

### P1 Orientation 2021

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# **Today's Programme**

Principal's Address

Briefing by Year Head (P1/2)

Classroom Activities



# **School Leadership Team**





# **School Leadership Team**



Mrs Selina Lee VICE-PRINCIPAL



Mr Fong Wai Khin VICE-PRINCIPAL (ADMIN)



# Year Head (P1/2)





# Principal's Address

# **Our Vision**



Active Learners, Confident Leaders, Gracious Citizens



# **Our Mission**

We nurture and inspire every Gongshanger to be a

Learner with Zeal
Leader with Courage
Citizen with Purpose





# **Our Values**

| 勤 | Perseverance | <ul> <li>✓ Every Gongshanger will understand the value of hard work.</li> <li>✓ Every Gongshanger will continue to work towards his/her goals despite challenges.</li> </ul>                         |
|---|--------------|--|
| 俭 | Thrift       | <ul> <li>✓ Every Gongshanger is able to tell the difference between 'needs' and 'wants'.</li> <li>✓ Every Gongshanger is able to use resources prudently to avoid wastage.</li> </ul>                |
| 诚 | Integrity    | <ul> <li>✓ Every Gongshanger will do the right thing even when nobody is around or watching.</li> <li>✓ Every Gongshanger will have the moral courage to stand up for what is right.</li> </ul>      |
| 故 | Respect      | <ul> <li>✓ Every Gongshanger will have pride and confidence in themselves.</li> <li>✓ Every Gongshanger will appreciate differences in others and be sensitive to the feelings of others.</li> </ul> |



# PERI upgrading

- School is currently undergoing PERI Plus upgrading from Jan 2020 to April 2022.
- More updates will be shared next year.





# A GREAT START TO PRIMARY SCHOOL



### **OVERVIEW**

1 Developments in Primary Education

2 What Is It Like in Primary School?

4 School-Home Partnership



**3** Transition to Primary 1



## **DEVELOPMENTS IN PRIMARY EDUCATION**



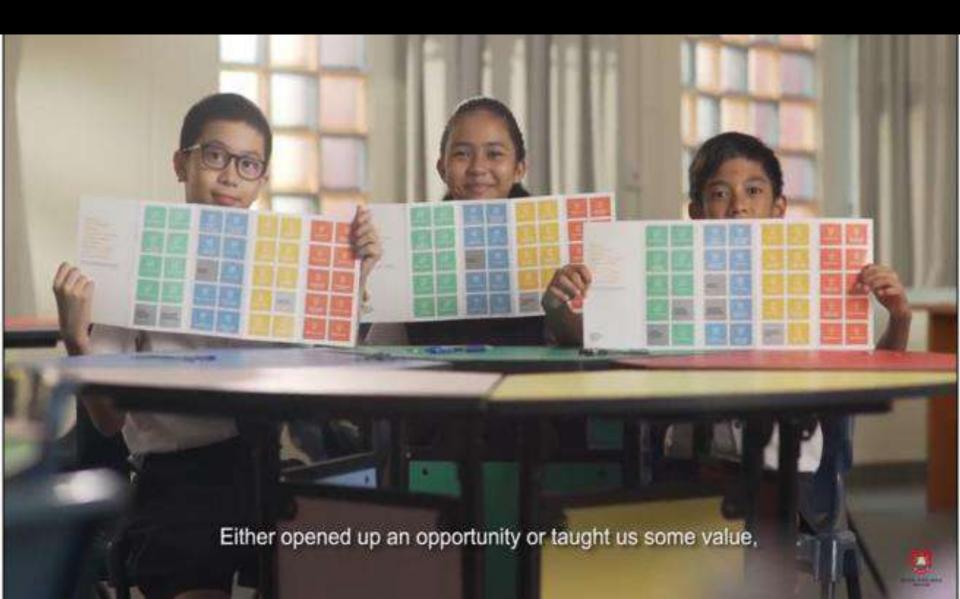


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### **DEVELOPMENTS IN PRIMARY EDUCATION**



