

P1 : Frequently Asked Questions

In reply to queries raised on both Orientation Days

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Week 1 Matters

Details pertaining to Week 1 matters including school timing, Day 1 drop off, what to pack/wear etc will be uploaded onto the school website by the end of November. The direct link will be sent out to all P1 parents via PG (Parent's Gateway) once everything has been uploaded. We thank you for your patience.

Recess Matters

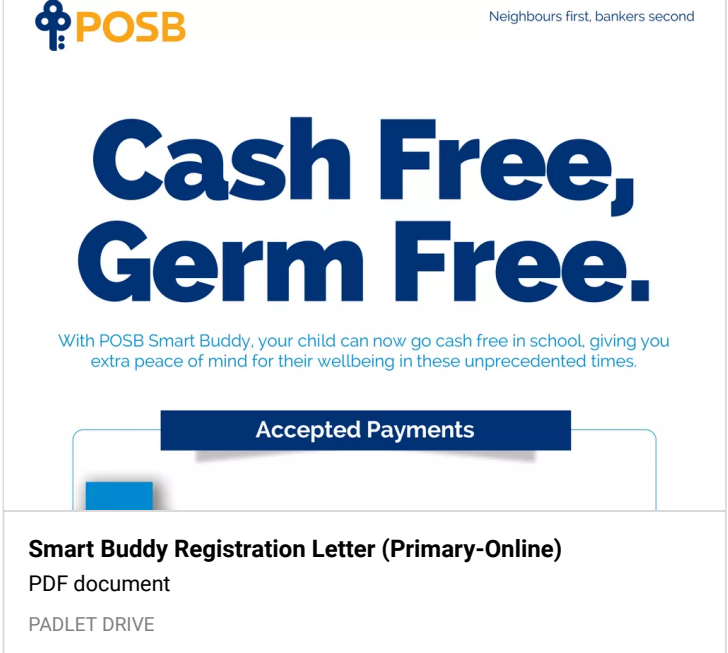
How much roughly would I need to give my child for recess?

We recommend about \$2 for the child to be able to purchase a meal and perhaps a drink. We do also encourage the students to drink water from their water bottles. You may choose to give a little extra should your child want to purchase something in the canteen for snack time.

When will the digital payment through watches be introduced in Chongzheng?

The option for students to make their purchases in school through a cashless system will be made available in 2023. Do have a look at the information guide attached to gain a better understanding of it. More details will be shared at a later date via PG.

Please also note that this option is not compulsory for the students and they may wish to pay using cash if they prefer.



The image shows a digital document from POSB titled "Cash Free, Germ Free." It promotes the use of POSB Smart Buddy for school payments. The document includes the POSB logo, the tagline "Neighbours first, bankers second", and a section titled "Accepted Payments" with a blue bar. Below this, it says "Smart Buddy Registration Letter (Primary-Online)" and "PDF document". At the bottom, it says "PADLET DRIVE".

If my child suffers from food allergies, how can I contact the Form Teachers to inform them of this?

If you have already included this information in the online form sent out to parents in October, rest assured, we have taken note and will be informing the respective Form Teachers. For the more severe allergies, we will also inform the canteen vendors to help look out for these students.

You may also email the school at czps@moe.edu.sg and include any medical documentation if available. Do also ensure that your child is **more importantly**, *fully aware* of what he/she can/cannot consume.

Will parents be able to join their students for recess on the first day of school?

Parents will not be joining their P1 children during recess on the first day. Let's give them the opportunity to learn how to navigate recess (with the support of their buddies) in an independent manner. There will also be teachers on duty to look out for the P1 students.

Is there still a buddy system in place where an older student is tagged to the P1 child? How long would it be for?

The Primary 2 students will be trained as buddies for the Primary 1 students. They will be there to guide them to navigate recess. (Locating their table / Purchasing food / Cleaning after themselves / Assembling after recess). This buddy system will be put in place throughout Week 1 2023.

Additionally, P1ACE will go for recess at a different time than PIBDF to ensure more time and space for them to get used to the processes.

Student Safety

When someone is infected, what is the procedure taken for the student to get back to class?

Vaccinated students

-To return after the 7th day of diagnosis. (Even if +)

Unvaccinated students

-To return after the 14th day of diagnosis (Even if +)

NOTE:

- o **Students should not return if they are still feeling unwell.**
- o Students who feel well and test – can return to school earlier. To submit pic. of test to Form Teacher.

With the ongoing covid, what measures is the school taking to protect the students?

- o Regular disinfecting of learning spaces and canteen.
- o Staggered recess to minimise over crowding in the canteen.
- o Morning check-ins to look out for students who might be feeling unwell.

How is bullying addressed in school?

Our school adopts a zero tolerance policy when it comes to bullying. We consistently encourage positive communication among peers and for students to approach their teachers should they feel like someone else is making them feel hurt or uncomfortable.

