



BLANGAH RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Happy 2025! On behalf of the staff at Blangah Rise Primary School, I wish you a meaningful and fulfilling year ahead. A successful school experience thrives on strong partnerships between home and school, and I look forward to working with you to nurture confident and caring students.

I am honored to serve as the principal of Blangah Rise Primary School and deeply grateful to my predecessor, Mr. Francis Foo, for his strong leadership. Together with our dedicated staff, I am committed to building on the strong foundation he established, fostering a sense of belonging, and growing as one BRPS.

In today's fast-changing world, equipping our students with 21st Century Competencies is essential. Guided by our vision—*"A joyful school of confident learners and caring leaders"*—we are dedicated to creating meaningful and engaging learning experiences. Through our programmes, we nurture **Active, Bold, Contributing, and Disciplined (ABCD) Learners**, who uphold our core values:

- **Respect**
- **Integrity**
- **Self-discipline**
- **Empathy**

We strive to provide an environment where every child feels valued, heard, and supported. Your involvement as parents and partners is invaluable, and together with our School Advisory Committee, Parent Support Group, and alumni, we can bring out the best in every child.

I look forward to your trust and support. Let us make this year a memorable and meaningful one for our children.

1. Welcome and Farewell

We welcome Mdm Leo Siew Hui and Mdm Pauline Png to our BRPS community.

We bid farewell to the following staff who have left our school:

- Dr Zheng Yingjiang
- Mr Samuel Ooi
- Ms Athena Tang
- Mr Kumar
- Ms Miki Soon
- Mr Pradip
- Ms Shang Mingzhu
- Mrs Tay Mung Yu
- Ms Zubaidah

2. Introducing the Year Heads of Junior, Middle and Senior Primary

Junior Primary (P1 & 2)	Year Head – Mdm Kimberly Koh Yen Ling Assistant Year Head – Mr Chia Si Wei Alex John
Middle Primary (P3 & 4)	Year Head – Mr Patrick Goh Leng Wee Assistant Year Head – Mr Victor Lim Wee Teck
Senior Primary (P5 & 6)	Year Head – Mdm Stephanie Song Peck Ling Assistant Year Head – Ms Munirah Bte Talat Mahmood

3. i-Discover Programme for P1 & P2

As a 7-Habits school, we aim to guide our students towards greater maturity, ultimately helping them develop interdependence through our school's programmes. To support our mission of holistic student development and to make learning more meaningful and engaging, all our Primary 1 and Primary 2 students will participate in the i-Discover programme, which is a unique initiative by our school. This programme will take place every Monday.

Together with an identified virtue for each term, our students will also be nurtured in values and basic qualities they need to be successful throughout their lives. i-Discover will provide opportunities such as CCA experiences, social skills learning and engagement in the school's distinctive programmes. Our Junior Primary students will also have the opportunity to showcase their confidence through Choir and Drama.

The following are further details on the programme:

		Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
7 Habits		Private Victory		Public Victory	
		Habit 1: Be proactive		Habit 4: Think win-win	
		Habit 2: Begin with the end in mind		Habit 5: Seek first to understand then to be understood	
		Habit 3: Put first things first		Habit 6: Synergise	
		Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw			
Identified Virtue (I discover...)		Confidence	Creativity	Flexibility	Joyfulness
Activities Planned (non-exhaustive and subject to changes)	P1	Self-Management Skills lessons	Robotics / Engineering Related Learning Activities (ERLA)	Self-Management Skills lessons, ICT Enrichment	Performing Arts: Choir
	P2	Robotics / Engineering Related Learning Activities (ERLA)	Performing Arts: Choir	ICT Enrichment, Photo Appreciation, CCA Immersion	Performing Arts: Drama

4. School Choir

The school choir "Rising Harmonies" will continue to be conducted weekly on Tuesdays (3.30 – 5 pm) as part of the After School Enrichment Programme (Choir) for P2 – P6 students. Students will learn to sing with strong fundamental vocals in a variety of musical styles and develop the art of harmonious ensemble singing, with an appreciation of a diversity of music. School based and community performing opportunities will be provided for the students. There is also new CCA for Choir starting in 2025 for P3 students.

5. English Broadcast Journalism Module for Middle Primary

The EL Broadcast Journalism Programme is a key pillar of the English Language Oracy curriculum for Middle Primary students. The Broadcast Journalism Enrichment Programme aims to provide rich and authentic experiences for students to use language and, in the process, deepen students' oracy and presentation skills. Primary 3 and 4 students will be trained in-curriculum as well as through an after-school enrichment module to speak confidently and present their scripts in front of a recording device. Primary 3 students will focus on the skill of elaboration in speech on a topic of choice. Primary 3 students will be exposed to podcasting. Primary 4 students will focus on the skill of telling their personal stories in speech on a topic of choice. Primary 4 students will be exposed to a video broadcasting format.

