



TERMLY LETTER

Vision

Self-Directed Learner, Serving Leader, Concerned Citizen

Mission

To nurture and empower achievers who strive, lead and serve, anchored on values

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Dazhong Dare Greatly!

1. We welcome your child/ward back to school and we hope he/she will have a fulfilling time of learning in 2024. Our theme for the year is **Dare Greatly!** In 2024 and beyond, it is our vision that all Dazhong students will be **self-directed learners, serving leaders and concerned citizens**. Through their words, actions and lives, we hope our students will become a strength for their peers, school, family, school and the larger community. We seek your continued support and partnership in this journey.

Parental Consent (Use of Photographs and Video Images)

2. As we begin the new school year, please be informed that photographs and video images of students and their parents/guardians may be captured during school activities and events such as classroom lessons, CCA, school camps, and school concerts.
3. The school may use and publish such photographs and video recordings in school publications, premises, website, social media channels, and other communication channels. If for any reason you are not comfortable with the school's use of the said materials, please write in officially to the school at dazhong_ps@moe.edu.sg. Please indicate in your email the source of the photograph / image (e.g. where you saw it, and when it was published).

Change in Student's Login Method on All Ears

4. With effect from 27 Nov 2023, All Ears will be adopting MOE Identity Management System (MIMS) as the only method of authentication. As part of this change, student login via NRIC will no longer be supported — all students will need to log in with their MIMS credentials to respond to All Ears forms. Students' MIMS login ID is formatted as <Full_Name>@students.edu.sg.
5. If students encounter difficulty logging in via their MIMS account, they may reset their password with their security questions on <https://idp.mims.moe.gov.sg/nidp/app> or approach their form teachers for assistance.

Termly School Calendar

6. Please refer to the Term 1 School Calendar attached to the school letter for details on termly activities. **Kindly take note of the following public holidays in Term 1.**

Event/Activity	Date	Remarks
Chinese New Year celebrations	9 Feb (Fri)	School ends at: 9:40 a.m. for P1 and P2 10.00 a.m. for P3 to P6
Chinese New Year	12 Feb (Mon)	Public Holiday

Chinese New Year	13 Feb (Tue)	School Holiday
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Chinese New Year 2024

7. The school's Chinese New Year (CNY) celebrations will be held on **9 February**. Students are encouraged to **wear a red t-shirt with school shorts or skirt** on that day. Students should return to school on 14 February.

ST 1 Holistic Development of a Dazhong Student

Reading is Key!

8. Literacy is a crucial factor to success in school and beyond. As such, all students are encouraged to read widely to develop their literacy. They are required to bring a storybook every day for silent reading. Students are encouraged to read English storybooks from Monday to Wednesday and Mother Tongue language storybooks from Thursday to Friday.
9. Within the school, our school library, **D'Safari**, is accessible to students during recess. Students will be able to visit the library to read and borrow books every day. To encourage all students to pick up the habit of reading, **D'Safari** will continue to offer a wide range of programmes, including the **Avid Reader Card (ARC)**, a card comprising a series of self-directed activities designed for Lower and Upper Primary students. We strongly encourage you to provide guidance and attempt some of the activities with your child/children so that they enjoy the process of completing the tasks. The completed activities should be submitted to your child/ward's English teacher and each completed activity earns the student the number of stars indicated next to the task. With the ARC, we hope to stimulate students' interest in reading. You may check out our Dazhong Primary School's English Language [webpage](#) to find out more about how to support your child's reading journey.
10. To further encourage students to read widely, all students will have access to Epic!, a digital reading platform. The fun and interactive reading app aims to fuel curiosity and reading confidence by letting children freely explore their interests, with instant, anytime access to a library of thousands of books, audiobooks, learning videos and more. Your child/ward's English Language teacher will be sharing the account details with you and your child/ward.
11. Lastly, the school would like to invite all parents to sign up for membership with the National Library Board (NLB). Signing up for a library membership is available at <https://www.nlb.gov.sg/main/services/library-membership> for your convenience. Alternatively, you may visit any of the public libraries to seek staff assistance. Besides borrowing and renewing library books, NLB members may download the NLB mobile app to access eBooks, audiobooks, eMagazines and eNewspapers anywhere, anytime.

