



ZHANGDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

MF/24/001

Dear Parents/Guardians

1. Happy New Year to all parents/ guardians and students of Zhangde Primary!

Happy 2024! Our warmest greetings to all our students and parents! Welcome back to school. We hope you had a great break. We have many exciting and new programmes lined up for the year. Let us work hard now, so that we can play hard when the next break comes.

2. School's Vision, Mission, Values

Zhangde's vision of '**Learning School, GIVER³S Heart**' guides our staff to nurture our students to be *Thinking Individuals (Learning School)* and *Gracious Citizens (GIVER³S Heart)*.

The school values of Graciousness, Integrity, Versatility, Empathy, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience and Sincerity will continue to guide us in our actions, words, interactions, and decision making. We will work closely with our parents as our partners, to develop our students to be grounded in sound morals as we navigate this everchanging world.

3. 2023 PSLE Results

Congratulations to all 2023 P6 students and parents! 94% of our P6 students were posted to Secondary Schools and 22 of our students were successful in their Direct School Admissions. We wish our Class of 2023, all the best in their future endeavours.

4. Communication with Parents

We will continue to update parents on school matters via our official communication platforms.

- 2024 Parent Handbook: This will be distributed to all families as a point of reference for 2024-2025.
- School Website: <https://zhangdepri.moe.edu.sg>
 - From The Principal's Desk (Termly Uploaded)
 - Students' Calendar (Termly Uploaded and Hardcopies distributed to students)
 - Zhangde Instagram
- Parents Gateway Mobile App is an essential app for the school's/MOE's communication to all parents. Refer to the School Website on the guide to download the app.

5. Appointments with Staff

Our Officers start work at 7.15am and continue to work throughout the day to support after-school programmes, out-of-school programmes, mark work assigned to students, prepare lessons, attend workshops/meetings and other activities. We seek your understanding to make appointments to meet our Teachers, School Counsellors (SC), Special Education Needs Officers (SENO) and Student Welfare Officer (SWO) before 4.00pm on weekdays. Their weekends, public holidays and school holidays are protected to allow them their personal and family time. We appreciate your understanding and support.

6. 2024 Term 1 Calendar

Every student has received a hardcopy of the Term 1 Calendar on the first day of school. The softcopy can be downloaded from the School Website. Do note the Parent Engagement dates, as your presence is important to start the year off in partnership.

7. Co-Curriculum Week: The school has set aside week 10 as the Co-Curriculum Week. Students will be engaged in various activities beyond the curriculum. More details will be sent via PG nearer the dates.

8. 2024 School End Time, Recess Times & Snack Time

Please pack healthy snacks such as biscuits, fruits and sandwiches for your child.

Level	Recess	Snack Time	Lunch (Monday*)
P1 & P4	9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.	12.00 p.m.	P4 & P6: 12.30 – 1.00 pm P5: 1.00 – 1.30 pm
P3 & P6	10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.		
P2 & P5	10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	9.0 .m.	

9. Changes to School Hours 2024 (Refer to Tuesday, 12 September 2023, MF/23/012)

The 2024 school hours will be adjusted for P4 to P6* to accommodate an extra Character Citizenship Education (CCE) period as per MOE CCE2021 syllabus requirement for all schools. There is no change for P1 to P3. All students are to be seated in the classrooms by 7.25am.

Level	Days	School Hours
P1 to P3	Monday	7.30am -1.30pm
P4 to P6	Monday	7.30am to 2.30pm*
P1 to P6	Tuesday to Friday	7.30am to 1.30pm

10. 2024 P3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Exercise (information from GEP Branch)

The tentative schedule for the GEP Screening Exercise is on 15 August 2024. P3 students shortlisted after the GEP Screening Exercise will attend the GEP Selection Exercise tentatively on 15 and 16 October 2024. The GEP Screening and Selection Exercise will be based on the Primary 1 to Primary 3 English Language and Mathematics Syllabuses.

11. 2024 Class Allocation

Students were allocated their classes in 2024 in accordance with the guidelines in student movement provided by MOE. The school considers both the academic outcomes and non-academic factors such as the different needs of our students. We persevere to do our best in ensuring that they are placed in classes that best meet their needs. We seek your understanding and continued support in guiding your children in their 2024 classes.

12. 2024 Assessment Matter Update

In line with MOE direction, mid-year examinations for all levels have been removed. This is to allow students to focus more on their learning and less on marks attainment. The school will continue to use ongoing assessments to identify learning gaps and build on students' strengths. The table below shows the P3 to P6 Assessment weighting:

Level	Term 1 Weighted Assessment	Term 2 Weighted Assessment	Term 3 Weighted Assessment	Term 4 End-of-Year Exam
P3	NIL	15%	15%	70%
P4		15%	15%	70%
P5		15%	15%	70%
P6		-	Prelims (100%)	PSLE

13. Character and Citizenship Education

Our school's Values of the Term (VOTT) for Term 1 emphasize on Responsibility and Resilience. A student takes on more responsibilities as the child matures and grows older, bringing on new challenges to learn from. In preparation for the ever-changing landscape, resilience is thus crucial to help our students meet these challenges head-on with a ready heart. In the start of the school year, students demonstrate resilience in accepting new changes such as a change of class, and responsibility when coming to school on time and ensuring their bags are well-packed for the day. You may wish to work out an after-school schedule with your child to help them build structure as they grow these values.

14. School fee increase with effect from 2024

You may have learnt from the news last year regarding revision of school fees by MOE. The standard and 2nd tier miscellaneous fees will merge into a single tier from 2024. The same miscellaneous fees of \$13 applies to students of all nationalities. Please refer to the following table for the revised school fees with effect from 1 January 2024:

Monthly Charges	Singapore Citizen Student	Singapore Permanent Resident Student	International Student with Student Pass/ Dependent Pass	
			International Student (ASEAN)	International Student (Non-ASEAN)
School Fees	\$0	\$280	\$545	\$935

15. Student Care Centre (SCC)

Big Heart Student Care is our school's vendor to cater to our students' after-school care needs. At the end of a school day, SCC students will proceed directly to the Centre. If there are changes to the dismissal arrangements, please inform the respective Form Teachers and the SCC Supervisor.

16. Road Safety and Orderliness

As the traffic flow is very busy at the start and end of each school day, we appreciate that all parents be gracious and patient with our staff as safety is our top priority for all our students.

- Start of School Day: Parents who drive to school to drop off your children in the mornings, please remain in your vehicles and move off once your children have alighted.
- End of School Day: Parents waiting to fetch your children home during peak hours are strongly advised to park your cars at the nearby HDB carparks.
 - Gate 3 is for Dismissal of P1, P2 and P3 Students. Only parents of P1, P2, P3 students will be allowed into the limited Parents' Waiting Area. Please do not bring your pets into the parents' waiting area.
 - All other students will be dismissed via Gate 2.

17. Safe Management Measures for Visitors

All visitors to the school are required to register at the Security Counter. Upon clearance, all visitors must display their visitor sticker prominently at all times.

18. Best Wishes from Zhangde Family!

We look forward to your appreciation notes, feedback and suggestions throughout the year. We wish you and your family yet another good year with Zest, Progress and Success!

Keep safe!

On behalf of all staff at Zhangde

Mrs Rita Dass, Principal