

18 March 2024

Dear Parents/ Guardians

Thank you for your support in term 1. It is important for us to work together in mutual trust and respect so as to develop your child.

Please take note of the information below.

1) Public/School Holidays & School-Scheduled Home-Based Learning (HBL)

- a. 29 March 2024 (Friday)- Good Friday holiday (PH)
- b. 04 April 2024 (Thursday) - Home-Based Learning (HBL) Day
- c. 10 April 2024 (Wednesday) - Hari Raya Puasa (PH)
- d. 01 May 2024 (Wednesday) - Labour Day (PH)
- e. 09 May 2024 (Thursday) - Home-Based Learning (HBL) Day
- f. 23 and 24 May 2024 (Thursday to Friday) - Parents-Teachers Meetings cum Home-Based Learning

2) 09 April 2024 (Tuesday) - Hari Raya Puasa Celebration from 7:30 am to 10:00 am

In conjunction with Hari Raya Puasa, celebration in school will be on 09 April 2024. School will operate single session on that day. If your child/ward is travelling on the school bus, please coordinate with the bus driver on the time to ferry your child/ward to/from school. If you prefer to keep your child/ward at home on that day, please inform his/her Form Teacher.

3) 18 April 2024 (Thursday) - 23 April 2024 (Tuesday): HPB Annual Health Screening

The School Health Service will be conducting the annual health screening exercise and/or immunization services for Secondary 1 and Secondary 2 students. Please access the Consent Portal (<https://go.gov.sg/hpb-ccp>) to update your child's medical information and provide consent to receive age-appropriate immunizations in school. Please refer to the attached letter for more information.

When there are more updates and events during the term, you will be duly informed.

The school is committed to a partnership with parents/guardians to provide the best possible learning experience for your child/ward. Please feel free to contact the Form Teacher(s) for support or inquiries on Mondays to Fridays (except public holidays and school holidays) from 7.30 am to 6.00 pm.

Yours faithfully

Mr Phua Huat Chuan
 Principal
 APSN Tanglin School

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Dear Parent / Guardian

Annual School-based Health Screening and Immunisation

1. The Health Promotion Board (HPB) will be conducting our annual school health visit at your child's school on **18-Apr-2024 to 23-Apr-2024**.

Your attention is required:

2. Please access the **Consent Portal** (<https://go.gov.sg/hpb-ccp>) to update your child's medical information and provide consent to receive age-appropriate immunisations in school. No further action is needed if this has been previously submitted and there are no updates.

What to expect during the health screening:

3. During this visit, age-appropriate health screenings and immunisations will be provided for your child.

Secondary 1

- Spinal screening
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) immunisation (only for female students)

Secondary 2

- Spinal Screening
- Hearing Screening
- BMI measurement
- HPV immunisation (only for female students)
- Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factor Screening and Healthy Lifestyle Programme (only for selected students)

4. For spinal screening, students will be briefed and examined with their top removed in private for scoliosis. The doctor or nurse will check their back for abnormal curvature while standing upright and bending forward. If further assessment is required, they will be referred to the Student Health Centre.
5. The Health Promotion Board's (HPB) Youth Preventive Health Services (YPHS) only screens for specific conditions (Please refer to [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for the types of screening offered). For other medical conditions, please consult a doctor.

6. If you do not wish for your child to undergo HPB's health screening in school, please write to Contact_YPS@hpb.gov.sg

Thank you.

Director

Youth Preventive Health Services
Health Promotion Board

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Links:

- Consent Portal: <https://go.gov.sg/hpb-ccp>
- Health screening services: <https://go.gov.sg/sch-health-services>

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the vaccinations provided under HPB's school-based immunisation programme? Are these vaccinations compulsory?

Vaccinations against conditions such as poliomyelitis are recommended under the Singapore's National Childhood Immunisation Schedule (NCIS).

Vaccinations against measles and diphtheria are compulsory for all children in Singapore under the Infectious Diseases Act (in addition to being part of the NCIS).

If you DO NOT WISH your child to be vaccinated by the SHS and wish to make your own arrangements to have your child vaccinated, please log in to <https://go.gov.sg/hpb-ccp> and indicate so.

In addition, HPB also offers fully subsidised HPV vaccinations to eligible Secondary 1 and 2 female students under the National School-based Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Programme for protection against cervical cancer. HPV vaccination is not compulsory and parental consent is required before HPV vaccination can be administered.

For more information, you may visit [Parent Hub: Student Immunisation And Screening \(healthhub.sg\)](#), <https://www.nir.hpb.gov.sg/> or email your queries to Contact_YPS@hpb.gov.sg.

