

# P1 Orientation Day

2022

## Damai Primary School



**Damai Primary School**

Confident Individuals | Thinking Learners | Engaged Leaders

**14<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

# Programme Schedule

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Time	Students	Parents
2.15 – 4.30pm	<b>Classroom Experience</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mini School Tour</li><li>• Getting to Know You</li><li>• Games &amp; Story Time</li></ul>	Address by Principal, Mrs Jenny Leong Helping our Children Transit into P1 with Ease, Ms Harjit Kaur Year Head General Briefing, Mrs Nadira Khan Q & A
4.30 – 5.30pm	Hall for Dismissal	Purchase of books, PE attire & transport arrangement (Only available at 4.30pm) Student Care Booth, Enquiry Booth

# **Address by Principal, Mrs Leong**



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# Welcome To All Parents

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- **A warm welcome to our Damai Family**
- **Wishing you and your family safe and happy year ahead**
- **Looking forward to a strong partnership for 2023**



# Our Philosophy

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## A School of Care & Distinction

### Care

Showing concern (through thoughts, words & actions) for each teacher & student

### Distinction

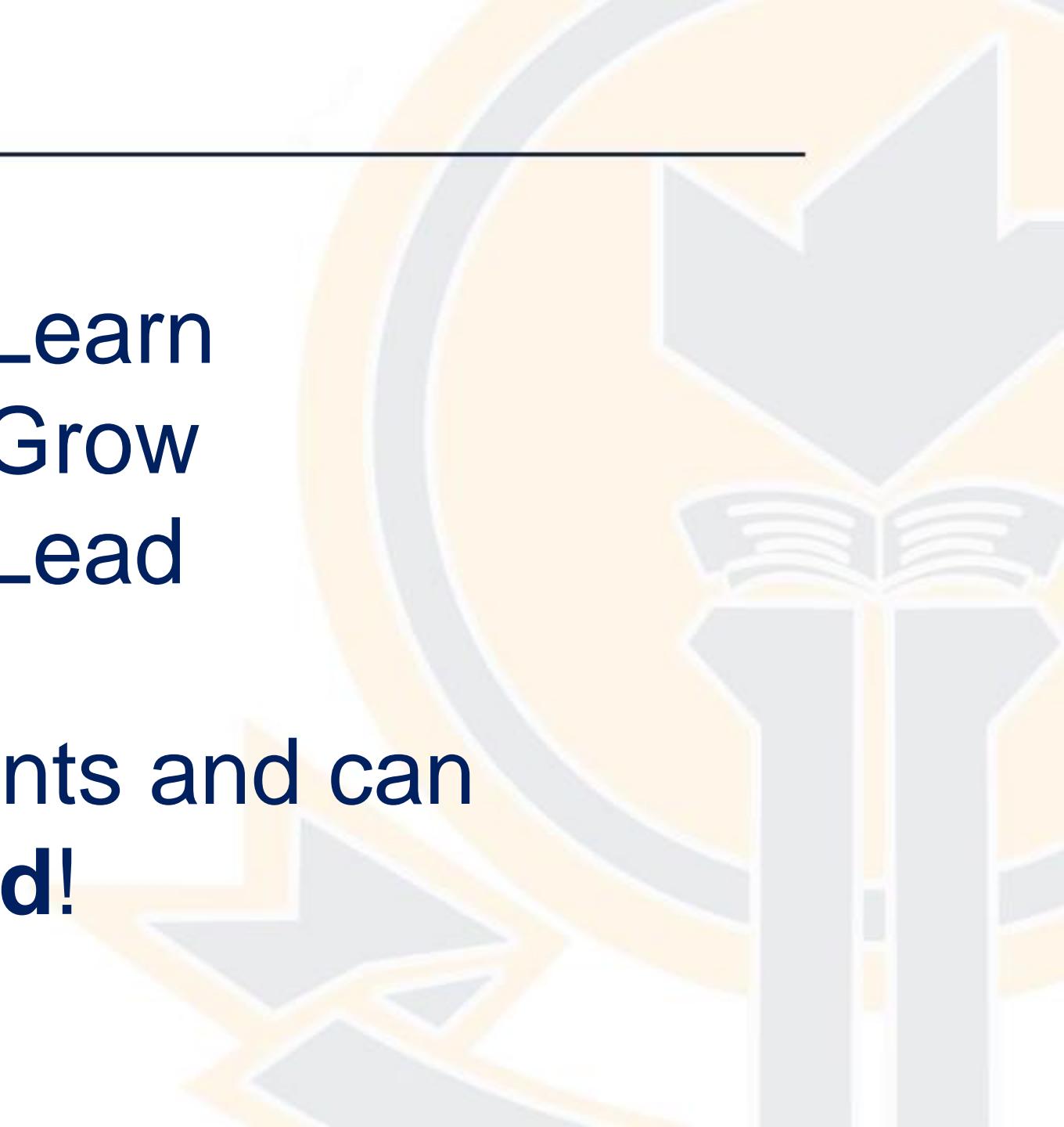
Marked by unique & quality learning experiences (based on student profile & school programs)

# **OUR CORE BELIEF**

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**Every Student Can Learn  
Every Student Can Grow  
Every Student Can Lead**

**Every Student wants and can  
Succeed!**



# **OUR MISSION**

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To nurture and empower  
every Damaian to  
learn, grow, and lead



# **OUR VISION**

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**Confident Individuals  
Thinking Learners  
Engaged Leaders**



# OUR VISION

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<b>Confident Individuals</b>	<b>who demonstrate SPARK values, communicate effectively and want to make a difference</b>
<b>Thinking Learners</b>	<b>who think critically and innovatively, and learns collaboratively</b>
<b>Engaged Leaders</b>	<b>who care and have the courage to want to contribute</b>



DPS Student Outcomes	Confident Individual	Thinking Learner	Engaged Leader	
Desired Outcomes of Education	<p><b>Confident Person</b> who has a strong sense of right and wrong, is adaptable and resilient, knows himself, is discerning in judgment, thinks independently and critically, and communicates effectively.</p>	<p><b>Self-directed Learner</b> who takes responsibility for his own learning, who questions, reflects and perseveres in the pursuit of learning.</p>	<p><b>Concerned Citizen</b> who is rooted to Singapore, has a strong civic consciousness, is informed, and takes an active role in bettering the lives of others around him.</p>	<p><b>Active Contributor</b> who is able to work effectively in teams, exercises initiative, takes calculated risks, is innovative and strives for excellence.</p>

# Our **SPARK** Values

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**S**incerity to self and others

**P**assion for learning

**A**spiration to succeed

**R**esilience in life

**K**indness to all



# Our SPARK Values

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*“Every Damaian has self-discipline to uphold our SPARK values.”*

Sincerity to self and others	Honesty / Care / Respect
Passion for learning	Responsibility / Self-directed / Curiosity
Aspiration to succeed	Commitment / Seek to improve
Resilience in life	Perseverance / Adaptability
Kindness to all	Helpful / Empathy

# Good Discipline

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- The school believes that good discipline is an important factor to help create positive school with a conducive environment for our students
- All Damaians need to know our school rules and adhere to them as expected



# Good Discipline

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- The school provides a safe physical and emotional environment for Damaians so that every Damaian feels safe and secure to continue his/her learning
- School is a safe place, Damaians
  - must be mindful of own actions/words
  - keep hands and legs to self
  - treat others the way you would like to be treated
  - interact / play safely and respectfully
  - have the morale courage to be an upstander



# Good Discipline

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- School is a safe place – **Zero Tolerance** for Unacceptable behaviour that
  - is hurtful and undermines others to feel safe and secure
  - hinders effective learning and healthy development
- School will continue to educate Damaians on good behaviour, in partnership with parents



# Good Discipline

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- When something happens, Damaians will:
  - Tell the person to stop what he/she is doing
  - Express he/she does not like what is being done
  - Inform the teacher soonest possible
- DO NOT take things into their own hands
- Reflect on own actions
  - What did I do?
  - What could I do differently?
  - How could I help to prevent it?



# Reminder for Damaians

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In all that you do, always think before you act

- 1) Is it right or wrong?
- 2) Is it kind or helpful?
- 3) Will my parents/teachers be proud of me?



# Attendance in School

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- Your child's attendance in school is important and compulsory
  - Supported by medical certificate if unwell
  - Covered by parents' letters
- Only when your child is in school will we be able to nurture him/her
- Let's work to support your child to have a smooth transition to Primary 1



# Parents are important partners in education

- **T**rust is the foundation
- **R**emember the child as our focus
- **U**nderstand our shared responsibilities
- **S**eek common ground
- **T**ogether, we work towards common goals



# Parent-Teacher Communication

- At DPS, we value parent-teacher communication via
  - Parents Gateway
  - Student Handbook
  - Emails
  - Phone calls – via school line **6445 6483**
  - Meetings
  - School Website
  - Letters to parents
  - Parents' Briefings
  - Parents-Teacher Meeting



# Parent-Teacher Communication

- First point of contact – Form Teachers / Subject Teachers
- Level-related matters – Year Heads
- School-related matters – Admin Manager / School Leaders
- School is still the best point of contact
- School will continue to keep you updated
- Do look out for any updates from school via  
**Parents Gateway (PG) and School Website**



# **Year Head General Briefing**



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# What is it like in school?

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- Strengthening efforts to nurture well-rounded individuals
- Moving away from over-emphasis on grades

# P1 Curriculum

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1. English Language
2. Mother Tongue Language
3. Mathematics
4. Social Studies
5. Art
6. Music
7. Physical Education
8. Health Education
9. Character and Citizenship Education (CCE)
10. Form Teacher Guidance Period (FTGP)
11. Programme for Active Learning (PAL)



# Holistic Assessment

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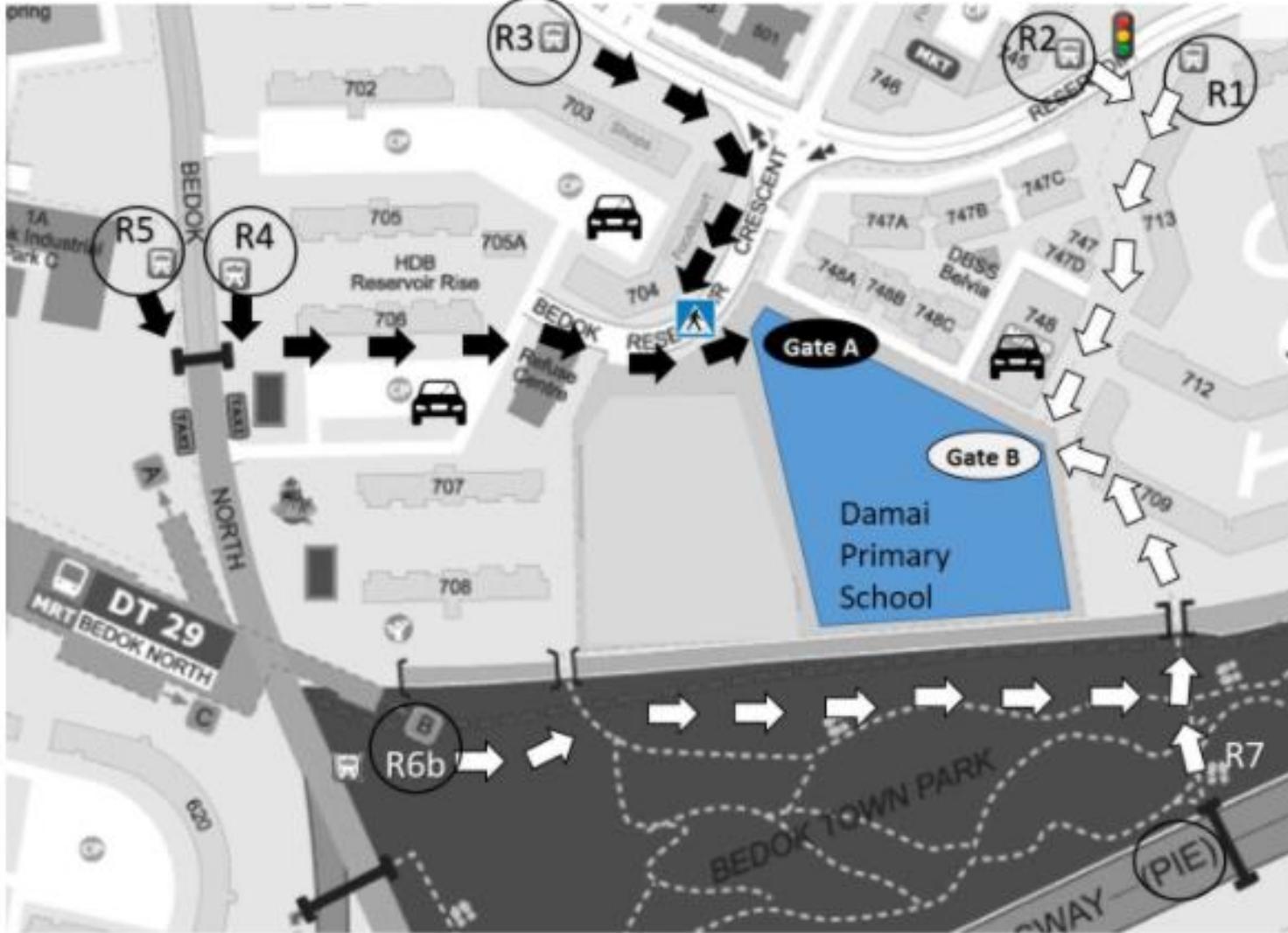
- Focuses on building greater confidence and nurturing a stronger intrinsic motivation to learn so as to develop your child's potential
- No examinations and weighted assessments at P1 & P2 to ease your child into formal schooling.
- Use of appropriate assessment modes to provide useful information to support students' learning and holistic development

