



De La Salle School

A school of the De La Salle Brothers

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PARENT NOTIFICATION

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Principal's Note

Dear Parents,

Seasons' Greetings! We hope that our Primary 2 to Primary 6 (2024) Lasallians have enjoyed a restful year-end holiday break and are looking forward to starting a new school year. We extend a warm welcome to our new cohort of 2024 Primary 1 Lasallians! As they embark on their first year of formal schooling, we hope that they will experience a smooth transition to an enriching journey in De La Salle School.

The first day of school for our 2024 Primary 1 Lasallians will start on Tuesday, 2 January 2024 while all Lasallians will report for school on Wednesday, 3 January 2024.

We thank you for your support and look forward to your partnership in developing our Lasallians as lifelong learners and caring citizens for the future.

We wish all families a blessed 2024 filled with faith, joy, peace and love.

Semper Fidelis,

Cheryl Choo
Principal

Mission Statement

Enabling Lasallians in a Lasallian community to learn how to learn and to learn how to live; empowering them to be the persons of integrity and persons for others.

Vision Statement

Lifelong Learners, Caring Citizens

Term 1 Notification

1. A Warm Welcome to the New Staff of DLSS

We extend our warm welcome to the following new staff:

- Ms Cecilia Tan Li Hua, Vice Principal (Edun)
- Mr Phoon Yong Kang (Level Head/Science)
- Mr Mohamed Nadzri B Md Nasir (Teacher/Mathematics & Science)
- Mdm Jayaraj Margrate Bali (Teacher/Tamil Language)
- Ms Suhada Binte Mohamed Sani (Special Educational Needs Officer)
- Ms Lee Le Xin (School Counsellor)
- Mr Ang King Hor (Operations Manager)

The following staff have assumed new appointments in 2024:

- Ms Tay Li Wen (HOD/Student Management & Leadership)
- Ms Jasmin Mohamed Hannifa (Subject Head/Malay & Tamil Language)

2. 2024 School Hours and After-School Schedule

The school hours and CCA timing for 2024 is appended below for information:

	Mondays & Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays & Fridays
Start Time	7.30 am		
Recess Time	Primary 2 & 6: 9.30 – 10.00 am Primary 1 & 5: 10.00 – 10.30 am Primary 3 & 4: 10.30 – 11.00 am (Daily snack break will be scheduled)		
Dismissal Time	Primary 1 – 3: 1.20 pm Primary 4 – 6: 1.30 pm		Primary 1 – 3: 12.50 pm Primary 4 – 6: 1.00 pm
Lunch Time *	1.30 pm – 2.10 pm		1.00 pm – 1.40 pm
Remedial & Enrichment Programmes **	2.15 – 3.45 pm	Nil	Nil
CCA ***	Nil		1.45 pm – 3.45 pm

Legend

*	Applicable to Lasallians staying back for afternoon activities. Lasallians not having official afternoon activities are advised to return home.
**	More details will be provided in subsequent Parent Notifications.
***	Applicable to Primary 3 to 6 Lasallians staying back for CCA training only. P3 CCAs will commence in Semester 2.

3. First Day of School (2 Jan 2024 for P1 only and 3 Jan 2024 for all Lasallians)

All Primary 1 Lasallians will report to school on Tuesday, 2 January 2024. School hours will be from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Each P1 Lasallian may be accompanied by a maximum of **two** parent/guardians for the day. Please refer to the Parent Notification that was sent out on 27 December 2023 for details.

Primary 2 to Primary 6 Lasallians will remain at home on 2 January. Our school Student Care Centre (YMCA) will remain open for enrolled students only in the afternoon. Please contact the centre directly for details.

All Lasallians will return to school on Wednesday, 3 January 2024. Primary 1 Lasallians are to report directly to class while Primary 2 to 6 Lasallians will report to the Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) by 7.30 a.m.

All Lasallians are to bring along a small bag with writing materials and food for their snack break. School attire: PE or School Uniform. Form Teachers will inform Lasallians of the packing list for the rest of the Week 1 when they report to school on 3 Jan.

4. **Safety and Security**

a. **Attendance & Temperature-Taking Exercise (Week 2, Term 1)**

To maintain the school's readiness and preparedness to re-activate the temperature-taking regime should there be a need to and to educate our Lasallians to take personal responsibility for their own health and practice social responsibility, all MOE schools are required to conduct an Attendance & Temperature-Taking Exercise twice yearly.

The first semesterly exercise will be held in Term 1, Week 2 (Wednesday, 10 January 2024).

Primary 2 to 6 Lasallians are to bring a working Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) to school on that day for the exercise. They are required to bring their ODT for checks by their Form Teachers on Monday, 8 January 2024.

