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Dear Parents,

1. WARM WELCOME AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We warmly welcome all back for a brand new year! 2016 is Riverside's 4th year of operation with 4 cohorts of Riverians. We look forward to working closely and collaboratively in partnership with you to provide a quality school experience rich with learning and growth for your child. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish you, your child and your family a great year ahead of good health, successful endeavours and joyous moments!

2. SCHOOL DIRECTIONS

We are proud to share our school directions with you and warmly invite you to be part of the Riverside story.

School Vision	The Best from Each, A Better Future for All
School Mission	Inspire Learning, Nurture Character, Build Community
School Values	8 SPARKLE Values (Strength of Character, Perseverance, Adaptability, Responsibility, Kindness, Leadership, Enthusiasm, Sincerity)
School Motto	Learning Together, Growing Together, Sparkling Together
Strategic Focuses	(1) Developing Joyful and Productive Learners (2) Nurturing Connected Citizens of Good Character (3) Knowing Every Child, Growing Every Child (4) Leveraging People and Partnerships
School Approaches	(1) A Positive School Tone of Care, Respect and Discipline (2) A Safe and Health-Promoting School (3) A Vibrant and Stimulating Learning Environment
School Culture	<i>For Riverside and Riverians!</i> (Inclusiveness and Affiliation) <i>From Good to Great!</i> (Learning and Excellence)

We firmly believe that parents are the school's collaborative and supportive partners in growing our pupils and contributing to their success in learning. We aim to cultivate a home-school partnership that is rich with mutual respect, trust and cooperation and that has a shared focus on the child.

3. WELCOME AND APPRECIATION

We are pleased to welcome new teachers to Team Riverside! Our new teachers bring with them years of teaching experience from their previous schools. We look forward to their service and contributions to Riverside and Riverians!

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| (a) Ms Ameerah Sharainee Zain | (g) Mdm Rachel Yue |
| (b) Mdm Anom Aris | (h) Mdm Sophia Loo |
| (c) Mdm Candice Chua | (i) Ms Woo Shirong |
| (d) Mdm Nor Farhana Hatwadi | (j) Ms Man Su Thing (Chinese Language Teacher) |
| (e) Mdm Norazah Ibrahim | (k) Mdm Ng Mui Chin (Chinese Language Teacher) |
| (f) Mdm Normala Sarman | (l) Mdm Ng Sook Fern (Chinese Language Teacher) |

We would like to express our appreciation to the following teachers for their service and contributions to Riverside and Riverians. We wish them the very best in their future endeavours.

- Mr Shahul Hamid – Posting to Tanjong Katong Primary School
- Ms Kek Chiew Ching – Study Leave from February 2016

4. YEAR HEADS, FORM TEACHERS AND CO FORM TEACHERS FOR 2016

We are happy to announce the Year Heads, Form Teachers and Co Form Teachers for 2016. The Form and Co Form Teachers serve as the anchor for our Riverians and the main contact point for the parents.

P1 Year Head	Ms Ng See Tee	Head, Mother Tongue Languages
P2 Year Head	Mrs Christina Muru	Head, Pupil Management
P3 Year Head	Mr Bobby Chan	Head, PE & CCA
P4 Year Head	Mr Sun Chin Keong Ms Wendy Chan	Head, Mathematics Head, English Language

