

# **Cedar Primary School**

## **2022 P1 Orientation Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Curriculum**

#### **1. How does the school inform parents about their children's learning progress?**

Parents can learn about their children's learning progress through formal platforms such as the mid-year Parent-Teacher Conference and in the Holistic Development Profile (HDP) reports (also known as the 'result slips'). However, parents can also find out about their children's progress through their daily written work or through conversations with the subject teachers.

#### **2. Is there English Language spelling for P1 and P2 students in the school?**

No, there is no EL spelling in P1 and P2. Our English curriculum moves in tandem with the latest national curriculum. Spelling is acquired and mastered through the various areas of language learning. We have moved away from rote-learning as we believe that students need to use the words they are learning in genuine contexts in order to help make the learning last.

#### **3. Is Higher Chinese offered at P1 for 2022?**

No. The 2-year Higher Chinese curriculum will be offered to students at P3. Students who have been selected to offer HCL at P3 are expected to continue with HCL at P4. Selection will be based on the student's aptitude for the language as well as his/her academic performance at the end of P2.

#### **4. If my child takes Hindi, lessons will be outside the school. So, what will my child do in school when others are taking CL lessons?**

Students who do not take Mother Tongue Language (MTL) in school can do self-study or revision while supervised by teachers. They will also be attending CCE (MTL) lessons conducted in English.

#### **5. Is there any Math Olympiad preparation class?**

There is Math Olympiad workshop at P5 as well as Math E2K classes at P4 & P5 for selected students with interest and aptitude for Mathematics. The E2K Mathematics Programme aims to develop students' mathematical reasoning skills and deepens their conceptual understanding through an inquiry approach.

#### **6. Will my child get to learn badminton, swimming and how to play musical instruments?**

Yes, he/she will. Swimming is part of the P4 SwimSafer Programme during school curriculum hours. During PE lessons, students are given the opportunity to participate in a variety of physical activities such as sports and games as well as acquire the concepts and skills that will enable them to participate in these sports and games both for leisure and competition. Musical Instruments such as Orff Xylophone and Ukulele will also be introduced in the 6 years during their music lessons.

## **STUDENT WELLBEING**

### **7. What should I do if my child falls ill and is unable to go to school on a particular day?**

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, you may inform the form teachers through the General Office staff at 62885633 from 7 am - 7.30 am. When your child returns to school thereafter, do have him/her submit the medical certificate to the form teachers.

### **8. What is a wipe-down? Will the students be given cloth?**

As part of Safe Management Measures and to promote social responsibility, students do a wipe-down by cleaning surfaces of the canteen tables and their desks after they use them. They also do a wipe-down for all shared equipment after every lesson. Wipe down materials are provided in the classrooms and canteen.

### **9. Can my child be in his/her PE attire for the whole day during days when he/she has PE?**

Yes, students can be in their PE attire for the day on days when they have PE lessons.

### **10. How do we know if the canteen food ingredients are safe for kids with food allergies?**

The school has implemented the Healthy Meals in Schools Programme which encourages healthier food and beverage choices in schools. If your child has allergies, it may be advisable for him/her to pack food from home. Please also inform your child's form teachers and we will ensure this information is passed to all other teachers.

### **11. To purchase at the canteen, is the mode of payment only cash? Are there any Debit card options?**

The mode of payment in the school canteen is cash. We do not have Debit Card options.

### **12. Please advise if the teachers or school staff know how to administer EpiPen if a student experiences anaphylaxis in school.**

Parents of children who may require the administration of emergency medication in school can approach the school management to provide more details for further advice.

### **13. Does the school have first aid or any medical help in the event that the child gets hurt in the school?**

MOE Schools are equipped with First Aid Kits (FAK) and Automated External Defibrillator (AEDs) for emergencies. A significant portion of our staff are first-aid trained and will be able to render first aid during emergencies.

### **14. Can my child use a scooter to school and park his/her scooter in school?**

For their personal safety and the safety of other children, we do not encourage children to use a scooter to come to school. Hence, scooters will not be allowed in our compound. There is also no facility for scooter parking in the school.

### **15. Can my child bring a mobile phone to school?**

The school adopts a 'no handphone' policy. Hence students are not allowed to bring mobile devices to school.