CCA for Term 1

12. CCA is an important part of holistic education and a pivotal platform for character development. CCA will be conducted during curriculum time on **Tuesdays from 7.40am to 9.40am for P3 to P6 students**. Selected students (e.g. school teams) will be required to attend additional CCA sessions on **Thursdays** after school. Please refer to the school calendar (see attached) for the dates of the CCA sessions.

P4 Swimsafer Programme

13. As part of the Physical Education curriculum, the school is introducing the SwimSafer 2.0 Programme for our P4 students. The 8-session programme will be conducted in **Term 1 on Wednesdays**. The first session will take place on **10 January**. Please refer to the school calendar for the dates and prepare your child/ward for the swimming sessions.

P3 CCA Experiential Day

14. The school will be conducting the first session of P3 CCA Experiential Day on **Tuesday, 5 March** during CCA time from 7.40am to 8.40am. P3 students will have the opportunity to participate and learn about other CCAs on this day. Through this event, we hope to broaden the exposure and promote the joy of learning through CCAs. All P3 students are encouraged to participate in this event.

Student Well-Being—Healthy Meals in Schools Programme (HMSP) 2024

15. Our school promotes the Healthy Meals in Schools Programme (HMSP) to inculcate healthy living and good eating habits in our students. In line with Health Promotion Board (HPB)'s initiative, meals will be served in a set. The revised canteen food price will be effective from 3 January 2024. A small set meal is priced between \$2.00-\$2.40, and a large meal at \$2.50. In line with our green movement effort, **students are required to bring their own food containers to pack food items from the canteen**, if required. To learn more about HMSP and help your child cultivate healthy eating habits, please visit the HPB's website at: <https://www.hpb.gov.sg/schools/school-programmes/health-promoting-programmes-for-primary-school>



National Assessment Matters—2024 PSLE Calendar (Tentative)

16. The tentative dates for the PSLE Calendar are reflected in the table below. There will be Home-Based Learning (HBL) for P1 to P5 students on these dates—details will be provided nearer to the date.

Assessment	Date (Tentative)	Remarks
PSLE Oral Examination	13 to 14 August 2024	P1 to P5 HBL
PSLE Listening Comprehension	13 September 2024	P1 to P5 HBL
PSLE Written Examination	26 September to 2 October 2024	Possible P1 to P5 HBL
PSLE Marking Exercise	14 to 16 October 2024	P1 to P5 HBL

ST 2 Empowering and Engaging Staff for Professional Excellence and Leadership

17. **Staff Recognition**—We congratulate the following teachers on their new appointments as leaders in the education fraternity:

No.	Name of Officer	New Appointment
1	Miss Ting Ning Xin Jessie	Head of Department/ICT

18. We also congratulate the following staff for their recognition as Active Members of the Singapore Learning Designers Circle (SgLDC) in 2023 and appreciate their spirit of excellence and leadership in contributing to the school and fraternity:

No.	Name of Officer	Badge Awarded
1	Miss Crystalbelle Chang	Designer
2	Mr Lim Wei Heng, Edwin	Designer and Curator

Nomination for the Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA), President's Award for Teachers (PAT) and Caring Teacher Award (CTA)

Award	Intent of Award	Closing Date
OYEA 2024	To recognise excellent young teachers for their youthful idealism, energy, enthusiasm and active involvement in the development of our students.	10 January 2024 Please submit your nomination at: go.gov.sg/oyea2024
PAT 2024	To give national recognition to experienced teachers for their dedication and hard work in developing our young. These teachers prepare students for life, as well as model commitment to continuous learning and enterprise. They inspire both their students and peers through their words and deeds.	10 January 2024 Please submit your nomination at: go.gov.sg/pat2023
CTA 2024	The Caring Teacher Awards (CTA) aim to acknowledge teachers in our schools who go beyond the call of duty, nurturing the holistic development of their students and ensuring their charges grow up to be confident, independent and resilient learners for our nation.	12 January 2024 Please submit your nomination at: https://www.cta.nie.edu.sg/

