



## TAMPINES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **TPS Celebrates**

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

### **Strategic Thrust 1: Achieving Academic Excellence**

It is my pleasure to announce that our P6 graduates did the school proud in the 2016 PSLE. I would like to thank the staff and parents for working hand in hand in motivating and inspiring the children 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**

Our 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 an upper primary pupil to each P1 pupil to help our new pupils adapt to primary school life and equip them with skills to be self-disciplined and independent.

#### **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)

## P1 & P6 Smart Card Photo-taking

P1 and P6 pupils are scheduled for a photo shoot to process their 2017 Transit Link Smart cards on **Thurs 12 Jan 2016**. 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 2017. 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/guardian 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/ward has any medical condition. Any updates to medical condition should be accompanied by official documents from an attending doctor. Parents/Guardian 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.

## Strategic Thrust 3: Achieving Aesthetics and Physical Excellence

### Temperature-taking Exercise

The Temperature-taking Exercise will be conducted on **Thurs 05 Jan** and **Fri 06 Jan 2017** for our staff and pupils. The form teachers will inform the pupils about this twice-a-year exercise on **Tues 03 Jan 2017** (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/ward 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.



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## **Strategic Thrust 4: Engaged Staff In a Vibrant Environment**

TPS warmly welcomes the following new staff to our family:

Mdm Hairul Bariyah Bte Maksom	HOD Pupil Management & Malay Language Teacher
Mdm Norhana Bte Khamis	Malay Language Teacher
Mdm Vikneswari Rethinam	Tamil Language Teacher

We thank the following staff who have left the school for their invaluable contributions to TPS and wish them all the best in their future endeavours:

Mdm Ardriza Bte Isnin has been transferred to Riverside Primary School.  
Mdm Inthirani has been transferred to Elias Park Primary School.

## **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 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](mailto: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/guardians 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/guardians' 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"> <li>• Front gate</li> <li>• Back gate</li> <li>• School Foyer</li> </ul>	Parent/guardian <b><u>should refrain</u></b> from walking with your child/ward 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/guardian require urgent assistance, kindly proceed to General Office after 7.30 am. Note that visitor pass/label is not required up to General Office during morning peak hours.
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/guardians are discouraged from making purchases from the school bookshop during curriculum hours.
During Dismissal	<u>Designated pick-up points</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Front gate</li> <li>• Back gate</li> </ul> <u>In wet weather condition</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Foyer</li> <li>• Secondary School's Indoor Sports Hall</li> </ul>	If a parent/guardian needs to enter the school compound beyond the designated pick-up points, please proceed to the security guard post at the <b><u>front entry gates</u></b> to sign out for a visitor pass/label.  We seek your understanding that parents/guardians and visitors <b><u>are not allowed to enter the school premise from the back gate.</u></b>

In view of staggered dismissals and extended curriculum hours, the school is committed to ensure safety of our charges at all times. 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.



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**Others**  
**Upcoming Events**

No	Event	Date
1	Temperature-taking Exercise	05 Jan 2017 06 Jan 2017
2	P1 & P6 Smart Card Photo-taking	12 Jan 2017
3	Meet-the-Parent Session for all levels	20 Jan 2017 <b>(An evening event)</b>
4	Chinese New Year Eve	27 Jan 2017 <b>(School dismissal at 10 a.m.)</b>
5	Chinese New Year School Holiday	31 Jan 2017 <b>(School holiday)</b>
6	Annual Parents' Workshop	25 Feb 2017 <b>(Saturday morning event)</b>

**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 weekdays **3, 4, 9, 16 Jan 2017** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We seek your understanding that for the safety of our pupils, parents will only be allowed to enter the school to purchase uniforms during the specific dates and timing. Sale of uniforms will be through the school bookshop after **06 Feb 2017**.

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	Dental services are available for pupils in the school on the following days in Term 1: Tues, Thurs (8 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.) Fri (8 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.)

Here's wishing you a good week ahead!

With warmest regards,

Miss Veronica Tay  
Principal



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