6. Koobits Math for Primary 1 to 6 students

Starting Term 1, 2025, we will introduce KooBits Math, an online learning portal for all P1 to P6 students. This platform empowers students to grasp concepts at their own pace and attain mathematics mastery. It will also help them develop self-directed learning skills. Subscription and log-in details will be shared with students and parents separately.

7. CCA Mentoring Programme

We are thankful for the partnership with secondary schools to support our students in their holistic development through CCA Mentoring. The CCA Mentoring Programme provides opportunities for our primary students to be mentored by exemplary secondary students in their respective CCAs. Each mentoring programme is differentiated and customized according to the needs of our primary students and the scope of CCA.

Our partnering secondary schools include:

- Anglo-Chinese School (Independent) - Badminton Boys
- Raffles Girls' School - Badminton Girls
- School of the Arts (SOTA) - Art & Design Club and Media Kids
- Crescent Girls' School - Red Cross Youth

We look forward to a meaningful partnership with the schools involved.

8. Updates on Physical and Learning Environment

In 2025, the school will be embarking on several improvement projects to enhance the learning environment:

- A new Aesthetics Hub (Shifting of current Art & Music Rooms to former MK Classrooms)
- LED lighting and DC fans in all classrooms
- Airconditioned School Hall for events
- High-volume, low-speed (HVLS) fans in the ISH
- P2 toilet upgrading works
- Shelter Walkway enhancement works through the Garden of Hope to the Indoor Sports Hall (ISH)

Future of Learning Classrooms

Some of the classrooms designed to support the future of learning are ready. These new spaces feature modular, flexible designs that can be easily reconfigured to cater to different pedagogical approaches and learning activities.

This future-oriented learning environment aims to help students develop 21st Century Competencies by promoting active learning, enhancing student well-being and supporting technology-enabled education.

9. Homework Policy and E-Learning

Homework

Homework is an essential part of our students' holistic development. Homework can be an effective tool for intellectual development and academic learning as well as for forming good study habits. For more information about our homework policy, please refer to your child's **Student Diary**.

Online Interactive E-Learning for Students through Student Learning Space (SLS)

To equip our students with 21st century competencies, students will need to be familiar with the use of online resources to acquire knowledge, communicate and develop their creativity. SLS is an online learning platform that contains curriculum-aligned resources and learning tools. P1 students will be receiving a separate letter on SLS by Term 1 Week 3, when their accounts are ready.

10. School Safety & Security Measures

School safety is the collective responsibility of everyone. The safety and security arrangements are outlined in **Annex A**.

11. Regular Attendance

To ensure every child has an equal head start and builds a strong foundation in learning, consistent attendance is crucial. Missing school without a valid reason creates learning gaps and disadvantages the child. The school takes a firm stance on unexcused absences. Parents are reminded that it is mandatory to provide either a medical certificate or a written explanation for your child's absence. Without these, the absence will be deemed invalid, and follow-up actions, including possible reporting to the Compulsory Education Unit in MOE, will be taken. Attendance is also a key factor in eligibility for bursaries and awards. For details, please refer to our Attendance Policy in **Annex B**.

12. School Meals Subscription Programme

Since 2017, the school has collaborated with SATS to provide nutritional and healthy recess meals for our students. These meals are also designed in accordance with HPB's Healthy Meals in School Programme guidelines. All P1 to P5 students are automatically-enrolled in the School Meals Subscription Programme (SMSP) for recess (Monday – Friday) and lunch (on Mondays only).

Parents would be billed termly via the MOE School Bill (Mar 25, May 25, Sep 25 and Nov 25). This bill would be sent to you via your child. Students on MOE and school-based Financial Assistance (FAS) are fully subsidised.

In 2025, the school meal subscription cost per meal is as follows:

Level	Rates in 2025 (per meal)	Rates in 2025 (Allergen meal)
P1-3	\$2.35	\$2.75
P4-6	\$3.00	\$3.00

For students who are not on the SMSP, parents can place ad hoc recess and lunch orders for your child by signing up for an account. Parents can visit the school website to find out more about our school meals programme via the link below;
(<https://blangahrisepri.moe.edu.sg/parent-support-group/sats-school-meals-programme>).

For clarifications or to check if your child is on SMSP, please email or contact us at 6271 7387.

13. Parent-Teacher Meetings on 5 and 12 February

We extend an invitation to all parents to join us for the Parent-Teacher Meeting on 5 February for students in Primary 2, 4, and 6, and on 12 February for students in Primary 1, 3, and 5. Further information about the meeting will be communicated by your child's Year Head at a later time.