Class	Form Teacher	Co Form Teacher
P1-Strength	Mdm Noorhayati Seleman	Mdm Ngo Sook Peng
P1-Perseverance	Ms Angela Gan	Mdm Sabrina Sabtu
P1-Adaptability	Mdm Sophia Loo	Mdm Noraisah Abdul Samad
P1-Responsibility	Ms Jasmine Poi	Ms Jessica Chan
P1-Kindness	Mdm Rohaidah Mohd Taib	Ms Man Su Thing
P1-Leadership	Mdm Normala Sarman	Ms Ng See Tee
P1-Enthusiasm	Ms Tan Yanyi	Mrs Gayathiri Anasooya
P1-Sincerity	Mrs Ong Yen Leng	Mdm Sharifah Munirah
P2-Strength	Mdm Jolyne Yeo	Ms Thang Yun Xuan
P2-Perseverance	Mrs Azura Is	Mr Wong Wai Foong
P2-Adaptability	Mrs Joanna Kong	Mdm Siti Suhaida Surir
P2-Responsibility	Mr Hairil Asraf	Mdm Wang Qun
P2-Kindness	Mrs Jasmine Lee	Ms Khaanchennah Gangadaran
P2-Leadership	Mdm Norazah Ibrahim	Ms Lim Shin Gann
P2-Enthusiasm	Mrs Rathiga Bala	Mdm Xue Bing
P2-Sincerity	Mrs Christina Muru	Mdm Hasnah Misnor
P3-Strength	Mdm Rachel Yue	Ms Ng Yuting
P3-Perseverance	Mdm Candice Chua	Mdm Nor Farhana Mr Bobby Chan
P3-Adaptability	Mrs Sharon Choong	
P3-Responsibility	Mdm Anom Aris	Mr Chua Kim Boon
P3-Kindness	Ms Tay Wee Lee	Ms Ameerah Sharainee
P3-Sincerity	Ms Beth Cheng	Mdm Jacqueline Kho
P4-Strength	Mrs Fio Ng	Mr Sun Chin Keong
P4-Perseverance	Mdm Lena Chua	Ms Maisurah Saini
P4-Adaptability	Ms Sharon Pang	
P4-Responsibility	Mrs Sim Wanna	Mdm Ong See See
P4-Kindness	Ms Woo Shirong	Ms Tang Wai San
P4-Sincerity	Mrs Yip Wenjun	Ms Wendy Chan

5. WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR 2016

The confirmed 2016 Weekly Schedule is as follows:

Day/Activity	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Assembly	All pupils are to be in school for attendance-taking by 7.45am . Pupils who arrive at the school foyer after 7.45am will be considered late for school. The flag-raising ceremony will commence at 7.50am .				
Lessons	8.00am to 2.00pm	8.00am to 2.00pm	8.00am to 1.30pm	8.00am to 1.30pm	8.00am to 1.30pm
Recess	10.00am to 10.30am (for P1 and P2) 10.30am to 11.00am (for P3 and P4)				
FTGP or Assembly Programme					8.00am to 9.00am
Programme for Active Learning (PAL)	<u>P2 PAL</u> 12.30pm to 2.00pm	<u>P1 PAL</u> 12.30pm to 2.00pm			
Afternoon Activities		<u>P3/P4 Academic Support Lessons</u> 2.30pm to 4.00pm	<u>P3/P4 CCA</u> 2.00pm to 4.00pm	<u>P1/P2/P3/P4 Academic Support Lessons</u> 2.00pm to 3.30pm	
School Bus Departure Times	2.15pm	2.15pm 4.10pm	1.45pm 4.10pm	1.45pm 3.40pm	1.45pm

- All pupils are expected to be in school and report to their Form Teacher for attendance-taking by 7.45am. Pupils who arrive at the school foyer after 7.45am will be considered late for school. The flag-raising ceremony will commence at 7.50am and the first lesson for the day will start at 8.00am.
- The school day ends at 2.00pm for all pupils on Mondays and Tuesdays; and at 1.30pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- Please note that afternoon activities will be conducted on Tuesdays (P3/P4 Academic Support/Enrichment Lessons), Wednesdays (P3/P4 CCA) and Thursdays (P1/P2/P3/P4 Academic Support Lessons).

6. SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2016 TERM I

The 2016 School Calendar for Term I is below for your reference.

Note: Activities are conducted in the morning unless otherwise specified.

Week	Days & Dates	Activity
1	Mon, 4 Jan 2016	P1 Induction Programme (Day 1 of 5) P2/P3/P4 Opening Week Programme (Day 1 of 5)
	Tue, 5 Jan 2016	P1 Induction Programme (Day 2 of 5) P2/P3/P4 Opening Week Programme (Day 2 of 5)
	Wed, 6 Jan 2016	P1 Induction Programme (Day 3 of 5) P2/P3/P4 Opening Week Programme (Day 3 of 5) Term Opening Assembly
	Thu, 7 Jan 2016	Temperature Taking Exercise P1 Induction Programme (Day 4 of 5) P2/P3/P4 Opening Week Programme (Day 4 of 5)
	Fri, 8 Jan 2016	P1 Induction Programme (Day 5 of 5) P2/P3/P4 Opening Week Programme (Day 5 of 5) Assembly: HouseWarming

