



# JURONGVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of all teaching and non-teaching staff, I welcome all students back to school in this new academic year.

This year is the first year of merger between Jurongville and Hong Kah Secondary School. The new Jurongville Secondary School will be called 丰嘉中学 in Chinese to symbolize the coming together of our two schools. Coincidentally, both schools received its first Sec 1 students in 1994. As such, the school will celebrate our 26<sup>th</sup> year in 2019.

We will be focused on building a united school community with excellent teamwork so that all will experience success this year. I look forward to your continued support of the merged school as our valued parents. Please continue to communicate your affirmation, concerns or feedback as we work together to develop your child holistically.

To more effectively and efficiently communicate with all parents, letters to parents will be emailed, rather than printed later on this year. They will also be put up on the school's website, <https://jurongvillesec.moe.edu.sg>. We will communicate with all parents when the school is ready to use the application, Parent Gateway, which was developed by MOE to facilitate parents' communication and partnership with schools.

I hope you will find the following information useful and helpful.

## 1 UPCOMING LEVEL PROGRAMMES / EVENTS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

### • Summary of Events (Term 1)

Week	Date	Event	Remarks
5	4 Feb	Lunar New Year celebration	Dismissal at 10.05 am
5	5 - 6 Feb	Lunar New Year	Public Holiday
10	11 – 13 Mar	Sec 2 Level Camps	-
-	16 – 24 Mar	Term 1 School break	School Holiday

### • School Hours

#### Lower Secondary

Day	Recess	Well-Being Break <sup>1</sup>	Dismissal Time
Mon - Thurs	9.30 am – 10.05 am	12.25 pm – 12.35 pm	1.45 pm or 2.20 pm
Friday		N.A.	12.25 pm

#### Upper Secondary

Day	Recess	Well-Being Break	Dismissal Time
Sec 3 Mon - Thurs	10.05 am – 10.40 am	12.25 pm – 12.35 pm	1.45 pm or 2.20 pm
Sec 4/5 Mon - Thurs	10.40 am – 11.15 am		
Friday		N.A.	12.25 pm

- **Sec 2 Level Camps and Sec 1/3/4/5 Level Programmes**

Annually, our school organizes a 3-Day-2-Night level camp for the Secondary 2 students. During the camp, students will participate in various activities relevant to their learning and developmental needs.

## 2 ACADEMIC MATTERS

- **Mid-Year Examination (Sec 1)**

In alignment with changes introduced by MOE, there will be no mid-year examination for Sec 1 students. This is intended to help the students transit to the new learning environment in secondary school and to allow them more time to learn the new subjects.

- **Continuous Assessment**

Similarly, to reduce the testing load on students, Sec 2 and 3 students will have only one Class Test or one Graded Assignment per subject per term. Sec 2 to 5 students will continue to sit for their Mid-Year Examination in May. For more information, please refer to the Student Handbook (pp 14 – 15) which was issued to your child. The subject teachers will provide more details of the CA to your child as the year progresses.

## 3 STUDENT MATTERS

We would like to inform you of the following key expectations the school has of all students. They are necessary so that learning can take place in an orderly and disciplined environment. Many of these expectations also lay the foundation for good habits that will be very helpful to our students in future.

- **Attendance and Punctuality**

Students are to report to the school assembly area by 7.30 am daily.

With effect from Monday, 1 February 2019, SMSes will be sent out at 9.00 am daily to parents/guardians of students who are either late or absent from school. To either opt out of the SMS system or to change incorrect contact information, please contact the respective Class Mentors.

Absences from school must be supported by medical certificates. Letters from parents will only be accepted on a case-by-case basis. The documents are to be submitted to Class Mentors upon the student's return to school.

- **Personal Grooming**

All students are to be in prescribed school uniform when reporting to school and during all curriculum hours. Students can only be in prescribed JVS PE attire on days when there are PE lessons. 2018 school uniforms and school T-shirts should not be worn in school this year as we have a new set of attire to identify our students this year.

- **Handphone and Urgent Contacting of Student**

Students are strongly advised not to bring their handphones to school. Should parents need to contact their child urgently, kindly do so through the school's General Office. If students bring their handphones to school, they are not allowed to use or switch on their handphones during curriculum hours. The use of handphones is restricted to recess and after curriculum hours. Handphones should always be used respectfully so that the school remains a safe environment for teaching and learning.

- **Responsibility for Personal Items**

Students are advised to take care of their own belongings and to refrain from bringing valuable or expensive items to school. The school cannot be held responsible for any losses of personal belongings.

For more information on school rules and regulation, please refer to the Student Handbook or our website at <https://jurongvillesec.moe.edu.sg/learning-experiences/student-management>.

#### 4 SEXUALITY EDUCATION

Sexuality Education in schools is about enabling students to understand the physiological, social and emotional changes they experience as they mature, and as they develop healthy relationships with others, including friends of the opposite gender.

The goals of Sexuality Education support students in:

- making wise, responsible and informed decisions through the provision of accurate, current and age-appropriate knowledge on human sexuality and the consequences of sexual activity;
- knowing themselves and building healthy and rewarding relationships through the acquisition of social and emotional skills of self-awareness, management of their thoughts, feelings and behaviours, development of empathy for others, possession of effective communication, problem-solving and decision-making skills; *and*
- developing a moral compass, respect for themselves and for others as sexual beings, premised on the family as the basic unit of society, through the inculcation of positive mainstream values and attitudes about sexuality.

Parents who wish to opt their children out of the Sexuality Education programme in 2019 need to complete an opt-out form. This form will be distributed to your child before the start of the programme and is also downloadable from the school's website.

#### 5 GENERAL INFORMATION

##### **School Safety**

To smoothen traffic flow and to ensure the safety of students, there is No-Right Turn for cars leaving the school premises between 6.30 am and 7.30 am. This is a regulation that is supported and enforced by the Traffic Police.

To inculcate the good habit of punctuality and to ensure the safety of students during morning assembly, the school's main gate will be closed at 7.25 am daily. An alternative point to alight after the school gate is closed is the HDB car-park beside Blk 329.

There is more information about our school on our school website. If you would like to email the school, please use the following email address: [jurongville@moe.edu.sg](mailto:jurongville@moe.edu.sg).

My colleagues and I look forward to your support and partnership in the year ahead.

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Mr Chan Yew Wooi  
Principal