



ZHANGDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

MF/26/001

Dear Parents/Guardians

1. Happy 2026 to all parents/ guardians and students of Zhangde Primary!

On behalf of the staff of Zhangde Primary School (ZPS), we would like to welcome all our Zhangderens back to school! We trust that you have enjoyed your holidays, spending great time bonding with your family. As the new year begins, we are looking forward to partnering parents and guardians in supporting your child's/ward's education in the year ahead. We remain committed to providing a safe and enabling educational environment for every student with your partnership, trust and understanding for the school.

2. Goodbye & Welcome to our Principals

This year, we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Rita Dass, who has served as our Principal from 2019 to 2025. Her strong and strategic leadership, and unwavering commitment and dedication to our students' growth have been invaluable. Her sterling contributions to ZPS would not be forgotten and we wish her happy retirement.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Mr Kyaw Saw Lynn as our new Principal. Mr Lynn brings with him a wealth of experience and fresh perspectives that will undoubtedly enrich our school and bring the school to even greater heights.

Please join us in expressing our gratitude to Mrs Rita Dass and extending a warm welcome to Mr Lynn.

3. 2025 PSLE Results

We are happy to share that 95.9% of our Primary 6 students have been successfully posted to Secondary Schools. Additionally, 17 of our students were successful in their Direct School Admissions (DSA) application. The hard work of our students has paid off, and they could not have done that without the dedication of our teachers, and the steadfast support of our parents. We are immensely proud of their achievements and wish them all the best in their future endeavours. Congratulations to our Class of 2025! Your journey at ZPS has come to an end, but we are confident that the GIVER³S values and lifeskills you have learnt will serve you well in the secondary schools.

4. School's Vision, Mission, Values and 2026 Theme (Reference: Parent Handbook 2026)

Our vision of "Learning School, GIVER³S Heart" encapsulates our commitment to fostering both academic excellence and a spirit of generosity and compassion. We believe that true education goes beyond textbooks and the school walls. At ZPS, we aim to nurture students who are thinking individuals and gracious citizens. We hope that Zhangderens will grow to be lifelong learners who make a positive impact on the world around them, firmly anchored on ZPS GIVER³S Heart (Graciousness, Integrity, Versatility, Empathy, Responsibility, Respect,

Resilience, Sincerity). We would like to enlist your assistance and partnership in instilling these values at home for reinforcement. In 2026, under the theme of “***Curious Hearts, Connected Minds — Growing the Future Together***”, we aim to reinforce a culture of inquiry, a sense of belonging, and our collective purpose for educating the young for the future.

5. 2025 School Schedule (Reference: Parent Handbook 2026)

School Hours

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

We have noticed a concerning trend of a small group of students consistently arriving late to school in the last few years. We kindly remind all parents and guardians of the importance of punctuality. Arriving on time not only instils good habits in our children but also ensures they do not miss crucial learning opportunities at the start of the day. Late arrivals disrupt classes and can negatively impact both the students arriving late and their classmates. Let us work as a team to ensure every child starts their school day positively and is prepared for learning.

Recess, Snack & Lunch Timings

Parents are advised to pack healthy snacks such as biscuits, fruits, sandwiches for your child.

Level	Recess	Snack Time	Lunch (Monday Only)
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.	9.00 a.m.	

6. 2026 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. Please refer to this for the programmes for the term. We encourage all parents/guardians to review the calendar regularly to stay informed about upcoming events and activities.

7. Refreshed Guidelines for Home-School Partnership

We believe in building strong partnerships with our parents and community partners to support the holistic development of Zhangderens so that they will become thinking individuals and gracious citizens. We look forward to working with you to build a strong foundation of knowledge, skills, and values in Zhangderens in a safe, positive, and conducive learning environment. MOE has come up with refreshed guidelines for home-school partnerships which provides greater clarity on how schools and parents can work together.

A summary is highlighted below:

A. Respectful Communication

- Listen to and understand each other's perspectives and concerns regarding each child.
- Communicate kindly using official channels. Teachers are not required to share their personal mobile numbers.
- Respect each other's time by communicating during working hours.

B. Role Models

- Practise gratitude and find joy in everyday experiences with our children.
- Instil confidence by encouraging responsibility and believing in each child's abilities.
- Model good values in words and actions, at school and at home.

C. Real Connections

- Build strong bonds through shared experiences and meaningful conversations.
- Establish good habits for our children to stay confident and in control of their technology use.
- Provide a balanced mix of engaging online and offline activities, at school and at home.

8. Parent Engagement Sessions Schedule

Your presence at these sessions is important. Please note the following dates and details:

Friday, 16 th January	Reason for mode of engagement
❖ 4.00pm – 5.30pm: P4 Parents (F2F)	Sharing of year-end subject-based banding matters.
❖ 4.00pm – 5.00pm: P2 Parents (Online virtual meeting)	Continuation of programmes.
❖ 4.00pm – 5.30pm: P6 Parents (F2F)	Sharing on PSLE matters.
Friday, 23 rd January	
❖ 4.00pm – 6.00pm: P3 Parents Math & Science Hands-on Workshops (F2F)	New to middle primary. Support by staff for hands-on workshops.
❖ 4.00pm – 6.00pm: P5 Parents (F2F)	New to upper primary. Sharing on PSLE matters.

9. Communication with Parents (*Reference: Parent Handbook 2026*)

A. MOE and School Matters

We will continue to update parents/guardians on MOE/school matters via our official communication platforms:

1. Parent Handbook 2026-2027:
 - This newest edition would be distributed to every family by Term 1.
2. School Website: <https://zhangdepri.moe.edu.sg>
 - From The Principal's Desk (updated termly)
 - Students' Calendar (updated termly)
 - Zhangde Instagram (please follow, use QR code)
3. Parents Gateway (PG) Mobile App:
 - Essential for school and MOE communications to all parents
 - Download guide available on the School Website



Please ensure you have access to these platforms to stay informed about school matters. The Parents Gateway (PG) Mobile App is particularly important for receiving timely updates from both the school and MOE.

B. Appointments with School Staff for In-Person Meeting (*Reference: Parent Handbook 2026*)

We kindly request that you observe the following guidelines when scheduling appointments for in-person meeting with our school staff.

- Please note that our officers begin their workday at 7:15 am and continue throughout the day, engaging in various activities such as supporting after-school and out-of-school programmes, preparing lessons, marking assignments, attending workshops and meetings, and other school-related activities.

- Our staff, including teachers, school counsellors, Special Education Needs Officers, and the Student Welfare Officer, are available for appointments on weekdays before 4:00 pm.
- Weekends, public holidays and school holidays are reserved for personal and family commitments of our staff.

C. Daily Communication

- The use of the class dojo (3rd party app) is not official, and teachers are never expected to use it. Several of our teachers are also not on class dojo with parents. As it is unofficial, the school will be giving all teachers and parents one year to adapt to the use of four official modes of communication which are **emails, phone calls, Student's Handbook and Parents Gateway (PG)**.
- For daily communication, you may email our staff, jot your query in your child's/ward's student handbook to pass to teacher or call General Office to leave a message for them. The emails of the form teachers and CCA teachers can be found on our school website.
- P2-P6 teachers and parents should try their best to use official modes to communicate in 2026. If class dojo needs to be used, teachers are not expected to reply within the same day and parents should avoid messaging teachers between 5:00pm-7:00am.
- We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a balanced work environment for our dedicated staff while ensuring they remain accessible to address your concerns.

10. 2026 Class Allocation

Our students have been allocated to their classes for 2026 in accordance with the guidelines for student movement provided by MOE. In this process, we have carefully considered both academic outcomes and non-academic factors as well as the various needs of our students. We have persevered to do our best in ensuring that each student is placed in a class that best meets his/her individual needs. This thoughtful allocation aims to create an optimal and inclusive learning environment for all. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and ask for your continued support in guiding your children as they adjust to their new classes for 2026.

11. Character and Citizenship Education (Reference: Parent Handbook 2026)

As we begin the new school year in 2026, we reaffirm our commitment to nurture strong values and clear expectations in our students. In Term 1, our school-wide focus will be on **Responsibility** and **Resilience**, two foundational values that shape both character and learning. Responsibility encourages our students to take ownership of their learning, behaviour, and choices, while resilience equips them with the perseverance and confidence to navigate challenges, learn from mistakes, and grow stronger through setbacks. These values will be intentionally woven into our daily routines, classroom practices, and learning experiences, guiding students to make positive choices and develop a strong sense of self-discipline. We value the partnership with parents and guardians and encourage you to support this focus at home by entrusting your children with age-appropriate responsibilities and affirming their efforts as they learn to overcome difficulties. Together, as a school family, we can set clear expectations and nurture resilient, responsible learners who are ready to thrive in the year ahead and beyond.

