PARENT NOTIFICATION

31 Dec 2024

PN/2025/001

Principal's Note

Dear Parents,

Seasons' Greetings! We hope that our Primary 2 to Primary 6 (2025) Lasallians have enjoyed a restful year-end holiday break and are looking forward to starting a new school year. We extend a warm welcome to our new cohort of 2025 Primary 1 Lasallians! As they embark on their first year of formal schooling, we hope that they will experience a smooth transition to an enriching journey in De La Salle School.

The first day of school for our 2025 Primary 1 Lasallians will start on Thursday, 2 January 2025 while all Lasallians will report for school on Friday, 3 January 2025.

We thank you for your support and look forward to your partnership in developing our Lasallians as lifelong learners and caring citizens for the future.

We wish all families a blessed 2025 filled with faith, joy, peace and love.

Semper Fidelis,

Cheryl Choo Principal

Term 1 Notification

1. A Warm Welcome to the New Staff of DLSS

We extend our warm welcome to the following new staff:

- Ms Adeline Liu (Vice-Principal)
- Ms Jenny Chew (Subject Head Aesthetics)
- Ms Ang Wei Qi (Level Head English)
- Mdm Liu Dan (Teacher)
- Mr Daniel Lin (Teacher)
- Mr Krishanraj s/o Elangovan (Teacher)
- Mr Bay Weiqiang (Special Education Needs Officer)

The following staff have assumed new appointments in 2025:

- o Ms Eu Hui Jun (HOD/Character and Citizenship Education)
- Ms Low Ren Fong (Subject Head Curriculum Innovation & Technology)
- Ms Joanne Li (Year Head Middle Primary)

2. 2025 School Hours and After-School Schedule

The school hours and CCA timing for 2025 is appended below for information:

	Mondays & Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays & Fridays		
Start Time	7.30 am				
Recess Time	Primary 2 & 6: 9.30 – 10.00 am				
	Primary 1 & 5: 10.00 – 10.30 am				
	Primary 3 & 4: 10.30 – 11.00 am				
	(Daily snack break will be scheduled)				
Dismissal Time	Primary 1 –	Primary 1 – 3: 12.50 pm			
	Primary 4 –	Primary 4 – 6: 1.00 pm			
Lunch Time *	1.30 pm – 2.10 pm		1.00 pm – 1.40 pm		
Remedial &					
Enrichment	2.15 – 3.45 pm	Nil	Nil		
Programmes **					
CCA ***	Nil	1.45 pm – 3.45 pm			

Legend

*	Applicable to Lasallians staying back for afternoon activities.
	Lasallians not having official afternoon activities are advised to return home.
**	More details will be provided in subsequent Parent Notifications.
***	Applicable to Primary 3 to 6 Lasallians staying back for CCA training only.
	P3 CCAs will commence in Semester 2.

3. First Day of School (2 Jan 2025 for P1 only and 3 Jan 2025 for all Lasallians)

All <u>Primary 1 Lasallians</u> will report to school on <u>Thursday, 2 January 2025.</u> School hours will be from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Each P1 Lasallian may be accompanied by a maximum of <u>two</u> parent/guardians for the day. Please refer to the Parent Notification that was sent out on Friday, 27 December 2024 for details.

Primary 2 to Primary 6 Lasallians will remain at home on 2 January 2025. Our school Student Care Centre (Nascans) will remain open for enrolled students <u>only in the afternoon</u>. Please contact the centre directly for details.

All Lasallians will return to school on <u>Friday, 3 January 2025</u>. P2 to P6 Lasallians are to report to the Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) by 7.30 a.m.

All Lasallians are to bring along a small bag with writing materials and food for their snack break. School attire: PE or School Uniform. Form Teachers will inform Lasallians of the packing list for the rest of the Week 1 when they report to school on Friday, 3 January 2025.