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# **PREPARING FOR SCHOOL**



# Safety & Security



## Suggested Routes to Damai Primary School

### Legend:

Traffic Light Junction

Zebra Crossing

Public carpark

Route to Gate A

Route to Gate B

Bus Stop

Mrt Exit B

# **Preparing for School**

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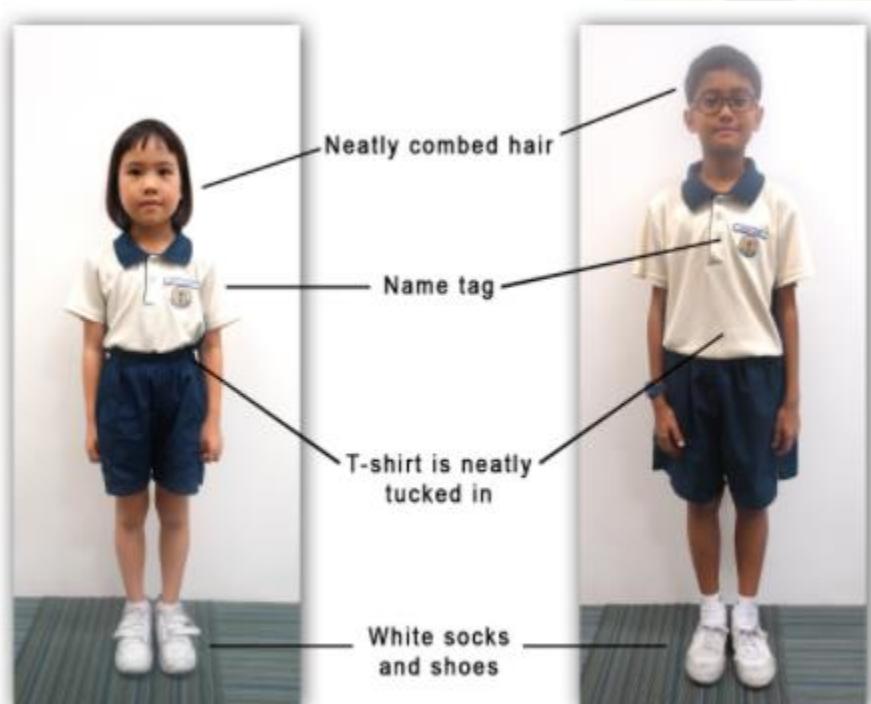
- Providing a structured and supportive environment
- Providing greater support for students with special educational needs

# Preparing for School

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## What to wear

- PE attire
- White school shoes
- White socks



# Preparing for School

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## P1 Reporting and Dismissal Time

Curriculum Time	7.30am
Reporting Time	Preferably 5-10 min before 7.30am
Recess	8.30-9.00am
Snack Break	11.20am
Dismissal Time (Monday and Tuesday)	1.30pm (Week 2 onwards)
Dismissal Time (Wednesday to Friday)	1.00pm



# First Day of School (3 January 2023)

Time	Activities
8.00 am *	Report to foyer Prefects to bring them to class
8.00 – 8.30am	<b>Start it Right Programme</b> Circle Time – Getting to Know You
8.30 – 10.30am	<b>Staggered Catered Recess</b>
10.30 – 11.00am	Tour around the school

\*Report at 8.00am only on first day of school, 3<sup>rd</sup> of January

# First Day of School (3 January 2023)

Time	Activities
11.00 – 12.00pm	<b>Circle Time – Getting to Know You</b>  <b>Knowing the people in the school</b>  <b>Collection of Books (Orientation Booklet)</b>
12.00 – 12.30pm	<b>Principal Talk</b>
12.30 – 1.00pm*	<b>Dismissal</b>

Dismissal time for Week 1 – 1pm every day

# P1 Recess

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**3 Jan to 5 Jan 2023 (Tuesday to Thursday)**

**Staggered Catered Recess Timings: 8.30 – 10.30am**

**From 6 January 2023 (Friday): 8.30 - 9.00am**

# Buddy System

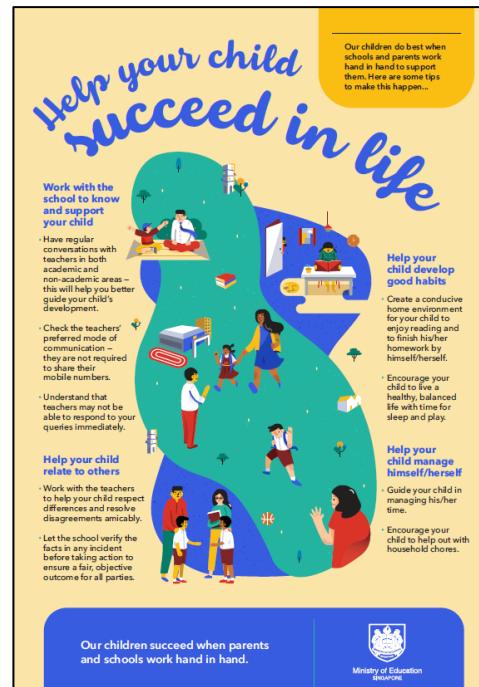
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Buddy System will commence in Week 1 (Friday).

Primary 4/5 students will be paired up with P1 students.

# SCHOOL-HOME PARTNERSHIP

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



# SCHOOL-HOME PARTNERSHIP

**1** Knowing  
your child



**2** Developing your child

**3** Building  
partnership with  
the school

# KNOWING YOUR CHILD

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## Understand your child's strengths and interests.