All Primary 1 Lasallians will be issued with a free ODT by their Form Teachers.

b. **Road Safety**

The attached map of De La Salle School (**Annex 1**) shows the location of all the school gates. During operating hours, there will be a security officer or staff member on duty at each gate.

Gate Operating Hours

Gate	Operating Hours (Morning Arrival)	Operating Hours (School Dismissal)
A (for Staff & Cyclists only)	6.30 a.m. – 7.20 a.m.	Nil
B (Lasallians on foot and Visitors)	6.45 a.m. – 7.00 p.m. (Controlled by security guards)	1.00 p.m. – 1.45 p.m. (only for school vans)
C (Vehicular Access for school buses & parents dropping off Lasallians)	6.45 a.m. – 7.30 a.m.	Only for school buses
D (Vehicular Access for exit only)	6.45 a.m. – 7.30 a.m.	Only for school buses
E	6.45 a.m. – 7.30 a.m.	1.00 p.m. – 1.45 p.m.

For Lasallians who walk to school

Lasallians are to use the pedestrian crossing along Choa Chu Kang St 52 and they are to cross the road at the stipulated traffic light crossing outside the school. Lasallians are reminded to adhere to road traffic rules and be vigilant of their surroundings. They should pay attention to oncoming traffic as they cross the road. Parents should refrain from attempting to cross the road bend in front of Gate B/C with our Lasallians as traffic is heavy during morning arrival and school dismissal times. They can enter or exit the school via Gate B or Gate E during morning arrival and school dismissal hours.

If you are driving your child to school

Please enter the school via Gate C if you are driving your child to school. To ensure a smooth traffic flow within the school premises, kindly prepare and ready your child ahead of time to alight promptly at the "Drop-off Point" at the porch of the Classroom Block.

For the safety of our Lasallians, do not alight Lasallians in the middle of the driveway. **Please do not alight together with your child** as this would hold up traffic unnecessarily leading to traffic congestion along Choa Chu Kang St 52. Do exercise patience and caution while driving along the driveway out towards Gate D to exit the school premises.

Gate D is an automatic gate. Do not be alarmed if Gate D is closed early in the morning. Please follow the instructions on the notice mounted on the gate to gain exit. During morning peak hours, Gate D is open and manned by one of the school staff.

Only school buses are allowed to drive into the school compound for school dismissal. Parents who drive to pick up their child are advised to arrive early and park at nearby carparks before walking over to Gate B or E. Parking outside the school along Choa Chu Kang St 52 is strictly not allowed and will only serve to increase traffic congestion and pose unnecessary road safety risks to our Lasallians.

School Bus & Public Transport

Lasallians who are travelling by school bus or public transport are to observe the rules and regulations when aboard the vehicles. Please remind your child that he/she should be properly seated and belted up where applicable. Lasallians are expected to behave themselves and not move around or talk loudly during the bus/train journey. They should not be snacking or drinking when travelling on the bus/train.

All Lasallians are to take responsibility to ensure their own safety and respect the need for the safety of others when travelling to school and back home.

Please refer to **Annex 2** for the road safety advisory from the Land Transport Authority and Singapore Police Force.

Cycling to School

Lasallians who wish to cycle to school will enter the school gate via Gate A where the bicycle stands are located. They should dismount when crossing the pedestrian crossing, looking out for oncoming traffic and not assume that they have the right of way, before entering the school gate.

Lasallians must obtain parental acknowledgement of an issued advisory note and be registered with the school before they are allowed to cycle to and park in school. For their safety, they are to don safety wear such as helmet and other protective gear such as proper shoes when cycling and ensure that their bicycles are well-lit in the early mornings. Please obtain the cycling advisory note from the school Operations Manager at the General Office.

c. School Security

To minimise the risk of intrusion, all visitors including parents are to obtain security clearance before being allowed entry into the school. Visitors are subject to prevailing security checks at the security post beside Gate B.

Parents who escort their children to school on foot or by public transport can leave their children at Gate B or E in the presence of the security officer and school personnel on duty. Parents who pick their children up after dismissal can wait outside these school gates.

If you wish to speak with a teacher or to attend to some administrative matters, please call the General Office ahead for an appointment. You may park your vehicle at a nearby carpark before reporting at the security post to register for a visitor's pass and then proceed to the General Office for assistance. You will have to don the visitor pass visibly throughout the duration of your visit.

The safety of our Lasallians is our top priority hence we seek your understanding and cooperation in helping us to provide a safe and secure learning environment for our Lasallians.