Week	Days & Dates	Activity
2	Tue, 12 Jan 2016	P4 CCA Briefing P4 Briefing on "Sparkling for Life" Programme
	Wed, 13 Jan 2016	P3 SwimSafer Programme (Session 1 of 8) P4 "Sparkling for Life" Programme (Day 1 of 2; full day)
	Thu, 14 Jan 2016	P3 PlayWorks Module (Session 5 of 6; 2.00pm to 4.00pm) P4 "Sparkling for Life" Programme (Day 2 of 2; full day)
	Fri, 15 Jan 2016	P3 SwimSafer Programme (Session 2 of 8)
	Sat, 16 Jan 2016	<i>P1 and P2 Parents' Seminar on Curriculum and Assessment, 8.30am to 12.30pm</i>
3	Wed, 20 Jan 2016	P3 SwimSafer Programme (Session 3 of 8)
	Thu, 21 Jan 2016	P3 PlayWorks Module (Session 6 of 6; 2.00pm to 4.00pm)
	Fri, 22 Jan 2016	P3 SwimSafer Programme (Session 4 of 8)
4	Wed, 27 Jan 2016	P3 SwimSafer Programme (Session 5 of 8)
	Fri, 29 Jan 2016	P3 SwimSafer Programme (Session 6 of 8)
5	Mon, 1 Feb 2016	P3 SwimSafer Programme (Session 7 of 8) P2 PAL: CultureWorks - CNY
	Tue, 2 Feb 2016	P1 PAL: CultureWorks - CNY
	Wed, 3 Feb 2016	P3 SwimSafer Programme (Session 8 of 8)
	Fri, 5 Feb 2016	Chinese New Year Celebration
6	Mon, 8 Feb 2016	<i>Chinese New Year Public Holiday</i>
	Tue, 9 Feb 2016	<i>Chinese New Year Public Holiday</i>
7	Wed, 17 Feb 2016	Commencement of P4 CCA
	Fri, 19 Feb 2016	Assembly: Commemoration of Total Defence Day <i>P3 Parents' Seminar on Curriculum and Assessment, 3.00pm – 5.00pm</i>
8	Wed, 24 Feb 2016	P3 CCA Fair
9	Wed, 2 Mar 2016	<i>P4 Parents' Seminar on Curriculum and Assessment, 3.00pm – 5.00pm</i>
	Fri, 4 Mar 2016	P2 EL LJ (Butterfly Park)
10	Thu, 10 Mar 2016	P1 EL LJ (Singapore Zoological Garden)
	Fri, 11 Mar 2016	Term Closure Assembly

Special Programmes for P3 and P4 in January 2016

We would like to highlight a few special programmes for P3 and P4 that will be conducted in January 2016.

- The P3 SwimSafer Programme will be conducted during curriculum hours over eight sessions starting from Wednesday, 13 January 2016. We are in the process of working out the programme details with the swimming instructors and swimming complex. We have provided parents with some information via a SNAC notification in December 2015 and will be issuing a letter with a consent form on Tuesday, 5 January 2016.
- The P3 PlayWorks:PaperWorks Module will be conducted as part of the Opening Week Programme and over two afternoons on Thursday, 14 January 2016 and Thursday, 21 January 2016.
- P4 CCA will commence in Term I, Week 7 on Wednesday, 17 February 2016.
- P3 CCA will commence in Term II, Week 1 on Wednesday, 23 March 2016.

2016 P1/P2/P3/P4 Assessment Plans

All weighted assessments will commence only after Chinese New Year. The P1/P2/P3/P4 Assessment Plans will be issued by end-January.

2016 Academic Support Lessons

P2/P3/P4 Academic Support Lessons will commence shortly after Chinese New Year. A letter with the lesson scheduled will be issued to selected pupils at end-January.

P1 Academic Support Lessons will commence in Term II. A letter with the lesson scheduled will be issued to selected pupils in early-March.

2016 P1/P2/P3/P4 Parents' Seminars

We warmly invite you to set aside the date and time to attend the relevant 2016 Parents' Seminar. There will be Briefings on Curriculum and Assessment and Form Teacher's Meeting with Parents. Seminar details and a registration form will be provided in the coming weeks.