4. Safety and Security

a. Attendance & Temperature-Taking Exercise (Week 2, Term 1)

To maintain the school's readiness and preparedness to re-activate the temperature-taking regime should there be a need to and to educate our Lasallians to take personal responsibility for their own health and practice social responsibility, all MOE schools are required to conduct an Attendance & Temperature-Taking Exercise twice yearly.

The first semesterly exercise will be held in <u>Term 1, Week 2 (Wednesday, 15 January 2025)</u>.

Primary 2 to 6 Lasallians are to bring a working Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) to school on that day for the exercise. They are required to bring their ODT for checks by their Form Teachers on Monday, 13 January 2025.

All Primary 1 Lasallians will be issued with a free ODT by their Form Teachers.

b. Road Safety

The attached map of De La Salle School (<u>Annex 1</u>) shows the location of all the school gates. During operating hours, there will be a security officer or staff member on duty at each gate.

Gate Operating Hours

Gate	Operating Hours (Morning Arrival)	Operating Hours (School Dismissal)	
A (for Staff & Cyclists only)	6.30 a.m. – 7.20 a.m.	Nil	
B (Lasallians on foot and Visitors)	6.45 a.m. – 7.00 p.m. (Controlled by security guards)	1.00 p.m. – 1.45 p.m. (only for school vans)	
C (Vehicular Access for school buses & parents dropping off Lasallians)	6.45 a.m. – 7.30 a.m.	Only for school buses	
D (Vehicular Access for exit only)	6.45 a.m. – 7.30 a.m.	Only for school buses	
E	6.45 a.m. – 7.30 a.m.	1.00 p.m. – 1.45 p.m.	

For Lasallians who walk to school

Lasallians are to use the pedestrian crossing along Choa Chu Kang St 52 and they are to cross the road at the stipulated traffic light crossing outside the school. Lasallians are reminded to adhere to road traffic rules and be vigilant of their surroundings. They should pay attention to oncoming traffic as they cross the road. Parents should refrain from attempting to cross the road bend in front of Gate B/C with our Lasallians as traffic is heavy during morning arrival and school dismissal times. They can enter or exit the school via Gate B or Gate E during morning arrival and school dismissal hours.

If you are driving your child to school

Please enter the school via Gate C if you are driving your child to school. To ensure a smooth traffic flow within the school premises, kindly prepare and ready your child <u>ahead of time</u> to alight promptly at the "Drop-off Point" at the porch of the Classroom Block.

For the safety of our Lasallians, do <u>not</u> alight Lasallians in the middle of the driveway. **Please do not alight together with your child** as this would hold up traffic unnecessarily leading to traffic congestion along Choa Chu Kang St 52. Do exercise patience and caution while driving along the driveway out towards Gate D to exit the school premises.

Gate D is an automatic gate. Do not be alarmed if Gate D is closed early in the morning. Please follow the instructions on the notice mounted on the gate to gain exit. During morning peak hours, Gate D is open and manned by one of the school staff.

Only school buses are allowed to drive into the school compound for school dismissal. Parents who drive to pick up their child are advised to arrive early and park at nearby carparks before walking over to Gate B or E. Parking outside the school along Choa Chu Kang St 52 is strictly <u>not</u> allowed and will only serve to increase traffic congestion and pose unnecessary road safety risks to our Lasallians.

School Bus & Public Transport

Lasallians who are travelling by school bus or public transport are to observe the rules and regulations when aboard the vehicles. Please remind your child that he/she should be properly seated and belted up where applicable. Lasallians are expected to behave themselves and not move around or talk loudly during the bus/train journey. They should not be snacking or drinking when travelling on the bus/train.

All Lasallians are to take responsibility to ensure their own safety and respect the need for the safety of others when travelling to school and back home.

Please refer to <u>Annex 2</u> for the road safety advisory from the Land Transport Authority and Singapore Police Force.

