



TAMPINES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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An Icon of Excellence: To Value and Be Valued



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Dear Parents,

TPS Celebrates

A very Happy New Year to all our parents, guardians and pupils. We would like to welcome our Primary One pupils and their parents to the fold of Tampines Primary School.

Strategic Thrust 1: Achieving Academic Excellence

I would like to thank the staff and parents of our 2017 P6 graduates for working hand in hand in motivating and inspiring them to do their best. We seek the unstinting support and cooperation of the parents of all our pupils in partnering the school towards our strategic destination of being “A Quality School of Learning and Character”.

Strategic Thrust 2: Nurturing Leaders of Character

Buddy Programme to P1 Pupils

The Buddy Programme aims to develop a culture of care among our pupils as well as develop leadership skills of our upper primary pupils. As part of the programme, we have assigned a primary 5 pupil to buddy a P1 pupil to help our new pupils adapt to primary school life and equip them with skills to be self-disciplined and independent.

Revised Lunch break

Kindly take note that the Lunch break for P3 and P5 pupils has been amended to facilitate the P1 Buddy Program for the first 3 days of School (2/1/2018 – 4/1/2018), as follows:-

Days	Primary 1	Primary 2	Primary 3	Primary 4	Primary 5	Primary 6
Tues	11.30-12.00	11.30-12.00	11.00-11.30	11.00-11.30	12.00-12.30	11.00-11.30
Wed	10.30-11.00	10.30-11.00	11.00-11.30	11.00-11.30	11.30-12.00	11.00-11.30
Thurs	11.30-12.00	11.30-12.00	11.00-11.30	11.00-11.30	12.00-12.30	11.00-11.30

Early Bird Programme (EBP)

To develop our pupils to be self-directed learners, it is important for them to arrive in school on time. All pupils are encouraged to assemble in the school hall by 7.40 a.m. daily. Our EBP runs five days a week and starts promptly at 7.40 a.m. This is followed by flag-raising ceremony at 7.50 a.m. before lessons commence at 8 a.m. All pupils are required to be present during the flag-raising ceremony. The EBP



covers an array of activities to enrich pupils' learning and to build character. We strongly encourage all pupils to come to school punctually to benefit from the EBP.

School Attire

It is the policy of the school to check on the school attire on the first week of school of a new term. Please ensure that your child/ward has

- his/her hair trimmed and not dyed
- name tag sewn
- socks on (must be above the ankles)

CCA Commences on Friday, 12 January 2018

The first CCA session of the year will start on **Friday, 12 January 2018** from 8.30 am to 10am. Lessons will resume after their CCA. Pupils are to report to school in their school/PE attire. They may bring their CCA gear but they must change out of their CCA gear after CCA. Please ensure that your child takes his/her breakfast before coming to school

P1 and P6 Smart Card Photo-taking

P1 and P6 pupils are scheduled for a photo shoot to process their 2018 Transit Link Smart cards on **Wednesday, 10 Jan 2018**. P1 and P6 pupils are to be in their full school uniform for the photo shoot. Should pupils have PE lessons on that day, kindly ensure your child/ward bring along the official school shirt/blouse and shorts/skirt for the photo shoot. All pupils are to adhere to hairstyles approved by the school as reflected in the pupils' handbook.

Update of Pupils' Particulars

Each pupil will be issued with a new pupil data form for 2018. Kindly update if there are any changes to the information on the form especially contact details and address. Pupil's address in MOE system will be tied to the parent indicated with the symbol guardian#. A change of official address for Singapore Citizens or Singapore Permanent Residents should be updated via any neighbourhood police post/centre and MOE system will be updated.

Please indicate if the child has any medical condition. Any updates to medical condition should be accompanied by official documents from an attending doctor. Parents will have an option to opt out from receiving information from MOE HQ with regards to MOE key events, survey for parents or resources for parents such as articles to promote parent-child relationship. This clause will not affect the school from sending information to parents on school related matters such as programmes, alerts etc.

Kindly return the pupil data form to the form teacher by **5th January 2018**.



Strategic Thrust 3: Achieving Aesthetics and Physical Excellence

Temperature-taking Exercise

The Temperature-taking Exercise will be conducted on **Thursday, 04 Jan** and **Friday, 05 Jan 2018** for our staff and pupils. The form teachers will inform the pupils about this twice-a-year exercise on Tuesday 03 Jan 2018 (Day 1 orientation).

P1 pupils will be receiving their complimentary oral digital thermometers (ODT) from their form teachers and they will be taught how to use the ODT. For the rest of the pupil cohort, they are required to bring their ODT on both days.

Pupils' well-being is our topmost concern and we thank you in advance for your cooperation in ensuring your child brings his/her ODT for the exercise. Pupils may purchase new ODT (at \$4.50 each) from the school bookshop (if needed) prior to the exercise.

