

First Toa Payoh Primary School

P1 Admin Briefing 2025

Q&A Session

Administrative Matters

Q: Can CDA be used for Giro?

A: CDA cannot be used for GIRO.

Q: My daughter already has a CDA account, can we still apply for POSB smart?

A: The CDA account can only be used for the preschool years. They can still apply for the POSB Smart Buddy, but it will not be from CDA.

Q: Where can I find the deck of slides for today's presentation?

A: It will be uploaded to the school website.

Q: I don't know where to submit the student data form.

A: As mentioned during the briefing, the student data portal will only be available in late November. As it is not available yet, you can look out for it in late November.

Q: Can you let me know where do I upload the immunisation records? I don't see it in the links.

A: You do not need to submit the immunisation records yet. When there is a health check in school and the immunisation records are needed, we will inform you via Parents Gateway to submit.

Q: On the general form, one of the fields required was student reference. Where do we get that piece of information?

A: The reference number refers to your child's Birth Certificate number.

Q: Why can't my child's GIRO application go through?

A: MOE is currently updating the P1 data into the school system. Please try to sign up for GIRO at the end of Nov/December onwards.

First Day of School Matters

Q: Can I accompany my child during the first few days in school?

A: On the first day of school, there will be a programme for parents. The programme for both parents and students will end at 11.30am on the first day of school. Parents will not be able to accompany the children on the other days.

Q: Are parents supposed to be in the school on 2 January as well?

A: On the first day of school, all parents are invited to the school. There is a programme for parents till 11.30am. We hope to see you together with your child that day.

Q: Based on the presentation, does it mean that from now until 2 January, my child does not need to be physically present in the school for any activity?

A: No, your child does not have to unless there are certain concerns that you think the school should know. You can always make an appointment to see us. If there are no issues, we will see you and your child on 2 January 2026.

Q: I saw one slide mentioned about early dismissal for the first three days. Can I confirm if there will be early dismissal for the first three days?

A: Yes. The dismissal time will be at 11:30am for the first three days. Parents are to make arrangements to pick them up at 11:30am on the first three days of school, on 2 Jan (Fri), 5 Jan (Mon) and 6 Jan (Tues) 2026.

Student Matters

Q: Is there a list of school supplies to bring?

A: Yes, there is. You can refer to the P1 orientation information booklet on the suggested supplies that your child can bring to school. Do not pack too many things. You can pack 1 pencil case with 2 sharpened pencils, 1 eraser, 1 ruler and 12 colour pencils as well as a water bottle. It will be good to label all his stationery. At this very young age, they might not be as organised as adults yet, so they will tend to lose their things.

Q: How many days in a week will they need to wear the school uniform vs PE uniform?

A: This will be based on the child's timetable which will be given to them in the first week. On days that they have PE, they will be required to wear their PE attire.

Q: Should we buy the coloured house T-shirt like Robin or Swift?

A: Moving forward, we will not be selling the various House T-shirts anymore. It will just be the blue PE T-shirt, the school uniform as well as the red corporate shirt.

Q: Can my child use trolley bags?

A: We do not encourage the use of trolley bags as they tend to be heavier and this might be a hindrance when they are boarding buses or going up the stairs.

Q: Can I buy my child's school shoes and school socks from the shops outside or in school?

A: You may purchase the socks and shoes from shops outside or our school bookshop. You need to ensure that both are completely black with no prints.

Q: For the shoes, do they need to wear leather shoes for the school uniform and rubber shoes for the PE attire?

A: You may purchase normal school shoes that are completely black. We have to take into consideration the safety aspect when the child is involved in play so that the child doesn't get injured.

Q: Do you monitor who picks up my child from school?

A: Our Form Teachers/Subject Teachers will ensure that the child is handed over to an appropriate caregiver at the various gates. If there are any concerns regarding who to hand over your child to, please contact the general office to inform us.

Canteen Matters

Q: The presentation slides mentioned that the children cannot bring smartphones or smart devices. Can the children wear the POSB Smart Buddy watch?

A: The POSB Smart buddy watch will not be considered as a smart device. We are referring to smart watches which allow photo taking as well as making phone calls. Students are allowed to wear the POSB Smart Buddy watch.

Q: Can students pay for meals in school using the POSB Smart Buddy watch?

A: Yes, our school canteen accepts POSB Smart Buddy watch.

Service Providers (School Bus / Book Shop / School Uniforms/ Student Care Centre)

Q: I have an elder child currently in FPPS and he shared that the school is refreshing the uniforms. However, in Beauvoix, the uniforms still look the same, do we proceed to purchase the current school uniforms?

A: The new uniforms will be available for sale online from Monday, 24 Nov 2025 onwards. Physical sales of the new uniforms in the school will be available from Monday, 1 Dec 2025.

Q: I understand that the school is undergoing some refresh of uniforms because of the logo change. Does my older child who is already studying in the school need to buy the new uniforms as well?

A: No, it is not necessary. As long as he has not outgrown his current uniform, he can continue to wear it. He only needs to purchase the new uniform when he outgrows the old uniform and can't wear it anymore.

Q: As we need to buy the uniforms in November, how will we know how many minimum sets to buy and if we are not buying the full set as suggested? Do we also need to buy 2 pairs of shoes?

A: It is advisable to purchase at least 2 complete sets of uniform and 2 pairs of shoes for hygiene purposes.

Q: When will we receive confirmation on school bus details?

A: If you have submitted your request through FormSG, our school bus service provider (Chua Lee Kiang Bus Transport Service) will contact you in December on the transport arrangement. You may also contact Mrs Chua at 9382 4721.

Q: With reference to the book order list, how do we know which items I need to purchase for the 1st term?

A: You will need to purchase all the books for the year. All the books and files will have to be submitted to the form teachers in the first week of school. Only the 1B textbooks and workbooks are used in Semester 2 (Term 3 onwards). The rest of the books will be used from Term 1 onwards.

Q: Does the student care centre provide any excursion/trips during the school holidays?

A: There will be holiday programmes planned for the students in student care during the school holidays.

Q: Is there a due date for the student care centre fees?

A: Yes, there is. The due date will be indicated in the invoice. The payment due is 7 days after the issue date of the invoice.

What qualifications do the student care centre teachers hold?

A: Our coaches will undergo Introduction to Student and Youth Course by Ngee Ann Polytechnic.

Q: If I have not applied for the SCC, is it possible to register now?

A: Parents may continue to submit their interest via the interest link shared in Parents Gateway

Q: If I need additional tuition for my child at SCC, what are the charges?

A: All school based student care centres are not allowed to provide tuition.

Q: May I know if my child can go home at 3pm to 3:30pm?

We strongly encourage parents to fetch at the designated batch dismissal timings (2:30pm, 5pm or 6pm onwards). Ad hoc dismissals can be arranged in case of emergencies or when your child is unwell.

Q: Do you have additional enrichment classes?

A: Unfortunately we do not provide additional enrichment classes. Our enrichment lessons will be between 5pm - 6pm during School Term and there are 4 different lessons during School Holidays. Learning Journeys will be during the June & Year End Holidays.

With effect from 2 January 2026, Commit Learning SchoolHouse will be our SCC vendor. If you have further enquiries, you may drop them an email at admission_cls_ftpps@commitlearning.com.sg or contact them via WhatsApp at 9784 2758 between 11.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday.