



ZHANGDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

MF/23/001

Dear Parents/Guardians

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

We have successfully completed week one of the new school year. Yay! Our warmest welcome to our 2023 Primary 1 students and parents, too!

2. 2022 PSLE Results

We are happy to share that 96.7% of our P6 students were posted to Secondary Schools and 14 of our students were successful in their Direct School Admissions. Kudos to all parents! Congratulations to our Class of 2022 and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

3. Communication with Parents

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

- Parent Handbook: This was distributed to all families in 2022 and will continue to be used as a point of reference for 2023. New families joining the Zhangde Primary School will receive the 2022 copy for reference. The new edition will be printed in 2024.
- School Website: <https://zhangdepri.moe.edu.sg>
 - From The Principal's Desk (Termly Uploaded)
 - GIVERS' Times (Termly Uploaded)
 - Students' Calendar (Termly Uploaded and Hardcopies distributed to students)
- 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.

4. Appointments with Officers

Our Officers start work at 7.10am 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, Special Education Needs Officers (SENO) and Student Welfare Officer (SWO) before 4.30pm on weekdays. Their weekends are protected to allow them their personal and family time.

5. 2023 Recess Times & Snack Time

Parents are advised to pack healthy snacks such as biscuits, fruits, sandwiches for your child. Do take note of the updated recess timings for 2023 (supersedes information in 2023 Student Handbook page 9).

Level	Recess	Snack Time
P1 & P4	9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.	12.00 p.m.
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. 2023 Term 1 Calendar

Every student has received a hardcopy of the Term 1 Calendar on the first day of school. Parents may also download the softcopy calendar from the School Website <https://zhangdepri.moe.edu.sg/our-partners/parents/communication-with-parents> for reference.

7. 2023 P3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Exercise (information from GEP Branch)

The tentative schedule for GEP Screening Exercise is on 17 August 2023. P3 students shortlisted after the GEP Screening Exercise will attend the GEP Selection Exercise tentatively on 17 and 18 October 2023. The GEP Screening and Selection Exercise will be based on the Primary 1 to Primary 3 English Language and Mathematics Syllabuses.

8. 2023 Class Allocation

We extend our appreciation to our parents for conscientiously monitoring the progress of your children and guiding them to do their best. Students were allocated their classes in 2023 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 2023 classes.

9. 2023 Assessment Matter Update

In line with MOE direction, all 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 areas students have mastered and/or have difficulties with. 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

10. Character and Citizenship Education

Value of the Term (VOTT) in Term 1 focuses on Responsibility and Resilience. A responsible student comes to school on time and looks after his/her own belongings within and outside of the school compound. A student has Resilience, when he/she adapts to the new school year, accepts possible failures and faces challenges with confidence. Do spend time with your child in going through the values in the Student Handbook.

11. School fee and Canteen price increase with effect from 2023

You may have learnt from the news last year regarding revision of school fees and canteen pricing by MOE. The Standard and 2nd Tier Miscellaneous fees remain at \$6.50 respectively. School Fees will be adjusted as per the MOE announcement in the table 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	\$255 (was \$230)	\$515 (was \$490)	\$875 (was \$825)

Following the guidelines given to schools, with effect from 3 Jan 2023, the canteen has raised its food prices, yet keeping it affordable. The stalls selling individual items such as fruit, snacks and drinks will increase the prices by 20 to 30 cents each. The pricing for meals comprising carbohydrates, vegetables and fruit, will increase by up to 50 cents for a meal. The School will continue to provide support for needy students through MOE or school-based subsidies.

12. Student Care Centre (SCC)

Big Heart Student Care is in its 3rd year of operation to cater to our students' after-school care needs. At the end of the school day, SCC students will proceed directly to the Centre. If there are changes to the dismissal arrangements, please inform the Form Teacher and the SCC Supervisor. For more information, please refer to Parent Handbook page 37.

13. Road Safety and Orderliness

The school has a large population of students and traffic is very busy at the start and end of school day:

- 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.

We appreciate all parents to be gracious and patient with our staff as safety is our top priority.

14. Safe Management Measures for Visitors

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

15. Parents' Survey Findings 2022

We thank parents who have completed the year-end survey and provided feedback. We will address your concerns and consider your suggestions to ensure that we continue to make our learning environment more conducive and the learning experiences for our students more engaging. We look forward to 100% participation in the 2023 year-end survey by parents.

Survey Questions	P1-P5 (%)	P6 (%)
P1-P5: 750 out of 1024 parents responded P6: 145 out of 214 parents responded	73.2	67.8
My child has benefitted from the GIVER ³ s values of graciousness, integrity, versatility, empathy, responsibility, respect, resilience and sincerity which is evident in his/her behaviour.	97.5	97.2
The school has provided a caring, safe and conducive learning environment for my child.	97.6	97.2
The administrative staff is prompt and responsive to my queries and feedback.	98.3	99.3
The school's academic programme was well-delivered.	96.8	95.9
The school's supplementary/remedial/enrichment programme was effective in meeting the needs of my child.	92.7	93.1
The school's Applied Learning Programme (ALP) Environment Education has developed an appreciation of the Environment in me and my child.	97.0	96.6
My child is confident.	-	93.8
My child is a self-directed learner.	-	89.0

17. Best Wishes from Zhangde Family!

On behalf of all staff at Zhangde, we wish you and your family another good year with Zest, Progress and Success! Keep safe!

Mrs Rita Dass, Principal