

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about Primary 1

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## FAQs on Attire

1. **Must students wear PE attire for all PAL session?**

Yes. As PAL mainly covers modules such as Sports & Games, Dance, and Outdoor Education, students are required to wear their PE attire. However, for the Art module, students do not need to wear their PE attire. The PAL teachers will advise students accordingly.

2. **Do they wear PE attire for full day on PE days? Or need they change back to uniform?**

Students may remain in their PE attire for the entire day if they have PE lessons. They do not need to change back into their school uniform after their PE lessons. Girls should wear their school skirt over their PE shorts before and after PE lessons.

3. **Any there any restrictions on shoe colours?**

Yes. As part of the school uniform, students are required to wear plain white shoes. Please refer to the Student Handbook for more details.

4. **Should the boys uniform be tucked in or out?**

Students do not need to tuck in their school shirts. Please refer to the Student Handbook for more information on student attire.

5. **When is the day that students need to wear the school uniform?**

Students are strongly encouraged to wear their full school uniform on Mondays, as we have our School Assembly in the morning. On days when they have PE (including Mondays), boys may come in their PE T-shirt and shorts. For modesty reasons, girls are required to wear their school skirt over their PE shorts.

6. **Can my child wear a smart watch to school?**

Students are not encouraged to wear smartwatches to school. They should wear a simple digital or analogue watch. However, your child may wear the POSB Smart Buddy watch, but only for payment purposes.

## FAQs on Learning Matters

1. **Any home-based learning (HBL) or e-Learning this year?**

There will be some planned HBL days scheduled during the school year. Parents will be notified of these dates through the Termly School Letter. Lessons will also be assigned to your child/ward on the Student Learning Space (SLS) throughout the year.

2. **Does every child need to have their own personal laptop / PC at home? Will an iPad suffice?**

We strongly encourage every child to have access to a laptop or PC for learning, with close supervision from parents/guardians. However, if only a tablet or iPad is available, it will suffice in most cases for internet-based learning activities.

3. **Will there be lessons on cyberbullying and misuse of social media under ICT experiences?**

Yes. Our school has a dedicated Cyberwellness Programme to promote the responsible and safe use of digital platforms. In addition, lessons on cyberwellness and online behaviour are reinforced through the Form Teacher Guidance Period (FTGP) and the Peer Support Programme, which also teach students how to seek help and support when needed.

4. **Do you think my child will have difficulties in Chinese MTL if we do not speak Chinese at home?**

The MOE Mother Tongue Language (MTL) curriculum is designed to cater to students with different learning needs and backgrounds. You may approach your child's MTL teacher to discuss strategies and resources to support your child's learning of the Chinese Language.

# FAQs on Timetable Matters

1. **How long will the items that are collected by the teacher be kept in the classroom?**  
The items collected will be kept in the classroom for the entire year. Books will be returned to students once they are completed. Students will also be asked to bring home their subject files periodically so that parents can stay updated on their learning progress.
2. **For packing of school bag on the first day of school, do we pack based on the packing list?**  
Yes, your child only needs to pack based on the packing list provided. This helps to ensure that their school bag is not too heavy. Once students receive their class timetable from their Form Teachers, they will begin formal subject lessons. From then on, they should pack their bags according to the class timetable.
3. **Do all students need to bring a storybook every day? Or will the school provide ?**  
Yes, we encourage silent reading in the hall or classroom every morning. Your child should bring one English Language storybook (for Monday to Wednesday) and one Mother Tongue Language storybook (for Thursday and Friday) in their school bag. Storybooks are also available for loan from the class and school libraries. For the first few weeks, please help your child prepare a suitable book for reading.
4. **When do the students get the Class Timetable?**  
Form Teachers will provide the class timetable after the first few days of school. There will be no formal lessons during the first three days.
5. **What if the PE lesson is before/after recess? Do the students bring along the money and lunch boxes as well?**  
Yes. The PE teacher will give clear instructions for such sessions. Students will bring their valuables and lunch boxes with them, which will be kept safely in a designated area identified by the PE teacher before or after the lesson, where applicable.
6. **Will we get the changes in Class Timetable through Parents Gateway (PG)?**  
Form Teachers will inform students directly of any changes to the class timetable. Parents are encouraged to check their child's handbook regularly for updates.
7. **Will you provide the packing list weekly? As we received for week 1 only as of now.**  
The packing list is only provided at the start of the school year to help students avoid bringing all their materials on the first day. After that, students should refer to their class timetable to pack their school bags accordingly.

8. **What is the exercise book (for MT) in the packing list?**

For Malay and Tamil languages, it refers to the single-line brown A5 exercise book. For Chinese Language, it refers to the square brown A5 exercise book.

## FAQs on Other Matters

1. **Can we pack nuts as part of the snacks for our child? Is there any restriction on snacks?**

Students are allowed to eat healthy snacks in the form of dry finger food during their allocated Snack Time in class (either at 9.00 a.m. or 12.00 noon). Examples of healthy snacks include sandwiches, wholemeal biscuits, muesli bars, fruits (e.g., apples, bananas, grapes), nuts, and similar items. Students will also learn how to choose healthy snacks during their Physical Health Education (PE) lessons.

2. **Are lockers assigned to individual students?**

Yes, all students are assigned a locker located outside their classroom. Form Teachers will assist with locker allocation. For Primary 1 students, locker use is optional as shelves are available in the classrooms for storage. If there is an urgent need for your child to have a locker, please check with the Form Teacher.

3. **For child's absence from school, will an official MC be required? (I.e., for 1 day or multiple days)**

Yes, the school requires an official medical certificate (MC) for your child's absence. For extended absences due to the same medical condition, parents may write in to inform the child's Form Teacher.

4. **For parents whose access to Parents Gateway is pending, how can we get the updates?**

Please check in with our Admin Staff to expedite the activation process. In the meantime, keep your child's Form Teacher informed so that he/she can update you on important school matters.

5. **Where is the coin phone booth located?**

There is no coin phone booth in the school. Students who need to make an urgent phone call may approach the General Office for assistance.

6. **If my child is not taking school bus on some days, do we need to call the General Office? Which gate can we pick our child from if we are not taking school bus on selected days?**

Please inform both the School Bus Operator and your child's Form Teacher of the after-school home arrangements. Do also inform your child so that he/she knows what to do (e.g., where to wait or which mode of transport to take) on those days. You may contact the Form Teachers via their email (available on the school website) or through the Student Handbook.

7. **If my child misses the school bus, where will he/she wait while waiting for parents to fetch?**

Your child should inform the General Office if he/she misses the school bus. The office staff will contact you, and your child will wait at the General Office until you arrive.

8. **If parents are late to pick up the child for 20 mins (because they have another child to pick up at almost the same time from kindergarten), what is the arrangement?**

If you expect to be late, please call the General Office to inform them of your estimated arrival time. The staff will inform the teacher and make arrangements for your child to wait safely at the General Office. If you are only slightly late (not more than 10 minutes), your child will wait at the dismissal point with a teacher or staff member. Nonetheless, we strongly encourage parents to be punctual.

9. **Is there any compulsory swimming programme for students?**

We have the Swimsafer programme and it is highly encouraged but not compulsory. The Swimsafer programme is offered to the P4 cohort of students.

10. **Where can I find the email address of the teachers?**

Work email addresses of Form Teachers are published on our school website.