### WHAT IS IT LIKE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL?

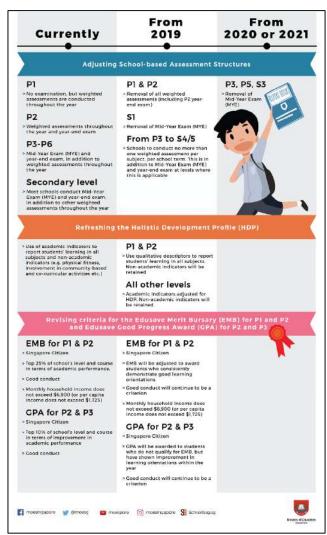
- Laying a strong foundation
- Nurturing well-rounded individuals and passionate lifelong learners
- Providing learning opportunities that recognise their strengths and develop their full potential
- Preparing our children for the future



### WHAT IS IT LIKE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL?

#### **Holistic Assessment**

- Focuses on building greater confidence and nurturing a stronger intrinsic motivation to learn so as to develop your child's potential.
- No examinations and weighted assessments at Primary 1
   & Primary 2 to ease your child into formal schooling.
- Use of appropriate assessment modes to provide useful information to support students' learning and holistic development.





- Transition is the process when a child encounters a move into a new environment, for example when a child moves from preschool to primary school. It requires a child to adapt to an unfamiliar setting.
- A smooth transition is made when your child:
  - o feels safe and comfortable in their new environment
  - o is able to manage the daily challenges of school life



When your child enters primary school, they will experience:





#### In primary school, your child will be quipped with skills to:

- Adjust to a larger learning environment
- Interact with more peers and teachers
- Adapt to longer school hours
- Become more independent and responsible





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# What are the tasks that your child should be able to do independently?

- Personal hygiene eg. going to the toilet, hand washing, tying shoelaces, buttoning their shirt/blouse/uniform
- Looking out for traffic
- Organising school bag
- Counting money and receiving change
- Asking for permission



# HOW CAN I SUPPORT MY CHILD DURING THIS TRANSITION?

- **Support** your child and encourage them to overcome challenges with you
- Affirm your child by recognising small successes and praising their efforts
- Familiarise your child by easing them into new routines and sharing with them your experiences in primary school
- Empathise and acknowledge your child's feelings







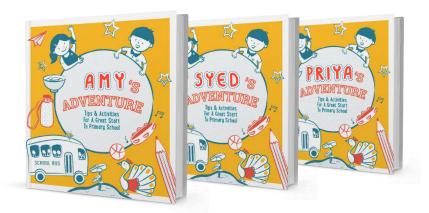


#### **FOR YOU & YOUR CHILD**

# PARENT-CHILD ACTIVITY BOOK

Tips & Activities for a Great Start to Primary School







# PERSONALISE THE COVER!

#### 10 TIPS FOR PARENTS to

help you navigate your child's first year in primary school

# RESOURCES FOR PARENTS







**ACTIVITIES TO DO TOGETHER** 

Chat with your child
Boost their confidence
Practise various scenarios
Create something interesting
Thank others for their help
Pledge to do things together



# HOW CAN I PREPARE MY CHILD FOR PRIMARY 1?

- Relating to others
- Developing good habits
- Nurturing positive learning attitudes
- Creating a conducive learning environment at home





### **RELATING TO OTHERS**

# Build your child's interpersonal skills by:

- Modelling the use of friendly and polite phrases
  - o "Hello! My name is... what is your name?"
  - o "May I please..."
- Providing opportunities for your child to share and take turns during playtime with other children.
- Teaching them coping mechanisms (e.g. deep breaths, quiet corner, stop-think-do) to enable them to manage their emotions.



Check out pages 34 - 38 of the PCAB for activities on making friends.



### **DEVELOPING GOOD HABITS**

# Routines help your child learn to manage themselves.

Guide your child to do the following independently:

- Dress themselves
- Buy food at the canteen
- Make healthy food choices
- · Pack their bag
- Wash their hands
- Use a mask responsibly
- Take their temperature using a thermometer

Help your child commit to doing some of these independently when they are ready. Check out pages 59 - 61 of the PCAB.