- P1 Parents' Seminar on Saturday, 16 January 2016 from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
- P2 Parents' Seminar on Saturday, 16 January 2016 from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
- P3 Parents' Seminar on Friday, 19 February 2016 from 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.
- P4 Parents' Seminar on Wednesday, 2 March 2016 from 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Opening Week Programme

During the opening week (4 to 8 January 2016), we are focusing time and energy to set a positive school tone and ensure a great start to the year ahead. The following are some meaningful and exciting learning activities we have prepared for our pupils.

(For P1 Pupils)

- (a) P1 pupils will enjoy a special, extended recess of 45 minutes from 9.30am to 10.15am on Monday, 4 January 2016 and Tuesday, 5 January 2016. This is to familiarise them with the recess routines.
- (b) P1 pupils will be taken on a school tour to familiarise pupils with the learning spaces in the school and educate them on safety and health matters.
- (c) P1 pupils will be taught to sing the National Anthem, recite the National Pledge and sing the School Song.

(For All Pupils)

- (d) The Form Teacher will spend time with his/her Form Class to build rapport, establish ground rules, communicate school expectations and set goals. The Form Teacher will have activities for pupils to get to know one another. The Subject Teachers will be doing likewise.
- (e) The Form Teacher and Subject Teachers will be collecting items from pupils according to the Checklist on Items to Bring on Opening Days.
- (f) Briefings on safety and security will be conducted for all pupils.
- (g) The Year-Opening Assembly for all pupils will be held on Wednesday, 6 January 2016. The focuses will be the SPARKLE Values, 3Ls (Listen, Learn, Love), school rules and school procedures.
- (h) HouseWarming, the school's year-start House gathering will be held on Friday, 8 January 2016. Pupils will get to know their schoolmates from the same House and be engaged in teambuilding activities.

7. SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN 2016

The school terms and holidays for Primary Schools in 2016 are as follows for your prior information:

School Terms in 2016

Semester One	
Term I	Monday, 4 January 2016 to Friday, 11 March 2016
Term II	Monday, 21 March 2016 to Friday, 27 May 2016
Semester Two	
Term III	Monday, 27 June 2016 to Friday, 2 September 2016
Term IV	Tuesday, 13 September 2016 to Friday, 18 November 2016

School Holidays in 2016

Semester One	
Between Terms I and II	Saturday, 12 March 2016 to Sunday, 20 March 2016
Between Term II and Term III	Saturday, 28 May 2016 to Sunday, 26 June 2016
Semester Two	
Between Term III and Term IV	Saturday, 3 September 2016 to Sunday, 11 September 2016
At the End of School Year	Saturday, 19 November 2016 to Saturday, 31 December 2016

Public Holidays and Scheduled School Holidays in 2016

Day/Date	Holiday
Friday, 1 January 2016	New Year's Day
Monday, 8 February 2016 Tuesday, 9 February 2016	Chinese New Year
Friday, 25 March 2016	Good Friday
Sunday, 1 May 2016 Monday, 2 May 2016	Labour Day Public Holiday
Saturday, 21 May 2016 Monday, 23 May 2016	Vesak Day School Holiday
Sunday, 3 July 2016 Monday, 4 July 2016	Youth Day School Holiday
Wednesday, 6 July 2016	Hari Raya Puasa
Tuesday, 9 August 2016 Wednesday, 10 August 2016	National Day School Holiday
Friday, 2 September 2016	Teachers' Day
Monday, 12 September 2016	Hari Raya Haji
Friday, 7 October 2016	Children's Day
Saturday, 29 October 2016 Monday, 31 October 2016	Deepavali School Holiday
Sunday, 25 December 2016 Monday, 26 December 2016	Christmas Public Holiday

8. MOE KINDERGARTEN @ RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL "ON TO A STRONG START!"

Riverside Primary School is pleased to house the MOE Kindergarten (MK) which will commence operations in 2016 and provide children with quality pre-school education and care. With the strong belief that young children are naturally curious and active learners, MK seeks to nurture them holistically to develop their confidence, their social skills and a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy.

