



Radin Mas Primary School

A School Where All Work Hard, Play Hard and Make A Mark

11 May 2020

Dear P6 Parents/Guardians,

P6 May Holiday Classes and 2020 Direct School Admission

1. As announced by MOE, due to developments in the COVID-19 situation, the Mid-Year School Holidays will now be from 5 May (Tue) to 1 Jun (Mon). The intent of this move is to provide some respite for the hard work and adjustment that all our parents, students and teachers have gone through during the full HBL. This also supports the national move to extend the Circuit Breaker measures for another month as we work together to combat the transmission of COVID-19 in Singapore.
2. On this note, we would like to remind our students to continue observing the Circuit Breaker measures and remain at home as far as possible. Students should not meet up with their friends in person and visit one another's homes during the May School holidays.

P6 May Holiday Classes

3. For this coming May mid-year break, to support our graduating classes, the school will take a measured approach towards calling teachers and students back in the last 2 week of the holidays. Attendance for these classes would not be compulsory and these classes would be more to support our P6 students to catch up with their learning.
4. In line with the national safe distancing and safe management measures, classes will be rostered to report at different time, with different recess break and dismissal will also be staggered so as to avoid intermingling. All students are not to remain in school or around the neighbourhood after class. Classes will be arranged in fixed exam-style seating with appropriate distancing. All students and staff will be required to wear masks at all times, and daily temperature-taking and wipe-down routines will continue.
5. Students who are unwell are strongly advised to seek medical attention and are not to come to school. Additionally, students whose adult household members have flu-like symptoms (and are on MC) should also stay away from school.
6. Kindly refer to the following for more details.

| Class | 6M | 6N | 6D | 6I | 6A1 | 6A2 | 6R |
|-----------------|---|---------|--------|---|--------|-----|----|
| Dates | 20 – 22 May 2020 (Wednesday to Friday) | | | 27 – 29 May 2020 (Wednesday to Friday) | | | |
| Reporting Time | 7.20am | 7.50am | 8.20am | 7.50am | 7.20am | | |
| Reporting Venue | School Canteen | | | | | | |
| Dismissal Time | 12.00nn | 12.30pm | 1.00pm | 12.30pm | 1.00pm | | |
| Remarks | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report to school in school uniform and shoes• Wear a face mask at all times• Bring a working oral digital thermometer every day• Bring all completed offline HBL assignments | | | | | | |





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2020 Direct School Admission into Secondary Schools (DSA-Sec)

7. Introduced in 2004, the Direct School Admission (DSA) scheme provides students with the opportunity to seek admission to a secondary school, based on a diverse range of specific academic and non-academic achievements and talents that they can demonstrate beyond the PSLE. Primary 6 students who do not participate in the DSA-Sec will continue to seek admission based on their PSLE results through the Secondary 1 (S1) Posting.
8. The DSA is a commitment on the part of both the student and the secondary school. This is because the school is committed to developing students to their fullest potential in both their studies and talents throughout their school years. Parents and students are encouraged to choose schools wisely based on the student's aptitudes and strengths, bearing in mind the schools' academic and non-academic requirements, and the programmes available to develop the talent.
9. The DSA-Sec application will commence on **12 May 2020, 9am** and end on **5 Jun 2020, 3pm**. You may submit your child's application online via the DSA-Sec Portal. Either parent may log in using SingPass to submit an application. If you are unable to apply online for your child, please approach our staff in school for assistance. Please refer to the attachment for more information on DSA and the application process.
10. Students successfully allocated to their DSA-Sec schools will NOT be allowed to participate in the annual S1 Posting to opt for secondary schools, and are expected to honour the commitment to the allocated DSA-Sec school for the entire duration of the programme to develop their talents. They will also NOT be allowed to transfer to another school after the release of the PSLE results.
11. This year, many secondary schools participating in DSA have moved to holding virtual open house in view of the current COVID-19 situation. Please do visit the secondary schools' websites for information on DSA talent areas, selection timeline and criteria. Here are the dates of virtual open house of some secondary schools.

| Secondary School | Date of Virtual Open House |
|---------------------------------|---|
| School Of The Arts (SOTA) | 3 April to 18 May 2020 |
| NUS High School | 15 May 2020 |
| Victoria School | 16 May 2020 |
| Catholic High School | 16 May 2020 |
| Raffles Girls Secondary School | 16 May to 8 June 2020 |
| Dunman High School | 23 May 2020 |
| Nanyang Girls' High | 30 May 2020 |
| River Valley High | More information can be found at this website: https://rivervalleyhigh.moe.edu.sg/e-open-house/home |
| Singapore Sports School | More information can be found at this website: https://www.sportsschool.edu.sg/openhouse/open-house-2020 |
| Hwa Chong Institution | More information can be found at this website: admissions.hci.edu.sg |
| Singapore Chinese Girls' School | More information can be found at this website : tinyurl.com/scgsdsa2020 |





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It has been a challenging few months and we thank you for your patience, positivity and partnership. We are also thankful for your feedback and will continue to improve our approaches and processes. Let us work together to support our P6 students in their preparation for the national examination.