Taxis or private-hire vehicles are not allowed to enter or park at the school premises.

5. School Calendar – Term 1

Please refer to **Annex 3** for the school calendar for Term 1, 2024. Do check our school website for updates.

6. Gifted Education Program (GEP) 2024 Screening and Selection Dates

The tentative dates for the GEP screening and selection exercise for the 2024 Primary 3 cohort are as follows:

GEP Screening Exercise – 15 August 2024

GEP Selection Exercise – 15 & 16 October 2024

7. Parents Gateway App

Parents Gateway is an important online communication platform between MOE/School and parents. All parents are encouraged to download the application to their mobile phones to gain ready and convenient access to timely information pertaining to the school's programmes and activities.

Please refer to the school website ([Parents Link](#)) for the guide to Parents Gateway. All subsequent termly notifications and announcements to parents will be sent via the Parents Gateway.

8. Canteen Food Price Revision

In the recent 1-2 years, Singapore has seen a significant inflationary trend in food prices from the Department of Statistics (DOS) and NEA's hawker price survey. Our school canteen stallholders have expressed they have been facing challenges with rising costs, especially with costlier ingredients for healthy meals. MOE has issued a set of recommended guidelines on the proposed price range for medium portion meals for primary schools. Our canteen stall food prices are currently below this desired price range of \$2.00 - \$2.50 for medium portion meals without fruits.

To ensure that the pricing of our school canteen food reflect the underlying costs of the food items with a reasonable profit made by our stallholders, school has decided on the following revision to ensure food quality and stallholders' business are sustained:

From 2024 onwards, set meals for Lasallians will see an average increase of \$0.20/\$0.30 to \$1.80 (Small Portion) - \$2.10 (Large Portion). Prices for drinks such as Milo or tea/coffee will see an average increase of \$0.10. However, prices for additional side food items such as fishball, vegetables, egg, tauhu, etc and packet/bottled drinks will remain unchanged in 2024.

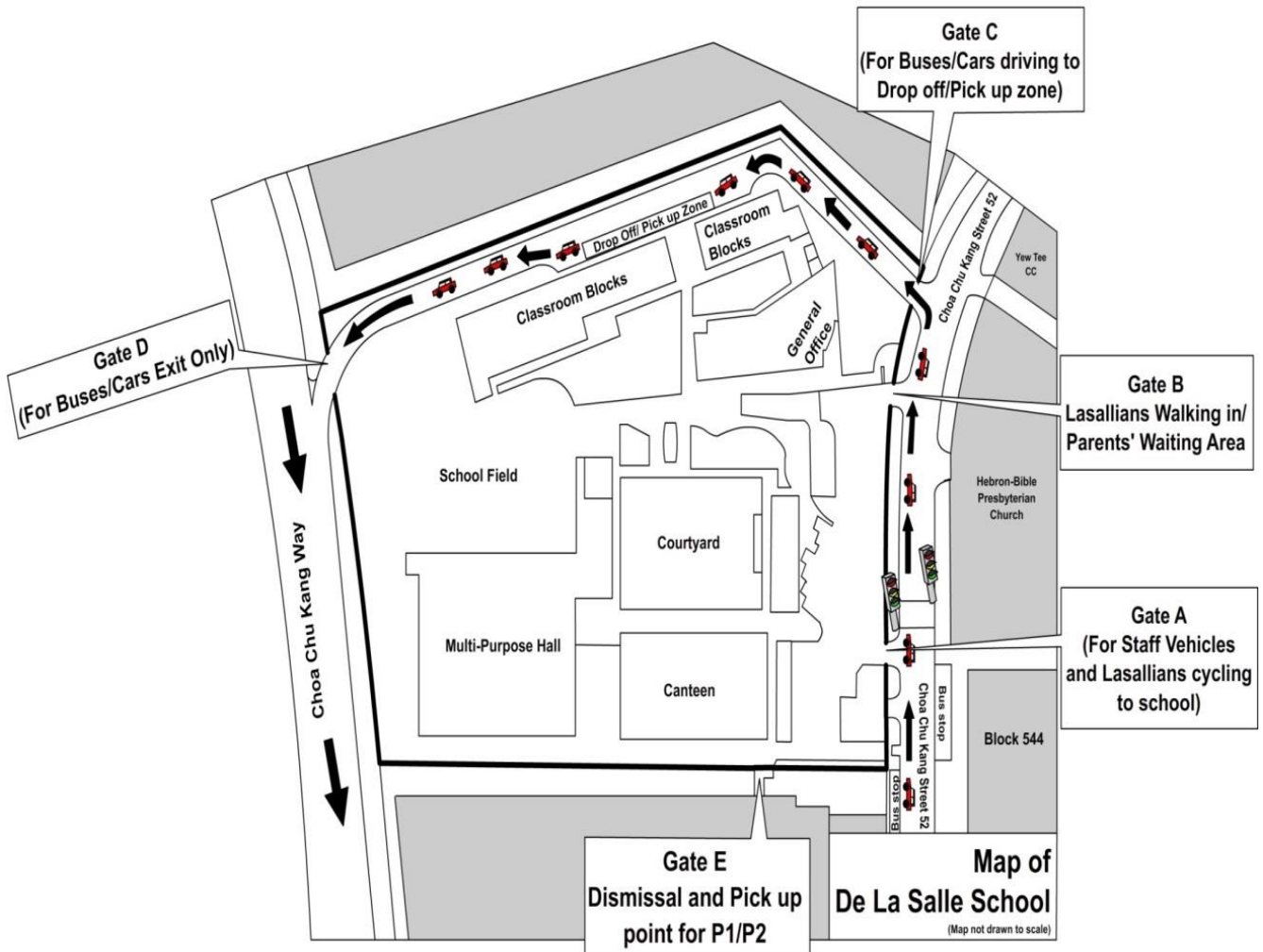
We hope that this information will help parents to estimate the daily pocket money that your child will need for his/her meal breaks in the canteen.

