



TANJONG KATONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

2018 PRIMARY ONE PARENTS' SURVIVAL GUIDE

*Welcome to
Tanjong Katong
Primary School!*

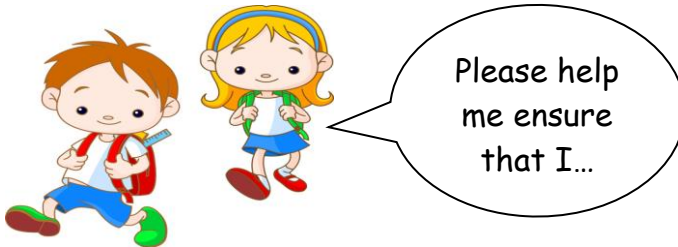


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GETTING READY FOR PRIMARY ONE

Your child's timetable will be given within the *first week* of the school term. All Primary 1 pupils will take the following subjects:

1.	English Language	EL
2.	Mathematics	MA
3.	Mother Tongue	MT- CL/ML/TL
4.	Physical Education	PE
5.	Music	MU
6.	Social Studies	SS
7.	Health Education	HE
8.	Art & Crafts	AC
9.	Programme for Active Learning	PAL
10.	Assembly / Life Skills	Assembly
11.	Form Teacher Guidance Period / Values Inculcation Programme	Connecto



- pack my own bag daily
- bring only what is required as stated in my timetable
- bring my organizer and a storybook daily
- bring stationery: at least two sharpened pencils, an eraser, a ruler, a stick glue and a set of colour pencils
- bring my water bottle that contains only plain water
- label my belongings in case they are misplaced
- do not carry a school bag that is too heavy - teachers will utilize the cupboards and shelves in class for keeping workbooks, jotter books, exercise books and files
- wear my name tag for the first three months of school
- bring a healthy snack for my snack break every day

What to bring on the ***first day*** of school:

- Kidz Organizer
- Homework File
- Storybook
- Stationery

IMPORTANT INFORMATION (FOR FIRST 2 DAYS ONLY)

Reporting Time

Pupils are required to report to the school hall by 12.15 p.m. on Tuesday (2 Jan 2018) and by 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday (3 Jan 2018). Parents will be allowed to view the assembly from the back of the hall from 12.15 p.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday and from 1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday.

Recess Time

Recess time for the first 2 days will be as follows:-

Primary 1A to 1D: 2.45 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

Primary 1E to 1H: 3.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Parents are allowed to view the recess during the above mentioned periods only.

On 2 Jan and 3 Jan 2018, we will arrange for the P1 pupils to be accompanied by older students to buy their food during recess.

Teachers will be at the canteen to ensure the pupils are taken care of. Parents will only be allowed access along the corridors surrounding the canteen during their child's respective recess on these 2 days.

Parenting Workshop on the First Day of School

The school has planned for a parenting workshop on 2 Jan 2018, from 1.00pm to 3.00pm, entitled "Everything Will Be Alright - Helping Your Child Adjust to Primary School". The sign up link will be announced during the Orientation briefing by the School Leaders and will also be available on the school website.

Dismissal Plan

For pupils not taking school buses, parents are requested to fetch their child from the canteen on the first 2 days of school at 6.30 p.m.

From the **3rd day** onwards (Friday, 4 Jan 2018), parents are to pick up their children after 6.40p.m. to allow for the buses to move off first. Parents are advised to be punctual in picking up their children as the General Office will be closed at 7.00 p.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Contact Us

E-Mail Address	tkps@moe.edu.sg
Website	http://www.tanjongkatongpri.moe.edu.sg/
Telephone Number	+65 63444728
Address	860, New Upper Changi Road, S(467353)

Other Important Contact

School Bus – Comfort Delgro

E-Mail Address	school@comfortdelgrobus.com.sg
Website	http://www.comfortdelgrobus.com.sg
Telephone Number	+65 6553 3838

School Bookshop – HB Book Centre

E-Mail Address	hb.bk.ctr@gmail.com
Telephone Number	+65 9842 5414

School Uniform – Beau Voix

Website	http://www.beauvoix.com.sg
Telephone Number	+65 6743 6645
Address	Beau Voix Uniforms 2, Sims Close, #03-08, Gemini@Sims, S(387298)
Opening Hours	Mon-Fri 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Reporting, Recess and Dismissal Time

- On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, pupils are required to report to school by **12.15 p.m.** On **Wednesdays**, they have to report to school by **1.45 p.m.**
- P1 recess is from **3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.**
- Dismissal is at **6.30 p.m.**

School Fees / Supplementary Fees

We strongly encourage all parents to sign up for the payment of school fees and/or supplementary fees through GIRO so that large amounts of cash need not be brought to school.