19. We bid farewell to the following staff and appreciate their service to the school and the education fraternity:

- Mr Benny Tan (PE Teacher)

20. We welcome the following new staff members who have joined our Dazhong family:

- Mr Mathanraj (PE Teacher)

Staff Appreciation @ Dazhong

21. We would like to invite you to share your appreciation for our staff who have demonstrated dedication and excellence. Please send compliments for our staff to <https://go.gov.sg/dzpsappreciates>.



ST 3 Engaging partnership to prepare our learners to be future-ready, by promoting environmental stewardship and curriculum-innovation

Every Parent A Supportive Partner

Dads for Life @ Dazhong

22. Dads for Life @ Dazhong was set up with the following objectives in mind:

- Promote father-child bonding through sporting and outdoor activities
- Create platform and opportunities for fathers to contribute to their children's school experiences
- Help fathers to be a positive influence in the total development of their children



23. For 2024, the Dads for Life core team will continue to plan exciting events and opportunities for you to engage your child. Look out for our event announcements on Parents Gateway and our Telegram channel. Scan the QR code to join! <https://go.gov.sg/dzdfli-telegram>

Parents Support Group (PSG)

24. We strongly believe in engaging our Parents-in-Education to support us in providing quality and holistic education to our students and positive learning experiences in their primary school years. As such, we would like to encourage parents to join our school's PSG. Interested parents can fill in the application form at the General Office or download the PSG application form at the School Website: <https://go.gov.sg/dzpsg>



Safety and Security / Other Administrative Matters

Semestral Temperature Taking Exercise

25. Please note that we will be conducting our Semestral Temperature-Taking Exercise on **10 January**. We seek your assistance in reminding your child to always carry with him/her a working Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT). For replacement, your child can purchase the ODT from our school bookshop or any other retailers.

Digitalisation of Individual Student Details Report (ISDR)

26. The Ministry of Education (MOE) would like to request for an update of your information and your child's/ward's information via the Student Details Form (SDF) for the purpose of providing educational services to your child/ward in MOE schools. Please submit the information through the SDF portal which can be accessed via this URL: <https://pg.moe.edu.sg/forms/sdf> or the QR code. Parents/Legal Guardians may login to the SDF portal using your Singpass account to submit your information and information of your child/ward.

27. The SDF portal can be accessed via desktop computers or mobile devices such as laptops and mobile phones. We seek your help to complete the submission by **31 January**. You may also wish to know that the SDF portal will be accessible till the last day of Term 4 for you to provide timely updates of your information and/or your child's/ward's information. Please contact us at dazhong_ps@moe.edu.sg or at Tel: 65658002 if you encounter any problems in accessing the portal.



Student Group Personal Accident Insurance (GPA) 2024

28. MOE has procured a GPA for our students for the period of 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024. The contracted insurance service provider is NTUC Income. Parents / guardians are required to submit all student accident insurance claims electronically via the online portal at <https://studentgpa.incomegroupins.com.sg/#/>. You will be able to check the claims status as well as submit new claims for the medical reviews of the same incident through this portal. If you require any assistance regarding claim matters, please do not hesitate to contact our Administrative Staff at Tel: 65658002 or email to dazhong_ps@moe.edu.sg.

School Health and Dental Services

29. MOE partners with the Health Promotion Board (HPB) for the provision of health and dental services for our students. Dental services are available in school and the dental clinic operates on alternate weeks from 8.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. (Mondays to Thursdays) and from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (Fridays). In the event of a dental emergency such as trauma, facial/gum swelling, toothache due to decay conditions, during dental clinic closure, please call the School Dental Centre, HPB at Tel: 64353782 for assistance.