Strategic Thrust 4: Engaged Staff In a Vibrant Environment

TPS warmly welcomes the following new staff to our family:

Mr Teo Chin It Lance	HOD Physical Education
Mdm Jalela Bte Atan	Senior Teacher Science
Mr Kang Teck Beng	English Language Teacher
Mr Kuek Hao Loong Daniel	English Language Teacher
Miss Tay Yun Yi	Chinese Language Teacher

Mdm Lin Hui Ling and Mdm Dong Yaru have **been given new postings and Mdm Battaria has completed her contract**. We would like to thank them for their invaluable contributions to TPS during their service and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Strategic Focus: Partnership

The importance of school-home partnership and how parents can connect with the school and MOE

As parents, you are the key navigator of your child's growth. Your child will benefit the most when we put him/her at the heart of what we do, and when we understand our shared responsibilities for him/her and work together to bring out his/her best. Having a close partnership with us will help you to better understand your child's learning experience in school, so that you are able to provide him/her the necessary family care, support and reinforcement at home.

You can support your child in various ways. We encourage you to join the Parent Support Group (PSG) so that you can get involved with the school's activities and get to know other parents and your child's friends in school. You can sign up for activities that suit your schedule and you do not necessarily have to devote long hours to the school's PSG to be fully engaged in your child's education. Effective





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parenting cannot occur in isolation from the school, and we would like to partner you to develop your child to be the best that he or she can be.

More information on how you can be involved in your child's education can be found at <http://parents-in-education.moe.gov.sg>

Parent Support Group (PSG)

We look forward to stronger support from parents. You can play a more active role in supporting one another and contributing to your child's education in school.

For parents who are interested in joining the TPS PSG, please fill in the attached form and submit it to your child's form teacher. Alternatively, you may drop by our General Office to fill in the form or email Miss Nurhidaya Bte Sidik, SH MT (ML) & Partnership, at nurhidaya_mohd_sidik@moe.edu.sg.

School Safety

The school seeks your continued partnership in ensuring our pupils' safety while they are in school. This is a reminder that only parents with valid visitor passes/labels are allowed into the school premise beyond the designated drop-off points. Please refer to the following table for a breakdown of school areas that are granted for parents' access during the stipulated times:

Timing	Accessible Areas	Remarks
Morning peak hours 7.30 a.m. – 8 a.m.	<u>Designated drop-off points</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front gate • Back gate • School Foyer 	Parent <u>should refrain</u> from walking with your child beyond the designated drop-off points. Our school personnel will be on morning duty to assist and direct you accordingly if need be. Should parent require urgent assistance, kindly proceed to General Office after 7.30 am.
During school curriculum hours	General Office	Kindly display your visitor pass/label if you wish to enter the school to settle any outstanding matters. Upon receiving the visitor pass/label, kindly proceed to General Office for assistance. Please refrain from going directly to the school hall or teaching block. Please be reminded that parents are discouraged from making purchases from the school bookshop during curriculum hours.



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Timing	Accessible Areas	Remarks
During Dismissal	<u>Designated pick-up points</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front gate • Back gate <u>In wet weather condition</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Foyer • Secondary School's Indoor Sports Hall 	<p>If a parent needs to enter the school compound beyond the designated pick-up points, please proceed to the security guard post at the front entry gates to sign out for a visitor pass/label.</p> <p>We seek your understanding that parents and visitors are not allowed to enter the school premise from the back gate.</p>

Kindly cooperate with our school staff and security personnel to enter the school premise only from the front gates.

The school will be adding signage and posters periodically to reinforce our safety and security messages and efforts. We look forward to working with you to make our school compound safer for our children.

Others

Group Accident Insurance Plan for Students

We are pleased to announce the group accident insurance plan for pupils (from 1 Jan 2018 to 31 Dec 2020) under NTUC Income, which provides free coverage for your child against injuries that may result from accidents or mishaps during school operational hours. Attached with this letter will be a letter from NTUC Income on the terms and conditions of the insurance plan.

Upcoming Events

No	Event	Date
1	Temperature-taking Exercise	04 Jan 2018 05 Jan 2018
2	P1 & P6 Smart Card Photo-taking	10 Jan 2018
3	Meet-the-Parent Session for all levels	19 Jan 2018 (An evening event)
4	Annual Parents' Workshop	03 Feb 2018 (Saturday morning event)
5	Chinese New Year Eve	15 Feb 2018 (School dismissal at 10 a.m.)
6	Chinese New Year School Holiday	19 Feb 2017 (School holiday)



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School Bookshop & Uniform Supplier

Uniform Supplier

For pupils who need to purchase school uniforms, do note that our school uniform supplier will operate in the school canteen on **2 and 3 Jan 2018** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We seek your understanding that for the safety of our pupils, from 4 Jan onwards you are only allowed to enter school after school dismissal to purchase uniforms through the school bookshop.

School Bookshop

Parents are strongly encouraged to patronize the school book shop after school dismissal.

Contacts for reference

Service Provider	Contact No.	Remarks						
Pacific Bookstores Pte Ltd	6786 4473 6559 2296							
Shanghai School Uniforms Pte Ltd	6338 2741 6352 2741							
Dental Clinic	6784 7817	<p>Dental services are available for pupils in the school on the following days and time:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Monday</td> <td>8am to 5.30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>8am to 5.30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td> <td>8am to 5pm</td> </tr> </table> <p>Lunch break will be from 1 pm to 2pm on all the three days.</p>	Monday	8am to 5.30pm	Tuesday	8am to 5.30pm	Friday	8am to 5pm
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Let us work in partnership to ensure a smooth and successful 2018. With warmest regards,

Miss Veronica Tay
Principal