



ZHANGDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

MF/22/001

Dear Parents/Guardians

1. Happy New Year 2022

A very happy new year to all our parents and students. Welcome back to school. Let us make this a year of discoveries of the wonderful things around us.

2. 2021 PSLE Results

We are happy to share that 96% of our P6 students have been posted to Secondary Schools and 5 of our students were successful in their Direct School Admissions. Congratulations to our Class of 2021 and we wish all our students the best in their secondary schools.

Thank you parents for your understanding and your unwavering support to your children and the school.

3. Term 1 Calendar 2022

The hardcopy of the Term 1 Calendar has been distributed to every student on the first day of school. Parents can also download the softcopy from the school website to check for daily activities and programmes.

<https://zhangdepri.moe.edu.sg/our-partners/parents/communication-with-parents>

4. Communication with Parents

There are several official communication platforms as listed below to update parents on school matters.

- Parent Handbook: Each family will receive a copy of the Parent Handbook. Please go through the handbook for the school structures. We hope that this will be helpful reference for you.
- School Website: <https://zhangdepri.moe.edu.sg>
- From The Principal's Desk (Termly) – Uploaded in School Website
- GIVERS' Times (Termly) - Uploaded in School Website
- Students' Calendar (Termly) – Hardcopies have been distributed to students, uploaded in School Website
- Parents Gateway Mobile App – This is a very important app that is not only the school's main mode of communication, it is also MOE's communication channel to all parents. Refer to the School Website on guide to download the app.

5. Communication with Teachers

We seek your understanding to make appointments to meet our Teachers before 4pm on weekdays. Our Teachers' time is protected after 4pm on weekdays and throughout the weekend to allow them, their personal and family time.

6. Student Care Centre (SCC)

Big Heart Student Care is into its second 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 enquiries regarding Student Care services, please contact them at 8202 3972 from 10am to 4pm during weekdays or drop them an email at zhangde@shgstudentcare.com.sg

7. P3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Exercise 2022

The tentative schedule for GEP Screening Exercise is on 17 August 2022. P3 students shortlisted after the GEP Screening Exercise will attend the GEP Selection Exercise tentatively on 18 and 19 October 2022. The GEP Screening and Selection Exercise will be based on the Primary 1 to Primary 3 English Language and Mathematics Syllabuses.

8. Character and Citizenship Education

In Term 1, we focus on **resilience and responsibility**. Resilience, as students adapt to the start of school of a new year, bringing with it exciting new changes and challenges. **Responsibility**, inside and outside school, as students take on new roles with greater maturity. Being punctual to school is a responsible behaviour. Do spend time with your child in going through the values on page 20 of the Student Handbook.

KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE AND HEALTHY

9. MOE: COVID-19 Vaccination Exercise for 5 to 11 Year-Olds

The announcement for the above Exercise has been posted on Parents gateway on 21 December 2021. In short, vaccination is open to all eligible children by age bands. Parents/guardians would progressively receive an SMS with a unique booking link from 22 Dec 2021 (if your child is at P4-P6 in 2022) and from the week of 3 Jan 2022 (if your child is at P1-P3 in 2022). Booking for a vaccination appointment can be carried out immediately once you receive the SMS. If you do not receive an SMS or should you encounter issues with the link, do proceed to register your interest on the MOH National Appointment System (NAS) at <http://child.vaccine.gov.sg> as soon as it opens up for your child's age band. We strongly encourage you to get your child vaccinated if they are medically eligible.

[Vaccine Safety and Efficacy] - Watch the **MOH Parents' Webinar** in the attached link:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgBw4fHUtZK2hnCEMXpKE54Al6nQqYIDV>

10. Road Safety

The school has a large population of students and traffic is very busy during arrival and dismissal. Please be patient. Parents who drive to school to drop off your child in the mornings, **please remain in your vehicle and move off once your child has alighted**. Parents waiting to fetch your child home during peak hours are strongly advised to park your cars at the nearby HDB carparks.

Gate 3: Dismissal only for P1, P2 and P3 Students. All other students will use Gate 2 at dismissal. Only parents of P1, P2, P3 students will be allowed into the limited Parents' Waiting Area. Please exercise personal social distancing.

11. Staying Healthy – Snack Time

It is important that our students eat healthy throughout the day. The canteen menu is based on the Health Promotion Board guidelines. To continue to support this, please pack healthy snacks for your child's snack time. Students are also encouraged to drink plain water throughout the day. Water coolers are placed at different points in the school to support this habit.

12 Looking forward to a year of surprises, discoveries and achievements. Thank you.

Mrs Rita Dass, Principal