- Work with your child's teachers to understand their strengths, interests and development in academic and non-academic areas
- Ask about your child's thoughts and feelings about school



# DEVELOPING YOUR CHILD

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**Partner the school in the holistic development of your child.**

- Allow your child to develop independence
- Encourage your child to participate in school activities
- Talk to your child regularly about values and nurture their interest in learning
- Affirm your child by recognising their efforts



# BUILDING PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SCHOOL

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**Maintain regular communication through official school channels.**

- 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



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**Work Hand-In-Hand  
with The School**



# What's in for me?

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## Join the Parent Support Group (PSG)!

The PSG consists of a group of dedicated parents who partner the school to support fellow parents in nurturing their children.

It is the platform for parents to network, share, learn and support one other in this parenting journey.

**Some of the initiatives of the PSG include:**

- NE Events
- Festive Celebrations

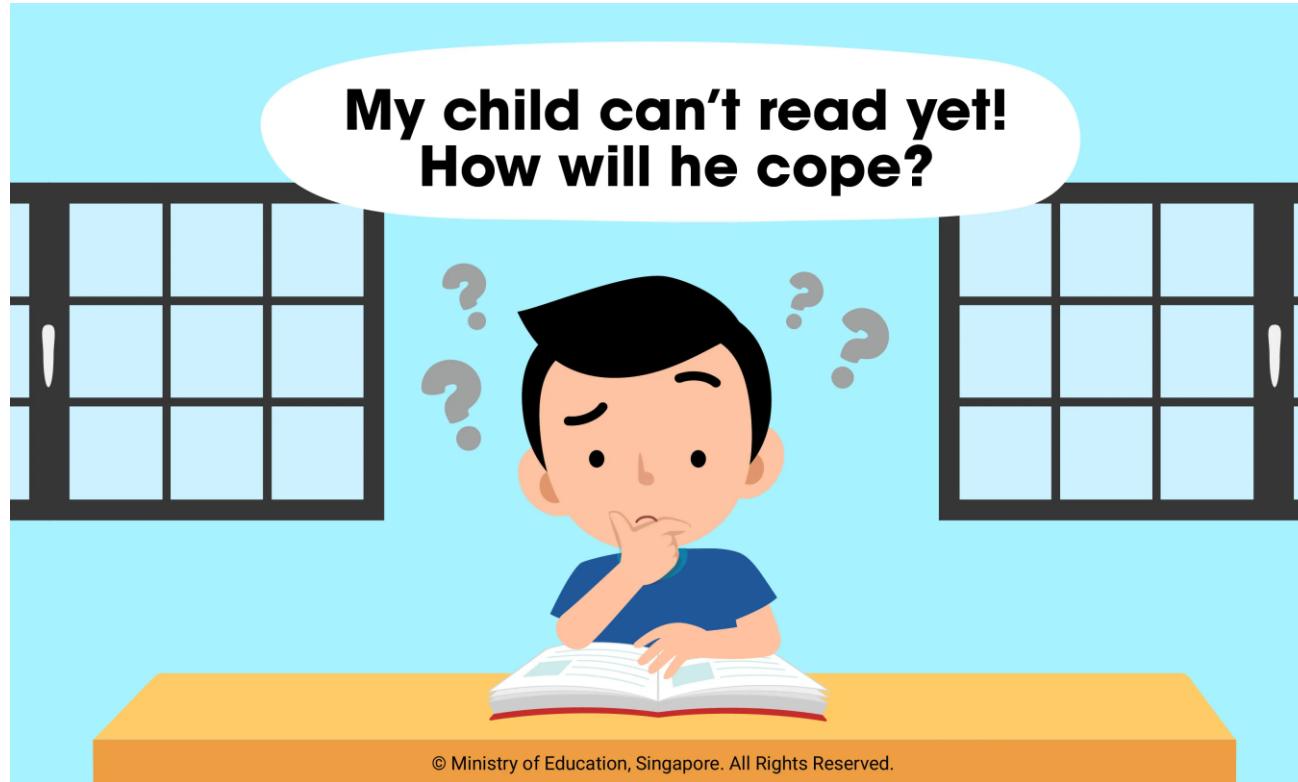
# **YOUR CHILD IS READY. ARE YOU?**



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# SOME QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE...



Reading is a habit that we can build.

## Interest your child in reading

- It is never too late to start getting your child interested in books
- Take your child to the library, expose them to various picture books and read together for a start
- Students will be introduced to various genres of books, and be taught how to blend letter sounds through games or craft work

You can encourage your child for any effort in learning to read. Most importantly, reading should be a fun learning process.

# SOME QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE...

**My child takes so long to complete her work. Will she fall behind?**



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Children pick up time management at a different pace and can improve with help.