2. What are the HPV vaccines available in Singapore?

Cervarix is the HPV vaccine used for the SHS immunisation programme. It provides protections against infections from the two most common HPV types (16 and 18), which are associated with about 70% of cervical cancer cases.

Other than Cervarix, the other HPV vaccine available for use in Singapore is Gardasil-9.

3. How many HPV vaccinations does my child need? What is the time interval between these vaccinations under the National School-based Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Programme?

The number of HPV vaccinations required depends on the age of the student at time of the first HPV vaccination. The required number and estimated timing of HPV vaccinations under this programme are as follows:

- i) Below 15 years old – Two doses are required.
Dose 1 is given in Secondary 1 and Dose 2 is given when your daughter/ward is in Secondary 2.

4. Are the HPV vaccines safe?

Clinical trials and post-marketing surveillance have shown that HPV vaccines are safe and effective. The vaccines do not contain any live viruses or infectious material. This means you cannot become infected with HPV from the vaccines.

5. Where can I find more information regarding HPV?

For more information on national school-based HPV vaccination programme, you may refer to: [Parent Hub: Student Immunisation And Screening \(healthhub.sg\)](https://healthhub.sg)

For any queries, please email to Contact_YPS@hpb.gov.sg.

Sign up for educational talks organised in partnership with the Singapore Cancer Society (SCS) for a better understanding of what is HPV and how HPV vaccination can protect against cervical cancer.

Visit the website below for more information:
[HPV Vaccination \(singaporecancersociety.org.sg\)](https://singaporecancersociety.org.sg)

To learn more about HPV and its link to cervical cancer, as well as HPV prevention and the different types of HPV vaccines in Singapore, please visit [Preventing HPV infection: HPV Vaccination \(healthhub.sg\)](https://healthhub.sg). You may also want to consult your family doctor if you would like to find out more about the benefits and risks of HPV vaccination, and which vaccine is more suitable for your daughter/ward.

6. Will my child's medical information be kept confidential and secure?

All information provided will be kept strictly confidential and will only be used by HPB in the management of your child's health. The information may be placed on a database known as the Electronic Medical Records (EMR) System and the National Electronic Health Records (NEHR). The information may also be collated and used for national public health policy planning, ethically approved research, official reports and publications. Full confidentiality is ensured, i.e. your child's identity will not be revealed. If you provide us with personally identifiable data, we may share necessary data with other Government agencies where appropriate, so as to improve the discharge of public functions, and to serve you in the most efficient and effective way unless such sharing is prohibited by law. HPB may share your personal data with non-Government entities (including appointed service providers) that have been authorised to carry out specific Government services. HPB will not share your personal data with other non-Government entities without your consent except where such sharing complies with the law. HPB abides by the intent of [HPB \(Data\) Privacy Statement](#).

7. Where can I find more information about the Youth Preventive Health and Dental services offered?

Please refer to detailed information on the health services at the links below:

- **School Health Service Programmes**
 - Health Screening & Immunisation
<https://go.gov.sg/sch-health-services>
- **National Immunisation Registry (NIR)**
<https://www.nir.hpb.gov.sg/>

If you have any further enquiries, you may email us at [Contact YPS@hpb.gov.sg](mailto:YPS@hpb.gov.sg).

8. Where can I find the outcomes of my child's school health visit?

After the school health and dental visit, you may access your child's **School Health Assessment Summary** via Singpass login at <https://www.healthhub.sg/HealthServices>.

9. How do I check my child's immunisation records?

You may check your child's immunisation records (Singaporeans who are born in 1996 and after) with your SingPass at <https://www.healthhub.sg/HealthServices>.

10. How do I submit the consent for immunisation online?

It only takes 4 simple steps and the transaction is secure.

- i. Log on to <https://go.gov.sg/hpb-ccp>.
- ii. Login using your SingPass with 2-factor authentication (2FA).

(You may register for SingPass[^] by visiting <https://www.singpass.gov.sg> OR any SingPass counter. The location of SingPass counters and instructions for 2FA activation are available on <https://www.singpass.gov.sg>)

- iii. Type in your child's BC / FIN number.
- iv. Fill up and submit the consent form.

[^] The following groups of users are eligible to apply for SingPass:

- Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents or
- Employment Pass and Personalised Employment Pass holders or
- EntrePass holders or
- S-Pass holders or
- Dependant Pass holders (of EP, PEP, EntrePass and S-Pass holders) or
- Long Term Visit Pass-Plus (LTVP+) holders or
- Selected Long Term Visit Pass holders or
- Work Permit holders