14. Other Matters

School Service Providers	
School Bus Services	DKJ Transport Service Contact Person: Mr Leo Bai Ming (Manager) Contact No.: 97723370 Email: leodkj@yahoo.com.sg
School Uniform Supplier	Beau Voix Uniform Address: 2 Sims Close #03-08 Gemini@Sims Singapore 387298 Contact Person: Mr Tony Ng Contact No.: 6743 6645 / 6744 7084 / 9637 6598
Bookshop Services	HB Book Centre Contact Person: Mr Jason Loh (Manager) Contact No.: 6270 1060 Email: hb.bk.ctr@gmail.com
Student Care Centre	Commit Learning@Blangah Rise Student Care Centre Contact Person: Theresa Ann Contact No.: 89138340 Email: theresa_ann_simon_joseph@commitlearning.com.sg
School Dental Clinic	School Roving Dental Clinic Please refer to school website or contact the school office for more information

Wishing you and your family a wonderful new year ahead!

Yours sincerely



Ms Pearly Ng
Principal

Safety & Security Measures

Arrival and Dismissal Arrangements

During Dry Weather	During Wet Weather
<p><u>Arrival</u></p> <p>Students can enter through the Main Gate and Side Gate E that is the sheltered walkway next to the school canteen. All other gates will be closed.</p> <p>Parents/Guardians who wish to enter the school will need to enter by the Main Gate.</p> <p>For those driving, please alight the child at the Main Gate or Side Gate E.</p>	<p><u>Arrival</u></p> <p>Students can enter through the Main Gate and Side Gate E that is the sheltered walkway next to the school canteen. All other gates will be closed.</p> <p>Parents/Guardians who wish to enter the school will need to enter by the Main Gate.</p> <p>For those driving, you may enter the school and alight the child at the foyer. Please prepare your child to alight quickly and safely so as not to hold up the traffic.</p>
<p><u>Dismissal</u></p> <p>Students can exit through the Main Gate and Side Gate E.</p> <p>For those driving, you may pick your child at the Main Gate or Side Gate E.</p>	<p><u>Dismissal</u></p> <p>Students can exit through the Main Gate and Side Gate E.</p> <p>For those driving, there is a sheltered car park next to Blk 72 and you can fetch your child at the sheltered walkway from Side Gate E.</p>

Other Arrangements

1. Daily Necessities

We would like to reinforce the importance of being prepared and organized. Please help us to train your child to pack his/her bag daily according to the timetable given. It is equally important to ensure that your child is not carrying extra weight unnecessarily.

Below is the list of items your child should have in his/her bag every day.

- Student's Timetable
- Student's Diary (you will be able to leave notes/messages for your child's/wards' form/subject teacher in this book)
- Pencil Box (with at least 2 pencils sharpened, an eraser and a ruler)
- Colour Pencils
- A new or recycled folder/file for keeping of homework and letters neatly in the bag
- A suitable storybook for silent reading
- A working thermometer

2. Lunch Arrangements for After-School Activities

You are encouraged to place ad-hoc lunch orders for your child with after-school activities via the SATS Online Portal. You can register for an account via this link (<https://go.gov.sg/schoolmeal>). Do visit our school website for more information on ad-hoc

lunch orders. If your child is on the SATS subscription plan for recess and lunch on Mondays, lunch will be catered for on Mondays. For students on MOE and school-based FAS with after-school activities, lunch would be automatically catered and is fully subsidised.

Students who have lunch brought to them can receive the lunches at the Main Gate or Side Gate E.

3. Entrance for Parents/Guardians or Visitors

Any parents/guardians or visitors who wish to enter the school would need to enter by the **Main Gate** where there will be security clearance and an issue of visitor passes.

4. Waiting Areas for Parents/Guardians

The waiting area for parents/guardians is just outside the Main Gate, where some benches are provided.

There is also another waiting area at the void deck of Blk 72 outside Side Gate E.

5. Students Who Fall Sick

We seek parents' support to keep schools a safe environment for students.

If your child is unwell, please ensure that he/she stays at home and seeks medical attention if necessary. If your child is recovering from respiratory-related illnesses, please encourage him/her to exercise social responsibility (e.g., by wearing a mask, minimising social interactions with big groups).

Students who are sick or hurt while in school must inform their form/subject teachers. When there is a need for a student to see a doctor or go home early, the form/subject teacher will assist the student to make a telephone call to the parent/guardian to come to school to fetch the student home. Parent/guardian must co-operate by coming to school as soon as possible.

The teacher has to record the necessary information in the "Early Dismissal" book and the parent/guardian must sign in the book before the child/ward can be taken home.

We appreciate your support and will continue to work with you closely. Let us all do our part to exercise personal and social responsibility and stay safe.