9. Use of Photographs and Videos involving Lasallians

During the course of the school year, photographs and videos of your child participating in instructional and school activities may appear on the school website and other school publications. When selecting photographs or videos to be featured, the school is mindful of the way our Lasallians may appear in them and will not include photographs and videos which are in any way inappropriate. For any concerns or feedback, please email dlss@moe.edu.sg.

End of Notification

De La Salle School Traffic Management Plan





SINGAPORE POLICE FORCE



Dear Parent/Guardian,

ROAD SAFETY OF STUDENTS

We would like to seek your cooperation to work with the school in ensuring the safety of students coming to and leaving school. This is especially important as young children may not have the skills required to use roads properly and do not always fully appreciate the dangers presented. Their small physique also makes them less visible to motorists.

This letter reiterates the road safety policies of the school:

- a. Reduce vehicle speed and stay alert for pedestrians in the school zone.
- b. Cooperate with traffic marshals to ensure overall safety and smooth traffic flow.
- c. Let your child alight only at the designated drop-off point.
- d. Be advised not to violate traffic rules by driving recklessly or making illegal manoeuvres such as turning into the school from the outer lane(s) of the road.
- e. Do not horn indiscriminately.
- f. Help your child alight from the car as quickly as possible.
- g. Reinforce correct road safety behaviour such as using the pedestrian crossing, and avoiding jaywalking or using a mobile phone while crossing.
- h. Remind your children to practise the kerb drill before crossing - "look right, look left, look right again; ensure all vehicles have stopped; raise your hand high up and cross the road briskly".
- i. If your child must cycle to school, ensure that he knows safe cycling rules and is a competent cyclist.
- j. For the safety of everyone, enforcement action will be taken against motorists who violate traffic rules.

We thank all parents and guardians who have been the role models for our children.

On Behalf of SPF and LTA

De La Salle School
2024 Term 1 Calendar of Events

Week No.	Date	Day	Event/Activity	Level
1	2 Jan	Tue	P1 Lasallians First Day at School	P1
	3 Jan	Wed	All Lasallians report to School	All
3	15 Jan	Mon	DLS Inaugural Service/ Start of Year Mass	All
5	29 & 30 Jan	Mon & Tue	Class Photo-Taking	All
	31 Jan – 2 Feb	Wed – Fri	P5 Learning Journey – Indian Heritage Centre (scheduled day by classes)	P5
	2 Feb	Fri	P4 Curriculum Briefing for Parents (via webinar)	P4
6	9 Feb	Fri	Chinese New Year Celebrations (curtailed school hours – 7.30 to 10.30 am)	All
	10 & 11 Feb	Sat & Sun	Chinese New Year - Public Holiday	All
7	12 & 13 Feb	Mon & Tue	Chinese New Year (12 Feb – Public Holiday; 13 Feb – School Holiday)	All
	15 Feb	Thu	Total Defence Day Commemoration	All
8	21 Feb	Wed	Ash Wednesday	P4 - 6
8 & 9	-	-	Weighted Assessment 1 (WA1) – English, Maths, Science & Mother Tongue	P3 - 5
10	4 Mar	Mon	Lenten Penitential Service	P4 - 6
	8 Mar	Fri	Lasallian Staff Formation Day Home-Based Learning Day (No-school day)	All