Refer to 'Additional Resources' to watch the Soaper 5 in action to teach your child socially responsible behaviour to keep the virus at bay.











# NURTURING POSITIVE LEARNING ATTITUDES

# Developing the right learning attitude in your child will help them transit smoothly into the learning routines in school.

#### You can encourage your child to:

- Ask questions about their experiences and the world around them.
- Express their thoughts and feelings and discuss what can be done if they have worries.
- Practise life skills independently like buying food and drinks on their own and asking for permission.



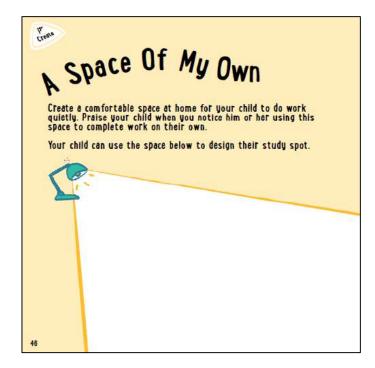
Check out pages 39 - 54 of the PCAB for activities that will help your child develop a positive learning attitude.



# CREATING A CONDUCIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AT HOME

# Set up a conducive home environment so that your child can learn both at home and in school:

- Have a dedicated area for learning, such as doing schoolwork or reading to put your child in the right frame of mind to learn.
- If you have more than one child, allocate areas for each child to learn independently or together.
- Role model positive learning behaviours.
- Establish a daily routine with your child, with time set aside for reading, schoolwork, rest, family time and play.

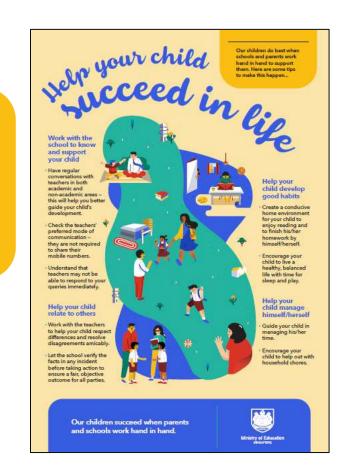


Check out page 46 of the PCAB for an activity to help you create a conducive learning environment at home.



### **SCHOOL-HOME PARTNERSHIP**

Our children do best when schools and parents work hand in hand to support them.







## **SCHOOL-HOME PARTNERSHIP**

# Communicating with your child's teacher

- Have regular conversations with teachers in both academic and non-academic areas – this will help you better guide your child's development.
- Ask the teacher for the best way and time to contact them.





# Parent Support Group (PSG)



- The PSG works hand-in-hand with the school to encourage family bonding through various activities as well as learning lifeskills.
- The members of the PSG provide support in major school events such as Sports Day, Learning Carnival, Racial Harmony Day, Teachers' Day and P6 Entrepreneur Bazaar.



# PSG & Fathers@Gongshang









### **WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!**







Each Parent Kit issue contains bite-sized actionable tips with supporting resources for parents to help them support their child in their education journey.





#### Schoolbag.sg

www.schoolbag.sg

Through articles and multimedia content, Schoolbag provide parents and general public with information and insights related to education, tips for parent involvement and features on school programmes.





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#### **PARENTS GATEWAY RESOURCES**





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https://youtu.be/PCM5o8jAncc

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https://youtu.be/tW9jwyuovOo

# Transition from Preschool to Primary School



## Tips to Support a Smooth Transition for Your Child



# Busting Myths on Academic Preparation

"What about English, Mathematics and their Mother Tongue Language? Does my child need to know how to count to 100 or spell 'Hippopotamus'? Will there be Spelling once they start school?"

There is no need to worry about the academic aspect in preparing for P1. Our schools and teachers are well-equipped with the skills needed to help your child learn the basics while enjoying what they learn.

Here are three common myths regarding P1 preparation and the truth behind the myths!