Cycling to School

Lasallians who wish to cycle to school will enter the school gate via Gate A where the bicycle stands are located. They should dismount when crossing the pedestrian crossing, looking out for oncoming traffic and not assume that they have the right of way, before entering the school gate.

Lasallians must obtain parental acknowledgement of an issued advisory note and be registered with the school before they are allowed to cycle to and park in school. For their safety, they are to don safety wear such as helmet and other protective gear such as proper shoes when cycling and ensure that their bicycles are well-lit in the early mornings. Please obtain the cycling advisory note from the school Operations Manager at the General Office.

c. School Security

To minimise the risk of intrusion, all visitors including parents are to obtain security clearance before being allowed entry into the school. Visitors are subject to prevailing security checks at the security post beside Gate B.

Parents who escort their children to school on foot or by public transport can leave their children at Gate B or E in the presence of the security officer and school personnel on duty. Parents who pick their children up after dismissal can wait outside these school gates.

If you wish to speak with a teacher or to attend to some administrative matters, please call the General Office ahead for an appointment. You may park your vehicle at a nearby carpark before reporting at the security post to register for a visitor's pass and then proceed to the General Office for assistance. You will have to don the visitor pass visibly throughout the duration of your visit.

The safety of our Lasallians is our top priority hence we seek your understanding and cooperation in helping us to provide a safe and secure learning environment for our Lasallians.

Taxis or private-hire vehicles are not allowed to enter or park at the school premises.

5. Parents Gateway App

Parents Gateway is an important online communication platform between MOE/School and parents. All parents are encouraged to download the application to their mobile phones to gain ready and convenient access to timely information pertaining to the school's programmes and activities.

Please refer to the school website (<u>Parents Link</u>) for the guide to Parents Gateway. All subsequent termly notifications and announcements to parents will be sent via the Parents Gateway.

6. Communication with School Staff outside School Hours

Our teachers and staff look forward to working in close partnership with all parents in the development and well-being of our Lasallians. Parents can contact our staff through official platforms via email or a phone call to the General Office for urgent matters. Staff are not obliged to share their personal contact numbers. We seek your understanding that our staff may not respond as promptly to queries outside of school hours, over the weekends and official school holidays.

7. Use of Photographs and Videos involving Lasallians

During the course of the school year, photographs and videos of your child participating in instructional and school activities may appear on the school website and other school publications. When selecting photographs or videos to be featured, the school is mindful of the way our Lasallians may appear in them and will not include photographs and videos which are in any way inappropriate. For any concerns or feedback, please email dlss@moe.edu.sg.

8. Primary 5 Outdoor Camp

Primary 5 students will be going through a residential camp at Jalan Bahtera MOE campsite from Monday, 10 February to Wednesday, 12 February 2025. The theme for the P5 camp is "Leaving as a Resilient Lasallian of the Community". Briefing for the P5 Lasallians and parents/guardians will be conducted. More information will be provided nearer the date via Parent's Gateway.

9. School PE Attire

We understand that the uniform vendor has run out of some sizes for the new PE Attire. Lasallians can continue to wear the older version of the coloured PE attire or the full uniform when the term starts on Friday, 3 January 2025.

