

FPS/2018/0034

26 January 2018

Dear Parents/Guardian of Primary 1 and Primary 2 pupils

HOLISTIC ASSESSMENT IN TERM 1

Our national education system aims to provide students with a holistic and broad-based education, equipping them with the content knowledge, skills and values to thrive in a fast-changing and globalised world. To achieve these aims, our school adopts a holistic approach to assessment - which are not limited to pen-and-paper evaluations.

Holistic assessment enables the school to provide both qualitative and quantitative feedback to support and guide the development of your child/ward. Feedback is formed from observations on multiple facets of your child's/ward's learning in a continual process. This facilitates teachers' ability to customize lessons that will meet the learning needs of your child/ward, while enabling you to better support his/her overall development and growth.

Our school adopts a holistic approach to assessment in the subjects of English, Mathematics and Mother Tongue Language. We seek your cooperation in ensuring that your child/ward is present during the periods of assessment for all subjects.

If your child/ward is **absent** for an assessment, his/her subject teacher will arrange for a make-up session. Marks will be pro-rated for pupils who submit their medical certificate (MC). A mark of zero will be given for pupils who are absent without a reason deemed valid by the school; in such a case, the score obtained at the make-up session will be used only as an indicator of their learning progress.

An example is provided below for your reference.

	<i>Oral (20 marks)</i>	<i>Listening (20 marks)</i>	<i>Reading (20 marks)</i>	<i>Written (40 marks)</i>	<i>Overall computation of marks</i>
Student A	Present				All marks are factored into computation i.e. Total maximum attainable mark = 100
Student B	Present			Absent with MC	Marks for Written assessment will NOT be factored into computation i.e. Total maximum attainable mark = 60
Student C	Present			Absent without valid reason	A mark of ZERO is given for the Written assessment. Additionally, total maximum attainable mark continues to be = 100

The assessment schedule for Term 1 is attached. This will aid you in supervising your child's preparation and revision for the assessments. You will receive an assessment schedule at the start of each of the following school terms.

Please do not hesitate to discuss with the Form or Subject teacher of your child/ward should you have any concerns regarding his/her learning progress.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter by returning the Acknowledgement Slip to your child's/ward's form teacher.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Tonnine Chua
Principal

Primary 1

In Term 1, Holistic Assessment for Primary 1 will only be used to provide an indicator of your child/ward's learning progress. No marks from Term 1 will be factored into the entire year's overall computation of subject marks. This applies for all subjects.

Primary 2

The Term 1 schedule for Holistic Assessment is reflected below.

Weighting for Term 1 Holistic Assessments = 10% of the entire year's grade (Except for Mathematics which is 15% of the entire year's grade)		
Subject	Assessment Items	Date of Assessment
English Language	Show and Tell	5 March 2018 – 8 March 2018 <i>(Child will be informed on the date that he/she will be assessed by his/her EL teacher. Child will be tested on ONE subject per day.)</i>
	Spelling	Every Wednesday <i>(The total marks of all Spelling Exercises will be averaged to obtain the final mark)</i>
Mother Tongue Language	Show and Tell	5 March 2018 – 8 March 2018 <i>(Child will be informed on the date that he/she will be assessed by his/her EL teacher. Child will be tested on ONE subject per day.)</i>
Mathematics	Mini-Test 1	2 March 2018 (Friday) Chapter 1: Numbers to 1000 Chapter 2: Addition and Subtraction Within 1000

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP

To: The Form Teacher

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I, _____, parent/guardian of _____ () of

Primary _____ have received the letter dated 26 January 2018 regarding

information on Holistic Assessment for my child/ward.

Signature: _____

Date: _____