#### **MYTH #1**



Before starting primary school, my child needs to know how to use the symbols '+' and '-', and to solve addition and subtraction problems.

#### FACT:

At the start of P1, your child needs to count accurately up to 10 and have an understanding of numbers (e.g. compare which of two groups has 'more', 'less' or if the two groups are the 'same'; and identify different combinations that make '5'). In P1, your child's teachers will help your child understand concepts such as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

#### **MYTH #2**



My child should be able to read, speak and write in full sentences in English before starting primary school.

#### FACT:

At the start of P1, your child does not need to be able to read, speak or write in complete sentences. However, they should be able to express personal needs and wants, ask and respond to simple questions (e.g. who, what and where questions), and talk about personal experiences.

#### **MYTH #3**



My child should be able to read, speak and write in their Mother Tongue Language (MTL) before starting primary school.

#### **FACT:**

Not all children study their MTL in preschool. Thus, reading, speaking or writing in MTL is not a requirement for entry into P1. Your child will be well supported to develop their MTL skills in primary school. Before entering P1, your child should show an interest in learning MTL, understand simple instructions and respond to simple questions in MTL.

Ultimately, for a smooth transition to primary school, children need skills that they can use to adapt to a new environment. The sooner they adapt, the better their schooling and learning experience will be.



### Continue to help your child prepare for new experiences in primary school by:

- Supporting them in forming new habits (e.g. sleeping and waking earlier, packing their school bag, travelling to school).
- Talking to them about what to expect in their new school, e.g. What they
  would be doing during assembly, how many students there will be in their
  class and what they should do during recess.
- Having conversations with them about their experiences in school and encouraging them to discuss their actions and feelings when talking to them.

# YOUR CHILD IS READY. ARE YOU?



## **Briefing by Year Head 1/2**



#### P1 Teachers

| Class             | Teachers                           |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 Perseverance    | Mdm Norizah/Mrs Amelia<br>Tan      |
| 1 <b>T</b> hrift  | Ms Melissa Chan/Mrs<br>Yoges       |
| 1 Integrity       | Mdm Yasmin/ Mrs Yap-Loy<br>Sim Lan |
| 1 Respect         | Mrs Sarah Ang/Mr Azman             |
| 1 Courage         | Mdm Bindlya/ Mdm Amizah            |
| 1 <b>H</b> armony | Mrs Kwok Li Li/ Ms Alvinna         |
| 1 Graciousness    | Mdm Safiah/ Mdm Stella<br>Lee      |



### **School Hours**

| Day       | Start Time | Dismissal Time |
|-----------|------------|----------------|
| Monday    | 7.30 am    | 1.30 pm        |
| Tuesday   | 7.30 am    | 1.30 pm        |
| Wednesday | 7.30 am    | 1.30 pm        |
| Thursday  | 7.30 am    | 1.30 pm        |
| Friday    | 7.30 am    | 1.30 pm        |



## First Day of School Tuesday 4 Jan 2022

- Pupils are to report to school by 7.25 a.m.
- Only one parent is allowed to accompany your child to the school.
- Please check in with your Trace Together token or the Trace Together app.
- Parents may walk your child to the classroom.
- Parents will proceed to the designated classrooms to attend a briefing.
- Please have your masks on at all times and adhere to the safe management measures.



## First Four Days of School 4 - 7 Jan 2022

- Orientation activities
- Name tag to be worn at all times
- To bring stationery, water bottle (only plain water), pocket money for recess (about \$2) and snacks (optional)
- Please label all personal items for ease of identification
- Your child can put on school uniform/PE attire for the first four days
- Formal Lessons will begin on 10 Jan 2022



#### Recess Time

## 8.30 to 9.00 a.m.



#### **Recess Time**

- Parents are not allowed to enter the school premises due to COVID-19 and safe management measures except Day 1.
- Please do not bring food for your child during recess or lunch times. Your child can bring packed food from home.
- This is to encourage your child to be independent.
- There are 7 stalls in the canteen comprise of the following:
   2 Muslim stalls, 1 chicken rice stall, 1 Chinese noodles
   stall, 1 fruit juice stall, 1 economical rice stall and 1 snack
   stall.