Amount payable per month:

	School Fees	Miscellaneous Fees
Singapore Citizens	Free	\$13
Singapore PR	\$155	\$13
International Student (ASEAN)	\$415	\$13
International Student (non-ASEAN)	\$650	\$13

The miscellaneous fees include first tier miscellaneous fees of \$6.50 and second tier miscellaneous fees of \$6.50. For Singaporean students, parents may use the Edusave fund to pay for the second tier miscellaneous fees of \$6.50.

Dental Health

Parental consent must be filled up online so that your child could receive dental checks and treatments. Please log on to <https://childconsent.hpb.gov.sg> using your SingPass with 2-factor authentication (2FA) after 21 Dec 2017. List of buddy clinics, contact numbers & operating hours will be provided to the school at a later date.

Health Team Visit

The school health team from MOH will be visiting our school in the beginning Term 2. Please submit your child's health booklet to the Form Teacher by the end of Term 1. This is to facilitate the ministry's health check and subsequent inoculation.

Other Health Matters

- Please refrain from sending your child to school when he/she is sick. Do take your child to see a doctor and hand the medical certificate to the Form Teacher upon his/her return to school.
- For highly contagious illnesses such as chicken pox and hand-foot-mouth disease (HFMD), your child needs to be certified fit by a doctor before he/she can return to school.
- In the event that your child feels unwell or is injured, you will receive a call from a teacher/staff from the General Office (GO) to come to school

to pick up your child. Please sign in at the Security Post (SP) and come to the GO to fetch your child. You will also need to sign out at the SP for your child's early departure from school.

Insurance Coverage

The school has purchased basic insurance coverage for all pupils. This allows parents to make medical claims for pupils for injuries that happen within the school compound. More information will be given to your child when school reopens.

Communication with the School

- Our school issues a monthly Newsletter and a termly Level letter through monthly and termly emails. These letters include updates and information on upcoming events and important matters. Please ensure that your email address is updated through our annual pupil data verification exercise in January.
- Through your child, you will receive a letter of introduction from the class teacher within the first week of Term 1. Kindly retain the letter for reference.
- Appointments to see the Principal, Vice-Principal or teachers can be made through the General Office or e-mail. You may wish to contact your child's teacher via e-mail or through the Kidz Organizer.
- Our school will issue consent forms for all activities conducted before school hours. This is to keep you informed of the activities that your child is involved in.
- Your child is to place all circulars/letters/forms which are to be taken home in his/her Homework File. All returns are to be placed in that file too.
- Besides a curriculum briefing in early Term 1, our school will also be organising a Parent-Child-Teacher Conferencing session towards the end of Term 2 to inform you of curriculum matters as well as to provide feedback on your child.

Security and Safety

- All parents or caregivers who are dropping off or picking up children must confine themselves to the designated areas, i.e. school porch (area outside the GO). Our staff will be stationed at the designated areas to remind parents to do so. Beyond the designated areas, parents will need to report to the GO to obtain assistance.

- Please ensure your child does not bring any valuable items or large sums of money to school.
- If you are picking up your child by car, please arrive 15 minutes after dismissal, after the buses have moved out from the school premises. Please be patient should you be delayed and do not cause obstruction, inconvenience and danger to other road users. Please note that parking along New Upper Changi Road is strictly not allowed.

OUR CORE CURRICULUM

OUR ENGLISH PROGRAMME

STELLAR (STrategies for English Language Learning And Reading), integrated with our school-based English curriculum, aims to develop our pupils into confident and expressive learners of English Language through the communicative approach and experiential as well as contextual learning. Pupils will enjoy listening to, reading and viewing varied text types in Big Books with enlarged print, vivid illustrations and motivating stories.

Using strategies like the Shared Book Approach (SBA), Modified Language Experience Approach (MLEA) and Learning Centres, our pupils' language learning experience is enriched as they make relevant connection to personal and social contexts. Pupils will get to explore and use the language as well as present their meaningful experiences in spoken and written forms as a follow-up to theme-based hands-on activities and field-based learning (FBL).

OUR MOTHER TONGUE PROGRAMME

Bilingualism is the cornerstone of the Singapore Education System. Our Mother Tongue (MT) Programmes (CL, ML and TL) aim to ignite pupils' passion for learning in order to attain excellence in the mastery of the MT language and appreciation of the MT culture.