We appreciate your support in informing us if your child has confided in you about such incidents happening to them in school as well as your patience in allowing us to conduct our follow-up investigations.

When a student is found to have demonstrated such negative behaviour, the school uses Restorative Practice to promote

reflection and accountability of any harm caused by his/her actions. There will of course be logical consequences in place for a child who repeatedly demonstrates such behaviour. ***We believe that there are no bad students, only students who sometimes make bad choices.***

What happens if we are unable to reach on time to pick the child up?

We do encourage the caretakers to pick their children up promptly. However, we do understand that at times, there might be unforeseen circumstances. You can call the school at 6781 9002 to leave a message that you will be late for pick-up. Do inform the General Office staff of your child's name, class, point of pick-up and how late you will be.

If you will not be too late (between 5 to 15 minutes), your child will wait at the pick-point with the staff assigned on duty. If however, you will need more time, your child will then wait at the General Office and you may head there directly to pick your child up.

Is it a requirement for students to wear their mask/face shield in school at all times?

It is currently (as of November 2022) not compulsory for students to wear a mask/face shield in school. Your child may choose to do so if he/she would like to.

Uniforms & School Books

On days when they have PE lessons, are they allowed to wear PE attire for the whole day?

Yes, on days where they need to use their PE uniform, they are allowed to remain in it throughout the day.

Do we need to purchase more of the PE uniform than the School uniform?

The students will use their PE uniforms on days when they have PE or PAL lessons. Otherwise, they will need to use their school uniforms. We recommend purchasing at least 2 sets of the PE and School uniform respectively.

What can we do if we receive the uniform that we ordered and it turns out to be the wrong size?

You can contact the uniform supplier (Shirley Season Wear) directly at 62804917 to arrange for an exchange if needed.

Is it compulsory to purchase the CZ red Starfish tshirt?

It is **not** compulsory. However if you are able to, we do recommend for you to purchase it as the students will be encouraged to wear them for school celebrations such as National Day.

<https://www.shirleyuni.com/product/starfish-t-shirt-chongzheng-primary-school/>

Starfish T Shirt - Chongzheng Primary School - Shirley Season Wear

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Name Tags - Chongzheng Primary School - Shirley Season Wear

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Embroidered Name Tags

Why will there no longer be any house colours?

The school has been constantly reviewing how to better foster a sense of belonging in our school as a cohort and not as a house. Therefore we will be gradually phasing out the house colours in this transition period.

Where can I find the book list?

The book list will be uploaded onto the school website by 11 November or earlier. You can also access the link below and **key in the PIN: CZ8009** to order the books online.

<https://thecontinental.sg/chongzheng>

Can I reuse the P1 2022 books for my child going to P1 in 2023? Will they be the same?

There are no changes to the books for P1 in 2023 so you have the option to **reuse the books that were purchased in 2022 for P1 students in 2023.**

Will the uniform vendor come to school (CZPS) in November & December?

Do refer to the schedule above on when the school books and uniforms will be available for purchase in November and December. You can also find this schedule in the Chongzheng main website.

SCHEDULE FOR SALE & COLLECTION OF SCHOOL BOOKS & UNIFORMS 9.00am to 3.00pm					
	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
NOV			23 P1 & P2 BOOKS	24 P3 & P4 BOOKS	25 P5 & P6 BOOKS
NOV	28 ALL LEVELS BOOKS	29 ALL LEVELS BOOKS		UNIFORMS	2 FAS BOOKS & UNIFORMS
DEC			07 ALL LEVELS BOOKS	08 ALL LEVELS BOOKS	
DEC	12 ALL LEVELS BOOKS	13 ALL LEVELS BOOKS & UNIFORMS			16 ALL LEVELS BOOKS
DEC	19 ALL LEVELS BOOKS			22 FAS BOOKS & UNIFORMS	
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Are name tags essential?

There are 2 types of name tags for the P1 students. During the first month of school, they should wear their temporary clip-on name tags which contain information such as their name, class and mode of dismissal.

Once they receive their iron-on name tags, please attach them to both the school and PE uniforms. You may find more information on where to iron on the name tags in the Student Handbook which will be given out to all students in Week 1.

Student Matters

How do we order the name tags? (Iron-on)

The temporary clip-on name tags will be mailed to you in December. For the iron-on name tags, you can order them directly from the Uniform supplier. Below, you will find the direct link to the supplier site to order your name tags.

<https://www.shirleyuni.com/product/chongzheng-primary-school-name-tags/>

We understand there is no soccer, track and field, badminton, table tennis, and other essential sports in school. Will the school consider bringing these sports into the school?

On top our current sports CCAs that we offer (**Hockey / Rugby / Wushu**), students are also able to opt for a Modular CCA in Primary 3 if they wish to experience a greater range of sport

activities.