## Snack Break About 10 minutes







We encourage pupils to pack healthy snacks like fruits, buns or biscuits.



## Name Tag



#### **Gongshang Primary School**

| NAME     | :   |
|----------|---|
| CLASS    | :   |
| Bus No   | :   |
| O Parent | t Pickup:   Main Gate   Side Gate   Car Porch |
| Sibling  | g Corner :                                    |
| ○ Extern | nal Student Care (Name):                      |
| Schoo    | l Student Care :                              |



#### **Dismissal Procedures**

|   | Assembly Area  |
|---|--|
| Fetched by parents/guardians                              | Main Gate and Side Gate                                      |
| School bus  | School Hall  |
| Private vehicles  | School Porch (after school buses have left school premises)  |
| School Student Care (SCC)                                 | To be dismissed to the respective classrooms                 |
| Fetched by community-<br>based child care centre<br>staff | School Hall  |
| Going home with older siblings in GSPS                    | Siblings Meeting Point (in front to bookshop at the canteen) |



### Drive-in Policy

- As safety of the children is always our priority, private vehicles are not allowed into the school premises after 7.30 am.
- During dismissal, vehicles are allowed into the school premises only after all the school buses have left at around 1.45pm.
- Please observe all safety regulations and speed limit (not exceeding 15 km/h) when you drive in to the school.



## Children not feeling well / Emergencies

- If your child is not feeling well, he/she should inform the teacher in the classroom.
- Your child will be taken to the sick bay in the General Office.
- If necessary, parents will be informed to come to school to bring your child home or to see a doctor.
- If there is an urgent need for medical treatment, the school may send the pupil to the nearest clinic or call for an ambulance if necessary and we will contact you.
- In accordance with advice from HPB and MOE, we will not use medicated creams/ointments to treat minor headaches or stomachaches.



## **Leaving School Early**

- Should you need to bring your child home early, please register at the Security Post and then proceed to the school's General Office. Our staff at the General Office will inform the teacher.
- Please DO NOT go directly to the classroom to pick up your child.
- All parents to complete the 'Permission to leave school early' form in the office.
- You will only be allowed to leave with your child when you hand over the above form to the security guard at the main gate.

#### **Communication Procedures**

#### **School to Parents**

- Monthly Gongshang e-Bulletin
- Parents Gateway
- School Website :

www.gongshangpri.moe.edu.sg

My Learning Journal (Pupils' Handbook)



#### **Communication Procedures**

#### **Parents to School**

- My Learning Journal (Pupils' Handbook)
- Teachers' e-mail: can be found in Parents' Handbook/School website
- Telephone calls
- School e-mail : gsps@moe.edu.sg



#### **Communication Procedures**

Ref No: 21/E/334

Date: 24 September 2021



Dear Parent/Guardian,

#### Home-Based Learning (HBL) in Term 4 (27/09/21- 06/10/21)

We have received your request for your child/ward to come to school in Term 4 (27/09/21-06/10/21) for HBL. We would like to inform you that your request has been accepted.

#### Please take note of the following:

Your child/ward will come to school in school uniform/House T-shirt/PET-shirt with school shorts. Entry
into the school is only via the <u>main gate</u>. Your child/ward will report to the canteen upon armal in
school.

