. **Last Day of School**
Last day of school for Term 2 will be on **Friday, 31 May**.
14. **Regular School Attendance**
NorthLight School is committed to facilitating student success and student learning. Our experience and records indicate that students who attend class regularly with a minimum number of absences have a much better chance of succeeding in school. We seek your assistance and guidance in ensuring that your child/ward maintains the best possible attendance record.

We wish your child/ward another fruitful term ahead.

Best Regards,

Mdm Sung Mee Har

Principal



Parents Gateway

Here are some quick FAQs for your information:

What is Parents Gateway?

Parents Gateway is a free mobile app available on iOS and Android for parents, developed by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and Government Technology Agency (GovTech) as part of Singapore's Smart Nation and Digital Government efforts. Parents Gateway connects parents and schools on key administrative matters.

What kind of functions are available in Parents Gateway?

Parents can view school announcements and consent forms using the app. For parents who wish to receive reminders on upcoming events, there is an "Add to Calendar" feature. Upon selection, the event would be synced with your phone calendar. More functions will be added in the future.

Who can access Parents Gateway?

Parents Gateway contains sensitive information about students and their parents. Access to the mobile app is restricted to parents and legal guardians who are Singpass holders.

How do parents start using Parents Gateway?

Parents can download the mobile app, available on iOS and Android, and log in with your Singpass account.

What if I am unable to use Parents Gateway?

We will continue to issue hardcopy letters and consent forms to parents and legal guardians who are unable to use Parents Gateway.