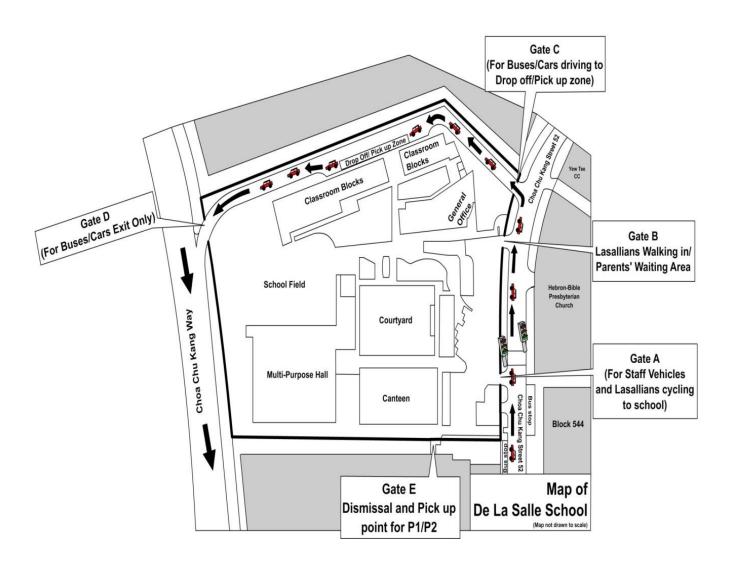
10. School Calendar - Term 1

Please refer to <u>Annex 3</u> for the school calendar for Term 1, 2025. Do check our school website for updates.

End of Notification

Annex 1

De La Salle School Traffic Management Plan









Dear Parent/Guardian,

ROAD SAFETY OF STUDENTS

We would like to seek your cooperation to work with the school in ensuring the safety of students coming to and leaving school. This is especially important as young children may not have the skills required to use roads properly and do not always fully appreciate the dangers presented. Their small physique also makes them less visible to motorists.

This letter reiterates the road safety policies of the school:

- a. Reduce vehicle speed and stay alert for pedestrians in the school zone.
- b. Cooperate with traffic marshals to ensure overall safety and smooth traffic flow.
- c. Let your child alight only at the designated drop-off point.
- d. Be advised not to violate traffic rules by driving recklessly or making illegal manoeuvres such as turning into the school from the outer lane(s) of the road.
- e. Do not horn indiscriminately.
- f. Help your child alight from the car as quickly as possible.
- g. Reinforce correct road safety behaviour such as using the pedestrian crossing, and avoiding jaywalking or using a mobile phone while crossing.
- h. Remind your children to practise the kerb drill before crossing "look right, look left, look right again; ensure all vehicles have stopped; raise your hand high up and cross the road briskly".
- i. If your child must cycle to school, ensure that he knows safe cycling rules and is a competent cyclist.
- j. For the safety of everyone, enforcement action will be taken against motorists who violate traffic rules.

We thank all parents and guardians who have been the role models for our children.

On Behalf of SPF and LTA

De La Salle School 2025 <u>Term 1</u> Calendar of Events

Week No.	Date	Day	Event/Activity	Level
-	2 Jan	Thu	P1 Lasallians First Day at School	P1
-	3 Jan	Fri	All Lasallians report to School	All
1	7 & 8 Jan	Tue & Wed	Start of P4 SwimSafer Programme @ Choa Chu Kang Swimming Complex (scheduled classes)	P4
2	13 Jan	Mon	Start of Year Mass / Inaugural Service	All
3	24 Jan	Fri	P3 Curriculum Briefing for Parents (via webinar)	P3
4	28 Jan Tue Chinese New Year Celebrations (curtailed school hours – 7.30 to 10.30 am)		All	
29 & 30 Jan		Wed & Thu	Chinese New Year - Public Holiday	All
5	7 Feb	Fri	P4 Curriculum Briefing for Parents (via webinar)	P4
6	10 -12 Feb	Mon - Wed	P5 Camp @ Jln Bahtera Outdoor Adventure Centre (3D2N)	P5
	13 Feb	Thu	Home-based Learning (P5 level only)	P5
7	17 Feb	Mon	Total Defence Day Commemoration	
	17 Feb	Mon	P6 Social Studies Learning Journey – Asian Civilisations Museum (scheduled classes)	P6
	21 Feb	Fri	Lasallian Staff Formation Day Home-Based Learning Day (No-school day)	All
8	24 & 26 Feb	Mon & Wed	P6 Social Studies Learning Journey – Asian Civilisations Museum (scheduled classes)	P6
8 & 9	24 - 28 Feb & 3 - 7 Mar	-	P3 – P5 Weighted Assessment (WA) 1	P3 - 5

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