## **16. How do you manage student misbehaviour in the school?**

Cedar Primary School believes that discipline is an educative process of developing students' thinking and moral faculties. The goal of discipline is to teach students how to develop self-discipline and good character. Disciplinary measures are carried out to help students understand that their actions carry consequences, which helps them learn to take responsibility for their actions. The school would also partner with parents in managing their child so as to bring out the best in him/her.

## **HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP**

### **17. How do I access Parents Gateway?**

The Parents Gateway app is available on IOS and Android. You can use your SingPass account, SMS 2FA or OneKey Token1 to gain access to Parents Gateway. A guide to access Parent Gateway can be found on our online Parent Portal at <https://cedarpri.moe.edu.sg>

### **18. Are there any group chats created for Cedar in WhatsApp or Telegram?**

We will use the Parents Gateway to disseminate information, and seek parents' consent on admin matters.

### **19. Does Cedar Primary have a Parent Volunteer Programme?**

We do not have a Parent Volunteer Programme. However, you may join our Parent Support Group. The link to the registration form will be sent via PG in the first 2 weeks of school.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **20. How do I purchase books and uniforms for my child?**

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to purchase your child's/ward's textbooks and uniforms online and opt for home delivery. Alternatively, you may place your order online and book an appointment with the bookstore and uniform vendors to collect the uniform and textbooks in school on 29 Nov (Mon) and 30 Nov (Tue). Please note that appointments are made with the respective vendors through their websites when placing your orders.

Order textbooks online: Pacific Bookstores Pte Ltd - [www.pacificbookstores.com](http://www.pacificbookstores.com)

Order uniform & PE attire online: Beau Voix Uniforms - <https://beauvoix.com>

### **21. How many sets of school uniforms do I need to buy for my child?**

You may consider buying 2 sets of uniforms and 2 sets of PE attire first. Depending on your child's needs, you can purchase more subsequently.

### **22. When will my child be allocated his house colour?**

Parents who registered your child under Phases 1 to 2C Supplementary have been informed of their child's house allocation on Admin Day (18 – 21 October 2021).

Parents who registered their child under Phase 3 would have received your child's house allocation on either 22 or 23 November 2021.

### **23. Will the school be handing out the TraceTogether Token to my child?**

The school will not be handing out TraceTogether Tokens to students. TraceTogether Tokens can be collected at any Token vending machines at selected malls or community centres. You may visit <https://token.gowhere.gov.sg/> for more information.

**24. Can we have more details about the back gate and the dismissal guidelines based on that?**

The school has commenced the construction of an entry gate for the convenience of the students residing in the new Bidadari Estate. It is slated for completion near the end of December 2021. When ready, Students can enter school via the back gate along Alkaff Crescent road at the start of school.

For dismissal, P1 students will need to be picked up by a parent/ guardian at the designated gates (A, C, E) where there are covered walkways to provide shelter to parents and students during wet weather. Please refer to the slides *2022 P1 Orientation Admin Brief* for details.

P1 students with siblings in other levels can have their sibling take them to the back gate for dismissal during good weather. Students in other levels will be able to leave the school via the back gate in an orderly manner that the school will arrange.

**25. For students who go to the Student Care Centre, can parents enter the school to pick them up at 6pm?**

For students attending Student Care Centre (SCC), the parents will be able to pick up the children at Gate E (the gate near the security post), which is near to the SCC, at the time arranged with SCC.

**FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL**

**26. What are the books that my child needs to bring for week 1?**

Your child need not bring any school books on the first day of school. Please refer to slide 17 of the *2022 P1 Orientation Admin Brief* for the list of items he/she needs to bring on the first day. For subsequent days, the Form Teachers will inform your child of the books to bring.

**27. Can both my husband and I accompany my child to school for the first day (4 January)?**

As part of the prevailing Safe Management Measures, only one parent can accompany the child to the classroom from 8.15 am - 8.45 am on 4 January. The same parent/guardian can also observe your child's recess the same day.

**28. Will all Primary 1 classes be at level 1?**

P1 classes will be on levels 1 and 2. Parents will be guided to the classrooms on the first day of school.

**29. Who is my child's form teacher?**

This information will be made known on 4 January 2021.

**30. In the first week of school, can my P1 child not wait for his brother and go home first?**

Yes, that is possible, provided that there is an adult who is able to pick up the child at 12.30 pm. Do let the form teacher know of the arrangement.

**31. Does the SCC operate on P1 Orientation days?**

Yes, it does. The students enrolled in SCC will report to the centre after school dismissal.