## Support your child in time management

- Parents can model this with your child at home with small tasks and everyday activities
- If you find your child struggling with completing their tasks or homework within a given time, it could also mean that they are not sure how to go about completing them
- If you notice any learning issues, do reach out to the school early

**Be specific about how much time they should spend on the work, and what time they should complete the work.**

# SOME QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE...



Asking for help may not seem obvious to a child.

## Teach your child how to ask for help

- Here are some steps you may teach your child:
  - **Step 1:** Look for someone who can help
  - **Step 2:** Check if that person has the time to help; if not, look for another suitable person
  - **Step 3:** Share what the problem is and how they feel
  - **Step 4:** Listen carefully to the advice given
  - **Step 5:** Thank the person for the help

Practise with your child at home how to ask for help. Remember to praise them for their efforts.

# SOME QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE...



Students may enjoy recess so much that they forget to eat. Some students may not be eating because they are shy about ordering food.

## Encourage your child to eat during recess

- Let your child practise ordering food and making payment when out with the family
- If they need more time to build their confidence or observe how it is done by other students, you may pack a lunch box in the meantime, so they will always have something to eat
- If you worry that your child is not eating at all, discuss with your child's teacher

**Remind your child that eating during recess is important as it helps them learn better in class.**

# PARENTS GATEWAY RESOURCES



Schools may access the video via:  
<https://youtu.be/PCM5o8jAncc>



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5 reasons to sign up for the Parents Gateway app if you haven't done so already.

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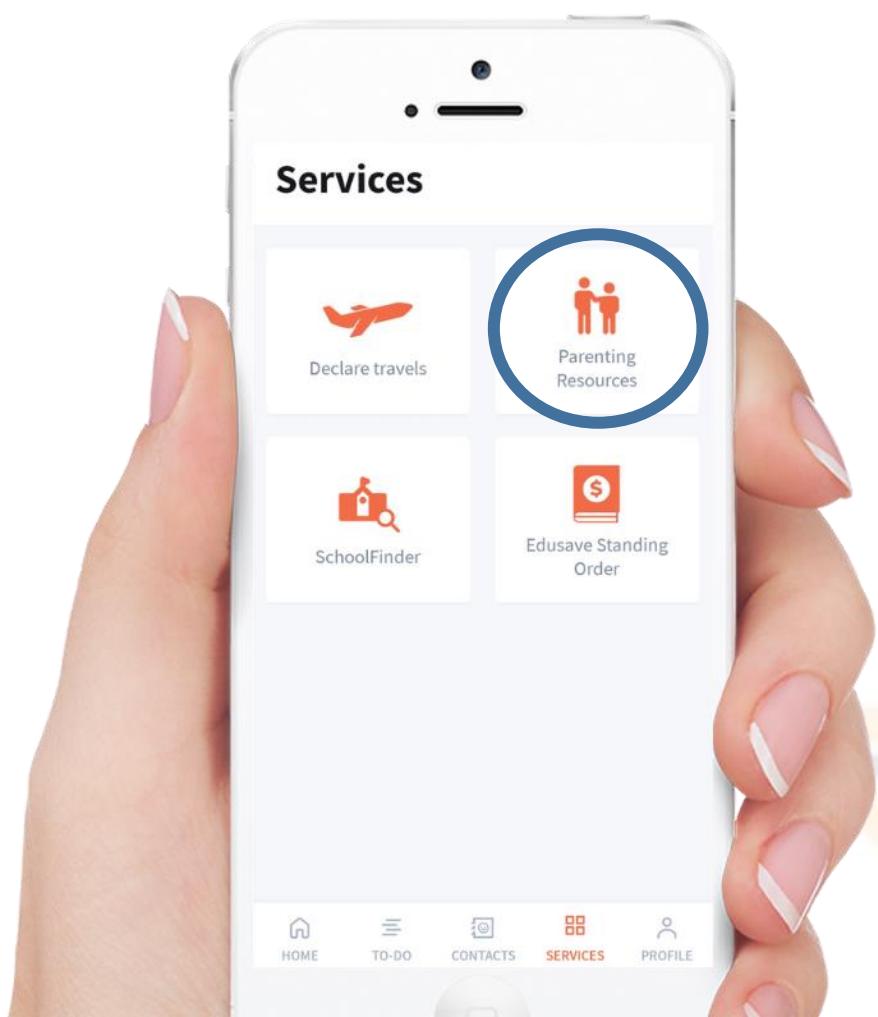
Let's get started  
We'll be retrieving your child's information

<https://go.gov.sg/every-parents-buddy-the-parents-gateway-app>

# ONLY ON PARENTS GATEWAY! A ONE-STOP PORTAL OF RESOURCES

## Parenting Resources repository

A repository for parents to browse resources on topics such as preparing for Primary 1, forging parent-child relationships and education pathways.



Education Stages

Pre-school Preparing for Primary 1 Lower Prima

13 resources available

**P1 cheat sheet: How to pick and pack your schoolbag**

Learn how you can guide your Primary 1 child to pick and pack their schoolbag.