We wish you a restful May holidays and look forward to the students' return to school.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Parent

Information on 2020 Direct School Admission for Secondary Schools (DSA-Sec)

What is DSA-Sec?

DSA-Sec aims to promote holistic education and provides Primary 6 (P6) students an opportunity to seek admission to a secondary school based on a diverse range of talents and achievements that may not be demonstrated at the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE). Each participating school offers distinctive programmes and sets its own selection process and criteria to admit students with talents that can be further developed by these programmes.

Should my child apply for DSA-Sec?

Your child may consider applying for a secondary school through DSA-Sec if they are able to identify a school that offers a talent development programme in their area of strength. If not, they may continue to participate in the S1 Posting Exercise at the end of the year and be admitted to a secondary school based on their PSLE results.

If your child is successfully allocated to a school through DSA-Sec, he/she will not join the Secondary 1 (S1) Posting. As he/she has committed to the school, he/she will also not be able to seek for a transfer to another school after the release of the PSLE results.

Which school should my child apply to?

Finding a good fit will help your child enjoy learning at an appropriate pace, and enable him/her to benefit from the school's overall programmes. When selecting a DSA-Sec school, consider the following:

- Schools with talent areas that match your child's strengths and interests;
- The pace of learning; and
- The overall range of programmes offered by the school.

Details on the schools' programmes, DSA-Sec selection processes, and timelines are available at the secondary schools' websites.

How does my child apply for DSA-Sec?

You may submit your child's application online via the DSA-Sec Portal from **9am on 12 May 2020 to 3pm on 5 June 2020**. Either parent may log in using SingPass to submit an application. If you are unable to apply online for your child, please approach your child's primary school for assistance.

If your child is interested in School of the Arts (SOTA) or Singapore Sports School (SSP), you should apply directly to the school based on the school's application timeline. You may visit their school's website for more information.

You can indicate up to three choices during the application. For each choice, you will need to choose a secondary school and a talent area from that school. Of the three choices, a maximum of two choices can be used to apply to the same school (e.g. under two different talent areas). This is to cater for your

child's multiple interests, and allow for a choice of different schools which can develop your child's strengths and interests. You are encouraged to consider your choices carefully, and manage the time and effort required for your child to participate in the trials/interviews conducted by the school(s).

Do I need to submit any hardcopy documents during application?

There is no need to submit additional hardcopy testimonials and documents via the DSA-Sec Portal.

Your child's primary school information will be shared with the secondary schools that you have applied to. This includes your child's P5 and P6 academic results, Co-curricular Activities (CCA), Values in Action (VIA) involvement, School-based achievements/awards, NAPFA results and Junior Sports Academy participation. An optional field will also allow you to indicate any non-school-based activities and achievements related to your child's talent, which your child may have participated outside school.

When will I be informed on the outcome of my child's application?

You will be informed of the application outcome by the individual schools by 14 September 2020. If your child has a Confirmed Offer (CO) or a Wait List (WL) offer, you will receive notification on the School Preference Submission in Oct 2020. You can submit up to three school choices, in order of preference, online or at the primary school.¹ To gain admission, your child still needs to attain PSLE results that qualify them for a course (i.e. Express, Normal (Academic) or Normal (Technical)) offered by the school. If your child has not been given a place in the DSA-Sec school, they can still apply for a school through the S1 Posting using their PSLE results.

How will COVID-19 affect selection by DSA-Sec schools?

To ensure the safety and well-being of our students and school personnel amid the COVID-19 situation, DSA schools will conduct all interviews and selection for DSA via electronic modes (e-modes) using video conferencing. The e-modes will be done in the primary school during the selection period. You may approach your primary school for assistance if your child is shortlisted to undergo selection.

The selection process and timeline differ across schools, and across different DSA-Sec categories. Secondary schools may consider students based on talents and achievements, personal qualities, and primary school results. You are advised to refer to the school's website on the selection process.

Where can I find out more information on DSA-Sec?

Information on important dates and the 2020 DSA-Sec, can be found on www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec (scan the QR code below to access the website). You will also be able to download a copy of the DSA-Sec Portal user guide and application template from the website.



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¹ If your child has accepted an offer from [Singapore Sports School \(SSP\)](#), the school will contact you separately. You should **NOT** submit school choices during the DSA-Sec School Preference period, otherwise, your child's offer from SSP will be void.