12. 2026 Assessment Matter Update (Reference: Parent Handbook 2026)

In line with MOE direction, mid-year examinations for all levels have been removed to free up more time for self-directed learning and developing 21st-century competencies. The school will continue to use ongoing bite-sized assessments to identify learning gaps and build on students' strengths. Please refer to the Parent Handbook for the details.

13. 2026 P3 Higher-Ability Learners (HAL) Identification Exercise (Information from GEP Branch)

With the implementation of the refreshed approach by MOE to support higher-ability learners, the HAL Identification Exercise will be administered for Primary 3 students. The tentative date for the Exercise is set for 26 August 2026. Further details will be shared with you in early 2026, once we receive additional information from MOE.

14. School Fees

The revision of school fees by MOE continues as per announcement in 2023. The standard and 2nd tier miscellaneous fees had merged into a single tier since 2024. The same miscellaneous fees of \$13 applies to students of all nationalities. The revised school fees with effect from 1 January 2026 is summarized below:

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	\$330	\$595	\$1,035

15. Student Care Centre (SCC)

Self Help Groups Student Care Limited (Big Heart Student Care Centre) is our vendor providing after-school care services for Zhangde students. Please note the following:

1. At the end of the school day, students enrolled in SCC will go directly to the Centre.
2. If there are any changes to dismissal arrangements, it is important that you notify both the child's form teachers and the SCC Centre Manager.

This ensures that all relevant staff are aware of any changes to your child's usual routine, maintaining their safety and proper care.

For any queries about the Student Care Centre services or enrolment, please contact the Centre at 8202 3972 or zhangde@shgstudentcare.com.sg.

16. Road Safety and Orderliness (Reference: Parent Handbook 2026)

We would like to seek your cooperation to work with the school in ensuring the safety of students coming to and leaving school. This is especially important as young children may not have the skills required to use roads properly and do not always fully appreciate or anticipate the dangers presented.

The traffic flow is very busy at the start and end of the school day. We appreciate all parents being gracious and patient, waiting in line and following our ground staff's coordination for the safety of our students and staff.

Start of School Day:

- Parents driving to school to drop off children in the mornings, please remain in your vehicles. Move off swiftly once your children have alighted.

- Observe speed limits and remain vigilant for pedestrians within the school zone. Please follow directions from traffic marshals to facilitate safe and smooth traffic flow.

End of School Day:

- Parents waiting to fetch children home during peak hours are strongly advised to park at nearby HDB car parks.

Dismissal Arrangements:

1. Gate 3: 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 pets into the parents' waiting area.
2. Gate 2: For dismissal of all other students

We kindly remind all parents and guardians that these measures are in place to ensure the safety and smooth flow of traffic around our school. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

If your child must cycle to school, he/she should wear a protective helmet, demonstrate competency in safe cycling and is aware of the cycling rules. Please inform the Form Teacher if your child is cycling to school.

17. Safe Management Measures for Visitors (Reference: Parent Handbook 2026)

To ensure the safety and security of our school community, we have the following measures in place:

1. All visitors must register at the Security Counter upon arrival.
2. After clearance, visitors will be issued a visitor sticker.
3. The visitor sticker must be displayed prominently at all times while on school premises.

We appreciate your cooperation in adhering to these safety measures. They help us maintain a secure environment for our students and staff.

18. Best Wishes from Zhangde Family!

In closing, we thank you ahead for your continued support and partnership, as we embark on this new school year lined up with many exciting learning opportunities and experiences for your child/ward. Your involvement in your child's/ward's education is invaluable, and we look forward to working closely with you to ensure their success and well-being. Together, we can create a safe and enabling environment where every child can thrive and reach their full potential.

Should you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you and your child/ward every step of the way.

Here's to yet another fantastic year of learning, growth and achievement!

Your Partners in Education,

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Principal

Mrs Peggy Koh
Vice-Principal
(Education)

Mr Chan Cheong Cheong
Vice-Principal
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Ms Felicia Woo
Vice-Principal (Admin)