**PARENT KIT**  
**Starting Your Primary 1 Journey**

Your child will be reaching another milestone going into Primary 1 soon.



Find out more about Parents Gateway here.

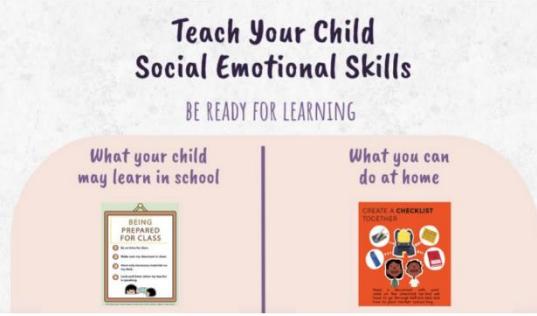
# WHAT'S AVAILABLE ON THE REPOSITORY?



Fri, 23 September 2022

[Preparing for P1 - PDF] Supporting Your Child Through the Primary 1 Journey

Click to download or view this issue on preparing your child for P1.



Mon, 18 October 2021

[PDF] Social skills to prepare your child for Primary 1

Click to download or view this resource to learn how you can help your child learn social skills.



Mon, 23 August 2021

Are you over-preparing your child for P1?

Learn how overpreparing your child may hinder learning.



Wed, 15 December 2021

[NLB] LearnX Reading - Primary

Create fun experiences for your child to discover the joy of reading.

Find out what your child really needs for Primary 1.

Help develop your child's social and emotional skills by referring to this infographic

Are you over-preparing your child for primary school?

How to cultivate the love for reading? Check out resources from the National Library Board.

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## Parent Kit

[www.moe.gov.sg/parentkit](http://www.moe.gov.sg/parentkit)

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



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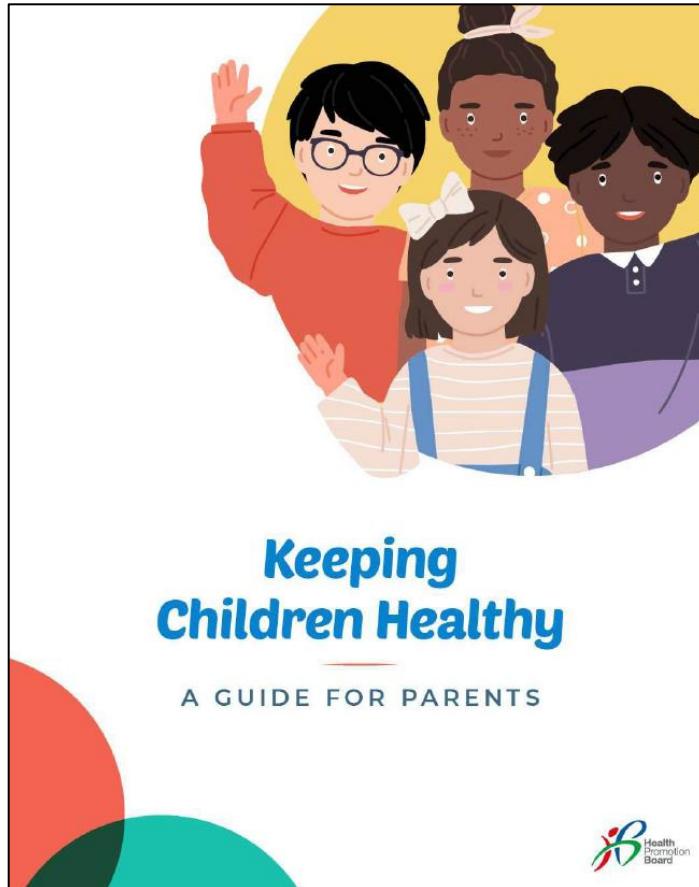


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## KEEPING CHILDREN HEALTHY – A GUIDE FOR PARENTS



**Is your child transitioning to P1?**

Unlike preschool where your child is served meals based on a fixed menu, they will have to start making more independent choices about what they want to eat in primary school.

This transition from being served to choosing for themselves can be daunting for children. Prepare them for it in the following ways:

- Talk to your child about 'My Healthy Plate' and highlight the importance of different food groups in our diet. Teach them how to choose a combination of dishes using the 'quarter-quarter-half' method so they learn to incorporate all food groups in their meals.

Here is an example of a meal that is not well-balanced, and a couple that are:

The guide also includes a QR code linking to GO.gov.sg.