At lower primary, the focus of MT teaching is acquiring speaking and listening skills. In line with PERI, the Primary 1 pupils will learn MT through fun, meaningful activities that cater to their needs and abilities. Alternative assessment modes such as show and tell instead of the traditional pen and paper will be used to gauge the overall performance of the pupils.

Pupils who have a good foundation in MT and have demonstrated a keen interest in the language will be offered Higher MT at the higher level. Their potential will also be further developed through programmes such as the MT Enrichment Programme for High-Achieving pupils from Primary 4 onwards, MTL Immersion camps in Primary 4, and Overseas Immersion Trips in Primary 5.

OUR MATHEMATICS PROGRAMME

The CPA (Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract) approach helps to develop students' mathematical concepts and skills in spiral progression. We aim to develop students who can think critically and be effective problem-solvers. We have thus designed a variety of mathematics programmes to allow our students to progress according to their abilities.

OUR PROGRAMME FOR ACTIVE LEARNING PROGRAMME

The Programme for Active Learning (PAL) initiative is a recommendation by the Primary Education Review and Implementation (PERI) Committee to address the need for greater emphasis on non-academic programmes for all Primary 1 and 2 pupils.

PAL facilitates holistic development of pupils in the moral cognitive, physical, social and aesthetic domain. It also provides varied avenues for pupils to develop social and emotional competencies.

Primary 1 and 2 students will undergo modules consisting of games, visual art, music and outdoor education. These modules provide platforms for experiential learning and opportunities for learning experiences. This subsequently helps the students acquire a range of skills as well as confidence as they interact with their peers.

OUR ASSESSMENT

In order to support the holistic development of pupils and ensure a smooth transition to primary school education, there is less emphasis on single-point assessment such as semestral examinations in lower primary. Bite-sized forms of assessment are also used to help build the pupils' confidence and desire to learn.

With the introduction of the holistic assessment, parents will also be given more comprehensive feedback about their child's progress and learning throughout the year.

More details will be shared during the P1 Curriculum Briefing in January 2018.

OUR ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMES

Speech and Drama (English)

We offer Speech and Drama lessons within the curriculum: two English periods per week for 10-11 weeks. Pupils will acquire skills such as voice projection, performance techniques, good speech patterns and most importantly, confidence.

Speech and Drama (Mother Tongue)

Speech and Drama lessons will also be offered for Mother Tongue (Chinese, Malay and Tamil Languages) within the curriculum: two MT periods per week for 10 weeks. The MT Speech and Drama Programme will complement the MT instructional programme to develop confident and effective communicators. It will engage the pupils in learning their MT through fun-filled and interactive activities.

ICT Training

Pupils will learn Touch-typing and use Microsoft Word within the curriculum. English, Mathematics, Science and Mother Tongue online lessons and e-learning course packages that have been specially designed to enhance and support learning from home are available upon subscription to the AsknLearn portal.

The cost for the above programmes: School subsidy + Student's Edusave (for Singaporeans) / Cash (for PR)

OUR SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

Learning Support Programmes (English & Mathematics)

Pupils in need of extra learning support will be enrolled in this programme. Special lessons are conducted to suit the child's learning needs. Lessons are conducted in small groups during curriculum time in a conducive environment.

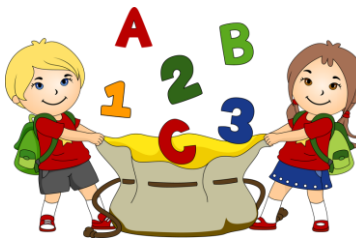
Talks by School Counsellors

To support the social and emotional learning of pupils, our school counsellors will give talks to individual classes on how to be prepared for the new learning environment. It also creates an opportunity for the counsellors to build rapport with the pupils.

Tips for Parents: 10 Ways to Motivate Your Child to Learn

(<http://www.scholastic.com/resources/article/10-ways-to-motivate-your-child-to-learn>)

1. Fill your child's world with reading.
2. Encourage your child to express his/her opinions and talk about his/her feelings.
3. Show enthusiasm for your child's interests.
4. Provide play opportunities that support different kinds of learning styles – from listening and visual learning to sorting and sequencing.
5. Point out the new things you learn with enthusiasm.
6. Ask about what he/she is learning in school, not about his/her grades or test scores.
7. Help your child organize his/her school papers and assignments so that your child feels in control of his/her work.
8. Celebrate achievements, no matter how small.
9. Focus on strengths, encouraging developing talents.
10. Turn everyday events into learning opportunities.



The best inheritance parents can give to their children is a few minutes of their time each day. ~ M. Grundler