6. Remedial Class Schedules

In order to provide additional academic support for your child/ward, the level (P3 onwards) will be conducting remedial classes for selected students. Please refer to the remedial class schedule in the school's termly letters.

7. Making Appointments via Phone

Call our General Office at 62717387 and leave a message for your child's/ward's form/subject teacher to return a call OR set a day/time for an appointment with his/her form/subject teacher.

8. Making Appointments via Email

Contact your child's/ward's form teacher at brps@moe.edu.sg or at their respective email addresses.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Expectations of Attendance

School provides opportunities to learn and grow, hence we expect all students to be regular and punctual for school. The following are the expectations we have as a school community:

- a. All students should attend school on **ALL** school days except for medical or valid reasons.
- b. A valid medical certificate must be submitted to the class teacher upon return from medical leave.
- c. For other reasons (e.g. death in family), a signed letter giving details and the specific dates is required. All such letters will be accepted on a case by case basis. **The school only permits up to six letters per semester to explain the student's absence from school.**
- d. For non-valid reasons, the student will be deemed as Absent Without Valid Reason.

Benefits of Regular Attendance

The community-at-large values education and often links bursaries and financial assistance to attendance. The school reviews the following subsidies and will take into consideration students' attendance during the approval process:

- a. Transport Subsidy (EZ-link top-up concessions) and Bus Transport;
- b. Recommendation for public bursary application by family/guardian (eg: Community Centres, Buddhist Lodge, etc);
- c. The Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund (STSPMF); and
- d. Participation in sponsored activities (e.g. concerts at the Esplanade)

Failure to Attend School Regularly

The Compulsory Education Act has provided clear directions that **all Singaporean children between the age of 6 and 15 must attend school**. It may be an offence when a child fails to attend school regularly. If found guilty, the penalties provided in the Act are a fine not exceeding \$5,000, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, or to both.

The school will inform the Compulsory Education Unit (CEU) of Ministry of Education if a child fails to attend school regularly. Some of the follow-up actions by CEU may include:

- (i) A home visit by officers from MOE
- (ii) referral to Singapore Children's Society who will have intervention programmes with close monitoring
- (iii) referral to other external agencies e.g. family service centres, child protection
- (iv) Summon to court to face charges that may lead to a fine, for the parent / guardian, not exceeding \$5000.00, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, or to both.

Upcoming Events in Term 1

Date	Event	Remarks
9, 16, 23 Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 Feb 6 Mar	SwimSafer for 3 Sapphire	During Curriculum Time
10, 17, 24 Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 Feb 7 Mar	SwimSafer for 3 Topaz	During Curriculum Time
14, 21, 28 Jan 4, 11, 18, 25 Feb 4, 11 Mar	ASEP: Choir	3.30 pm to 5 pm For selected P2 to P6 students
15 Jan	Temperature Taking Exercise	
7, 9, 14, 16, 23 Jan	Mathematics Olympiad	2 pm to 3.30 pm For selected P3 to P6 students
21 Jan 4, 11, 18, 25 Feb 4 Mar	APEX EL	2 pm to 3.15 pm For selected P3 to P6 students
28 Jan	Chinese New Year Celebrations	School to end at 1030 am
29 and 30 Jan	Public Holiday – Chinese New Year	
4, 18 Feb	Delta House Practice	3.15 pm to 4.45 pm For P3 to P6 students
5 Feb	P3 Museum-Based Learning	3 Sapphire students During Curriculum Time
5 Feb	Parent-Teacher Meeting for Primary 2, 4 and 6	2.15 pm to 4 pm
6 Feb	P3 Museum-Based Learning	3 Topaz students During Curriculum Time
6, 13, 20, 27 Feb 6 Mar	APEX: Math and Science	For selected P6 students 2 pm to 3.15 pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Feb 6 Mar	Science Olympiad	For selected P4 and P5 students 2 pm to 3.15 pm
6, 20 Feb	Gillman House Practice	3.15 pm to 4.45 pm For P3 to P6 students
7 Feb	School Smart Card: Photo Taking for P1 and P6 students	
11, 25 Feb	Keppel House Practice	3.15 pm to 4.45 pm For P3 to P6 students
12 Feb	Parent-Teacher Meeting for Primary 1, 3 and 5	2.15 pm to 4 pm
13, 27 Feb	Redhill House Practice	3.15 pm to 4.45 pm For P3 to P6 students
17 Feb	P4 Heritage Learning Journey to Kreta Ayer Heritage Centre	During Curriculum Time
4 Mar	P5 Museum Based Learning - Indian Heritage Centre	During Curriculum Time
11, 13 Mar	Broadcast Journalism	For P3 and P4 students 2 pm to 4 pm
13 Mar	P6 Motivation Camp	2 pm to 3.30 pm