**Edition 1**



**Edition 2**



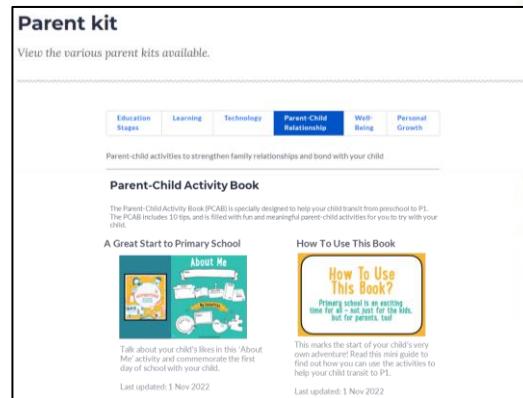
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# PARENT-CHILD ACTIVITY BOOK IS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

## PARENT-CHILD ACTIVITY BOOK (DIGITAL)

**10 TIPS FOR  
PARENTS** to help you  
navigate your child's first year  
in primary school.

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



# PARENT-CHILD ACTIVITY BOOK IS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

## How To Use This Book?

Primary school is an exciting time for all – not just for the kids, but for parents, too!

In this book, you'll find 10 tips for parents – to help you and your child adjust smoothly to primary-school life. Each tip includes activities which you can do together.

As this is an e-version, you may want to download this and print it, and let your child write or draw on paper. If you prefer an environmental-friendly way, screenshot the pages, or download it and use a mobile application for your child to doodle on it.

With your child, pick the activities that you'd like to do. You don't have to do them all!



This "hand" tells your child what to do



Use an application and allow your child to doodle on it!

## Activities Inside Include:

### Pledge

Make promises and keep them



Boost  
♥

Every child needs encouragement



★Thank★

Show gratitude. It's a great habit



Create

Make something awesome together



Practise

Get familiar with new routines



Show-and-Tell \*

Keep that conversation flowing

This will be a year of making great memories together. Have fun learning with your child!

Your adventure begins on the next page.



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## Great Ideas For A Great Adventure

Paste a sticker after you complete each tip!  
Stickers can be downloaded from <https://www.moe.gov.sg/parentkit>

**Before school starts!**

Tip 1: Get Ready For School  
pg 9 - 16  
Dec—before school starts!

Tip 2: Practise Routines  
pg 17 - 28  
Dec—before school starts!

During term time!

Tip 3: New Places, New Faces  
pg 29 - 38  
Jan—first week of school

Tip 4: We Can Do This! Together  
pg 39 - 48  
Feb—when learning gets more serious!

Tip 5: Show Interest In Your Child  
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Mar—holidays!

Tip 6: Time To Let Go!  
pg 57 - 68  
Apr—start of Term 2!

Tip 7: Team Up With Teachers  
pg 69 - 78  
May—before and after the Parent-Teacher Meeting!

Tip 8: Every Child Is Unique  
pg 79 - 86  
May—before and after the Parent-Teacher Meeting!

Tip 9: Be A Great Role Model  
pg 87 - 96  
Jun—holidays!

Tip 10: Let's Help Out At Home  
pg 97 - 104  
Jun—holidays!

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## TIP 2

# Practise Routines

Building good habits helps your child cope with the many new things they will encounter this year.

School is a lot more structured than your child is used to. Lessons are longer and so is the school day. Buying food at recess is a new experience and they will need to go to the washroom on their own. After-school activities and homework might take some getting used to. Practising routines will help your child face the unfamiliar with a smile!

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# **Administrative Matters**



# **Health & Dental Matters**

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## **Parent's Consent: On-line consent for screening, immunisation and dental treatment**

- Damai Primary School Dental Clinic is closed from 1st August 2022 until further notice.**

# **Transport Arrangement**

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**Vendor : Aedge Holdings Pte Ltd**

**Contact No : 6458 7645**

# **Big Heart Student Care**

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**After School Care Services**

**(1.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.)**

**Full Day Care Services for School Holidays**

**(7.30 a.m. – 7.00 p.m.)**

**Interactive programmes designed for  
Social & Emotional Development**

**Learning Journeys during School Holidays**



# **Mother Tongue for International Students**

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**All P1 students must opt for  
MTL - Chinese, Malay or Tamil**

**International students may  
apply to study a language in  
lieu of MTL eg French, German  
or Japanese**

**Applications must be made  
through the school and will be  
approved on a case-to-case  
basis by MOE**



# **Students with Special Needs and/or Doctor's Report**

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**Parents of children with  
special needs and/or doctor's  
reports are invited to meet the  
Principal and/or Vice-Principal  
Partnership with school for  
better support**



# Other Matters

- Bookshops / Uniform Vendors will be operating during the school holidays (dates are available – refer to booklist)
  - Suggest not to rush to buy today
  - School will close at 5.30pm today
  - Order online and book a date to collect or opt for home delivery – save your precious time
- Cost of books / PE attires – all reflected in the booklists
- School buses will be available to answer your queries



# Other Matters

- For school fees enquiry, please approach General Office
- Name tag – same colour (brown) will stay with the cohort till they graduate. New sets of PE attire/uniform need to have their name tags
- Opening hours of Gate B as per school website. It will be available in the Student Handbook which the students will receive a copy in 2023



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**Thank You**