2. Please refer to the table below for the reporting time, dismissal time and items to bring to school for HBL.

| Reporting Time (A)               | P1: (A)7.40am, (D) 1.15pm, *12.50pm  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Dismissal Time (D)               | P2 (A)7.45am, (D) 1.20pm, *12.55pm   |
| 490                              | P3: (A)7.50am. (D) 1.25pm. *1.00pm   |
|                                  | P4: (A)7:55am, (D) 1:30pm, *1.05pm   |
| 'Dismissal time on<br>Wednesdays | P5: (A)8.00am, (D) 1.35pm, *1.10pm   |
|                                  | Please adhere to the timings stated to reduce intermingling among students across levels.  |
| Items to bring to<br>school      | Thermometer, Trace Together token/app, a storybook, worksheets/materials<br>for HBL, stationery, other homework/books/drawing materials, hand<br>sanitiser, extra surgical masks and food for recess and snack break |

- 3. If your child/ward is unwell that morning, heishe should not come to school and should seek medical attention instead. If your child/ward displays flu-fike symptoms in school and/or has a temperature above 37 6 degrees Celsius, helshe will be sent home.
- 4. Your child/ward, as well as any household member, must not be on Quarantine Order (QO) / Stay Home Notice (SHN) / Leare of Absence (LOA) / Approved Absence (AA). For contact tracing purposes, heighe is required to check in to SafeEntry using their Trace! Ogether token/app and to carry it with thoran at all times.
- There will be two 30-minutes (recess and snack time) break for the curation that your child/ward is in school. Please prepare food for him/her to consume during the two breaks as the carteen stalls will not be open.
- 6. All dismissal procedures will be as per what you have indicated in the request form for your child/ward. For students who take the school bus/lattend an external student care centre, please inform the respective personnel of your child/ward needing their service during the HBL period.

#### **School Circulars**











Parents' Handbook

Monthly e-Bulletin

#### **Gongshang Bulletin**

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#### School Holiday

Youth Day School Holiday: 5 July 2021

#### Public Holiday

Hari Raya Haji : 20 July 2021

#### 2021 Primary One (P1) Registration Exercise for Admission to P1 in 2022 - Phase 1 Registration

Parents who have submitted the P1 Online Registration Form would have received an acknowledgement email from the school for the receipt of registration form in May 2021.

All children registered under this phase are guaranteed places in the school. The school will process the registration forms on 30 June and 1 July 2021. Please contact the General Office immediately if you do not receive any acknowledgement email or require assistance on the P1 Registration Exercise.

#### Resumption of CCA

The school will be conducting eCCA (via online platforms e.g. Zoom or SLS) for Primary 3 to 5 students from Term 3 Week 2 to Term 3 Week 4 (i.e. 6 July to 23 July 2021), during after-school hours. All eCCA sessions will commence at 3 pm and end by 4.30 pm. The overall teachers-in-charge of the respective CCAs will notify your child/ward via a letter with more details.

#### P6 Preliminary Oral Examination for English Language & Mother Tongue Languages

Dates: 26 and 27 July 2021 (Monday & Tuesday) Time: 2.00 – 5.30 pm (after curriculum hours)

In alignment with PSLE guidelines, all P6 pupils sitting for the oral exams are to wear SURGICAL FACE MASKS at all times during the examination. More details will be released to the pupils nearer the date.



My Learning Journal



# Group Personal Accident Insurance Policy

All students are insured under Group Personal Accident (GPA) Insurance paid by MOE. The GPA covers death, permanent and total/partial disability and medical expenses due to an accident while participating in school activities.



#### School Health Services

- Yearly medical check-up by the Health Team from HPB.
- Includes medical examination, immunisation, hearing and eyesight tests.
- Parents will be informed of the check-up dates.
- Child's Health Booklet should contain all previous immunisation certificates and records.
- Catch-up immunisation for Primary one students who have incomplete dose(s) of vaccination will be given the relevant dose(s) by School Health Services based on the National Childhood Immunisation Schedule.
- Parents may opt out of this service and make their own vaccination arrangement.

## Details of the following information have been sent to you via PG (10 November 2021)

- -Purchase of books
- -Purchase of uniform
- -School bus services
- -Interest in School Based Student Care (deadline of submission: 14 November 2021)
- -Financial Assistance Scheme Form (FAS) (deadline of submission: 15 November 2021)



#### Administrative Matters

- Pupil Data Form
- Edusave Standing Order Form
- GIRO Form
- Form 1- NMTL/Form 3 NTIL (where applicable)



## Thank You