The MK@Riverside Team includes the Centre Head and Teachers (English Language/Mathematics, Chinese Language, Malay Language and Tamil Language). The Team has welcomed the first batch of Kindergarten 1 children today.

For more information on MK:

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9. A SAFE AND HEALTH-PROMOTING ENVIRONMENT

Our pupils' safety and health are our topmost priorities. The school takes a vigilant and proactive approach to ensure a safe and healthy school environment for the whole school community.

Pupil Arrival/Dismissal Arrangement Form

The school has previously issued the Pupil Arrival/Dismissal Arrangement Form. We would like to thank parents who have submitted the completed form to the Form Teacher. Those who have not done so are to make the submission by Tuesday, 5 January 2016.

Pupil Medical Record Form

We have issued a separate letter to parents of P2/P3/P4 pupils on the 2016 Pupil Medical Record Form. The completed Form is to be submitted to the Form Teacher by Thursday, 7 January 2016.

Traffic Management in the Morning

With the view to ensure safety of the school community, the school is closely monitoring the traffic conditions in the morning and at dismissal time. We would like to highlight the following road safety measures for all to note. We seek your fullest cooperation and kind support in the implementation.

- (a) Gate 1 (pedestrian gate) and Gate 2 (vehicular entrance gate) are at the school's security post opposite the HDB flats. Gate 3 (vehicular exit gate) and Gate 4 (pedestrian gate) are near the school canteen and opposite Admiralty Secondary School.
- (b) Gates 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be opened from 7.00 a.m. to 7.45 a.m. on school days.
 - Parents walking their children to school are to drop off their children at Gate 1 or Gate 4. Pupils are to walk safely into school to their classrooms.
 - Parents driving their children to school should drive into the school via Gate 2 and let their children alight independently from the vehicle at the school foyer. Parents are then to drive out via Gate 3. Parents are not to park their vehicles in the school carpark, as the limited parking lots are reserved for the school teachers and staff.
- (c) From 7.45 a.m., all school gates will be closed and parents are to drop off their children at the security post (Gate 1).

Measures to Ease Traffic Conditions at Dismissal Time

At dismissal time, parents are urged to stop their vehicles in the public carparks in the neighbouring estate and take a short walk to school to pick up their children. This will serve to facilitate the safe dismissal of our pupils and ease the traffic congestion outside the school for road-users.

Visitors to the School

Parents wishing to enter the school must register themselves at the security post and report directly to the General Office. Each parent will be issued with a visitor pass which must be worn at all times when in the school.

Temperature Taking Exercise on Thursday, 7 January 2016

We will be conducting a temperature taking exercise on Thursday, 7 January 2016. This is to ensure our continued preparedness in managing health situations.

- P1: Every P1 pupil will be issued with a new personal Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) prior to the Temperature Taking Exercise. This is a one-off item. Teachers will teach P1 pupils on the use and care of the ODT. Teachers will label the ODTs and safe-keep them in school for pupils.
- P2/P3/P4: Please ensure that your child brings a working ODT to school on Tuesday, 5 January 2016 for a thermometer check. If your child's ODT has been misplaced or is not working, please purchase a new one for him/her urgently. Limited stocks of ODTs are available for sale in the school bookshop.

Monitoring Your Child's Health and Wellness

We seek your utmost support for the following measures:

- Before your child leaves for school, please check on his/her health and wellness. You can check his/her temperature and look out for flu-like symptoms. If your child is unwell, bring him/her to see a doctor. Ensure that he/she rests at home for the full duration of the medical certificate (MC) and recovers fully before returning to school.
- Please encourage and remind your child/ward to maintain high standards of personal hygiene at all times.

Raising Healthy Kids Together: School Canteen

We seek to be a health-promoting school and manage our school canteen to serve healthier choices. We seek your cooperation in the following ways:

- As we strongly encourage the drinking of plain water, there is no drinks stall in our school canteen. Your child is to bring his/her own water bottle to school every day. The water bottles can be topped up with water from the many water coolers around the school.
- We strongly encourage too that your child starts the day with a hearty breakfast at home before coming to school. Recess will then be the second meal of the day for your child.

We look forward to your strong support and partnership in 2016!

For Riverside and Riverians! From Good to Great!

Mrs Sharon Siew
Principal