Issuance of Student Handbook 2024

30. A copy of the Student Handbook 2024 has been distributed to every Dazhong student. We encourage parents to partner the school in checking the students handbook for updates and monitoring your child's homework. Please note that a replacement copy of the handbook will cost \$2.60, if required.

Issuance of School T-Shirt 2024—Dare Greatly

31. Every Dazhong Student will receive the Dazhong Dare Greatly T-shirt by the end of January. The T-shirt will be distributed to students through their form teachers. Please note that a replacement T-shirt will cost \$6.20, if required.

Photo-Taking for Primary 1 and Primary 6 Students for the School Smart Cards (2024)

32. MOE will be conducting the yearly photo-taking exercise for all students in Primary One (P1) and Primary Six (P6) for the purpose of generating the School Smart Card (SSC). The photo-taking will be conducted by Transit Link's appointed vendor on behalf of MOE. The SSC serves as the student's identification card and can be used for concessionary travel on public transport and to borrow library books from the National Library Board and the school's library, amongst other usage.
33. The photo-taking session for our school is scheduled on **2 February**, during school hours. Following the photo-taking, P1 students will get their SSCs by the end of March, while the photos for P6 students will be used for the printing of Secondary SSCs when they are promoted to Secondary One in 2025. For P1 students, while pending the receipt of the SSCs, they can continue to use the Child Concession Card for free travel on public transport until 30 April.
34. Please be informed that all P1 and P6 students are required to be dressed in their school uniform for the photo-taking session. Please also ensure that your child's/ward's hair is neat and tidy. If your child/ward is unable to attend the photo-taking session, the school will either arrange for him/her to have his/her photo taken on another day or request the parent/guardian to submit a softcopy of their photo to the school. If you have any queries, please contact us at dazhong_ps@moe.edu.sg.

Safety & Security

35. For the safety and security of our students, visitors to the school compound are allowed on official matters only. **All visitors are to report to the Security Post first to obtain a visitor's pass.** There, they will be required to complete an online Visitors' Registration Form. Visitors without a valid visitor's pass issued by the school for the designated area of access will be stopped by our security guards/staff and requested to leave the school compound. We appeal for your cooperation in this matter as the safety of our students is of utmost concern.
36. We seek your partnership in inculcating in your child/ward the value of responsibility so your child/ward will be responsible for bringing the items that are required for his/her learning. As such, we will not be delivering items such as textbooks, uniform, T-shirts, homework to your child/ward.

Traffic Management & Road Safety

37. Parents/guardians who drive, please note this advisory to make our school zone safe for all:
- Drive carefully at all times, at a speed of (15 km/h) within the school zone.
 - Parents are advised not to alight from the vehicle to hand over the school bags or bid their child/ward goodbye. This is to facilitate a smoother traffic flow especially during the peak periods where such actions will cause traffic obstructions and create a hazard to other drivers, including those who might try to overtake your vehicle.
 - Children/Wards should be dropped-off only at the designated drop-off location (opposite the vehicular gate). Alternate location is at the HDB car parks serving Block 308 and 309. There is no parking charge for vehicles exiting within 10 minutes.
 - It is dangerous and not advisable to drop off your child/ward along the driveway leading to the HDB carpark of Block 308 and 309 due to heavy traffic during morning peak hours.
 - Do note that there is no right turn into Bukit Batok Street 31 from 7.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. This is to create a safer crossing for our students and staff.
 - To ensure a smooth flow of traffic, all parents/guardians are to follow the instructions given by the security guards and staff on duty.
 - Continue to exercise care always and look out for students while driving within the school zone and in the school compound.

38. Thank you once again for your supportive partnership and I look forward to working with you to bring out the best in every Dazhong student. ***Dare Greatly!***

Yours sincerely,
Mr Chris Loh
Principal