In this CCA, students are taught basic games skills and rules so that they can play and enjoy the games at a recreational level. Our students are exposed to **3 core sports modules (Basketball, Soccer and Badminton)** and **1 enrichment sport module** each year.

The enrichment modules they have had over the years include Cycling, Fencing and Archery.

Is there a TAF (Trim And Fit) programme for students?

The TAF programme has been replaced since 2007 by the Holistic Health Framework (HHF) which includes all schoolchildren. Through the HHF, schools provide opportunities for every student to develop the skills and attitudes to live healthily and build students' motivation to sustain a healthy lifestyle even after they leave school.

Do check out the link provided to view some of the programmes planned by our Physical Education Department to promote a healthy lifestyle among our students.

PE, Art and Music

Mrs Sharon Tan (Physical Health & Fitness Coordinator) The purpose of Physical Education is to enable students to demonstrate individually and with others, the physical skills, practices and values to enjoy a lifetime of active, healthy living.

MOE



What type of learning support is put in place for students?

Learning support is provided for students who face difficulties in literacy and numeracy. Do check out the link provided to learn more about these support programmes.

Learning support in primary schools

Through specialised early intervention programmes, learning support is provided for students who need additional help with: English Language Mathematics Mother Tongue Languages For English Language and Mathematics, students will be identified at Primary 1 (P1) through screening that will be conducted upon school entry. For Mother Tongue Languages, students will be identified at Primary 2 to join the programme at Primary 3 and 4.

BASE



When the children want to go to the toilet, can they go at any time or will there be a designated toilet time?

When your child needs to use the toilet, he/she is encouraged to immediately seek permission (*please don't wait*) from the teacher to do so. The students are also encouraged to go to the toilet after their recess meals if they are able to.

Are birthday celebrations allowed in school?

The school discourages parents from celebrating their children's birthdays in the form of gifts and food.

Some of the school's concerns for students' well-being include food type, food hygiene and food allergies of some students.

Additionally, while we appreciate the kind intentions of parents giving out birthday presents to their children's classmates, such practice may also create unhealthy comparisons amongst students.

Birthday celebrations can be carried out in a simple and meaningful way by the singing of birthday song or exchanges of birthday cards.

What type of hairstyles are allowed for boys and girls?

The following information has been extracted from our Student Handbook on attire and appearance.

Grooming for Girls

- Hair that reaches below the collar must be tied, braided or cut.
- Hair accessories must be in either plain black or dark blue.
- Fringes reaching the eyebrows and below must be trimmed or clipped up.
- Ear studs must be small and plain.

Grooming for Boys

- Hair must not touch the collar of the shirt. It should be short at the sides and back.
- All male students must be clean shaven without moustaches or beards and side burns

Will the students be allowed to bring any smart devices to school?

Students are allowed to bring their handphones to school. However, they are to comply by the following rules.

- Handphones can only be used in the canteen in the morning (when they arrive in school) and during dismissal time.
- At this time, they should only use their handphones to make the necessary phone calls / send out texts.
- Handphones should be switched off (not put on silent mode) during lessons.

If you urgently need to pass along a message to your child during school hours, do contact the school at 6781 9002 and

convey your message to a member of the General Office staff who will try his/her best to ensure your child receives the message.

Students are responsible for their phones and must take precautions to safeguard their phones such as not to leave them unattended. **The school is not responsible for loss of phones.**

Please also take note that students are not allowed to wear smart watches with communication/internet capabilities to school as its easy access will be a distraction to not only the wearer but the students sitting near him/her. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

When will the students choose their CCA? (Co-Curricular Activities)

Students will be introduced to the different CCAs in school through a CCA Fiesta conducted at the end of the P2 year. They will then be able to select their options and be informed of their application status at the start of the P3 year.

Communication

Are there public phones in school for the students to use?

There are no public phones in school but students are able to approach the General Office to use the phones there when needed.

How will we be able to contact the teachers?

There are a few avenues you may choose from. Once your child receives his/her Student Handbook, you can write a message in the handbook and instruct your child to show it to his/her teacher.

Alternatively, you can also call the school at 6781 9002 and leave a message for the teacher to give you a call. If the teacher has already left the school, he/she will return your call in the next working day.

Your child's Form teachers will also send out an introductory letter in Week 1 where they will include their own email addresses for you to email them directly.

Subject Matters

When will the students receive their timetable?

Your child will receive the class time table during the first week of school. **The timetable will only take effect in Week 2** as the timetable is suspended for SIR (Start-It-Right) activities in Week 1.

For students taking Non Mother Tongue language, when will we know of the outcome?

The outcome should be released by the end of the year. You may choose to hold off buying the MT language books for your child in the meantime until you have received the results.
