

GENERAL MATTERS

School Drop Off and Pick Up – Road Rules

In order to be considerate to our neighbours who live in Jalan Hitam Manis and Jalan Puteh Jerneh, we advise parents and drivers to adhere to the following:

- Turn off your engines when waiting to pick up your child from school. With many cars waiting outside the school, the noise of car engines can be quite disturbing to the residents.
- Drive at a safe speed that is below the legal speed limit along the roads near school. The pavements are narrow and often blocked which results in pedestrians, including young children, having to walk on the road. Drivers should be mindful of this and reduce their speed.
- Reduce speed when it is raining in order not to spray puddles of water at students and members of the public who are walking close by.
- Refrain from waiting/parking illegally. It is an offence to park/wait on either side of a road demarcated by a continuous white line or double yellow lines.
- Please do not beep your horn to get your child's attention; this is a noise nuisance to our neighbours.
- Plan your pick-up time with your child to reduce the queuing/waiting time along the road.
- Avoid arriving earlier than the scheduled school dismissal time.
- Do not park in front of the access of any residential unit.
- Be considerate and allow cars from side roads access into the car queue waiting to exit to Holland Village.
- Parents are encouraged to make use of the back gate (Gate C) via Holland Close as a much less congested alternative to drop off your child (see below map for details).

We appreciate your support in this matter as we work with those who live around us to provide a safe and enjoyable environment.



Parking/Waiting Along Jalan Hitam Manis Outside (ACS International)

ACS (International) have received feedback in recent months about motorists parking along Jalan Hitam Manis and driving at fast speed along Jalan Puteh Jerneh. Such parking of vehicles in the vicinity of the school zone increases the risks for students using the roads. It also causes inconveniences to other road users as well as being illegal.

For the safety of all, we seek the co-operation of all parents driving to school to exercise care and consideration by adhering to the following:

- Refrain from waiting/parking illegally along Jalan Hitam Manis. It is an offence to park/wait on either side of a road demarcated by a continuous white line or double yellow lines;
- Plan your pick-up time with your child to reduce the queuing/waiting time along the road;
- Turn off your car engine while waiting for your child;
- Avoid arriving earlier than the scheduled school's dismissal time;
- Do not park in front of the access of any residential unit; and
- Be considerate and allow cars from side roads access into the car queue waiting to exit to Holland Village.

Leaving School During School Hours

IB Cohort (Year 5 and Year 6)

- Lunch break – students are entitled to the Holland Village (HV) pass to go out to HV (they could leave at 11am if they do not have Period 3A; otherwise they can only leave at 12noon). They have to leave their ID card at the security post.
- Free period at other times – students have to seek permission from SLT (note: approval will be given on a case- by-case basis).

All Students

- Free Period 5 – Students with no lesson in Period 5 are free to leave after Period 4, 1:50pm, if they are NOT required for support on Tuesday or Wednesday, and there is NO school event such as Inter-House games after school.
- Before 1:50pm – Students are NOT permitted to leave school before 1:50pm even if they finish lessons for the day.

Students on School Site

We remind students that they are able to be on the school site between 7:00am and 7:00pm during weekdays, Monday to Friday, only. On weekends, the school is closed to students and other members of the public unless they are attending activities associated with the Holland Village Methodist Church or with the approval and presence of a staff member. We are not able to allow students to use the school facilities unsupervised during the weekends due to our Duty of Care policy.

After-Hours Use of Facilities

Students are able to be on the school site between 7:00am and 7:00pm during weekdays, Monday to Friday, only. On weekends, the school is closed to students and other members of the public unless they are attending activities associated with the Holland Village Methodist Church or with the approval and presence of a staff member. We are not able to allow students to use the school facilities unsupervised during the weekends due to our Duty of Care policy.

Ex-students and other potential users of the school premises that only approved and registered groups/individuals are allowed to use the school facilities after hours. We have had some issues where booked groups have had to contend with casual groups using our sports facilities. The guards have been instructed to only let booked groups stay on the grounds. Thank you for your understanding.

Stay Home If Unwell

Students who feel unwell (e.g. having cough, fever, flu or stomach upset, feeling nausea) prior to coming to school are advised to stay home to rest and to consult a doctor if necessary. Please visit only one clinic and do not doctor-hop. When back to school, please submit your parent's/guardian's letter of excuse or medical certificate to your tutor.

Safe Distancing Observance in Holland Village

We have received a number of complaints about students gathering in groups in Holland Village and near the MRT station. Breaking the law by not obeying safe distancing measures and not wearing masks reflects very badly on the individuals and on the school. We ask all students to please keep themselves safe by observing the recommended safe distancing measures, respect the school uniform and school values, and obey the law, be it during term time or school break!

Writing to the School

Parents/Guardians who write in to the school via email or with a hardcopy letter for school absence, approval for leave, etc. should include the official name, year and House of their child/ward (e.g. Alan Tan Hong Tong, 2 SVM), to facilitate prompt attention.

No Food Delivery Orders

All students are reminded that they are not allowed to order food or collect food ordered for them, to be delivered to the school.