



ZHANGDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parents/Guardians

1. An Exciting Term Ahead

A very warm welcome back to Term 3! With the major easing of Covid rules, we are looking forward to an array of fun and exciting out-of-school programmes for our students such as Outdoor Experiential Learning activities, sporting activities, Adventure Camp and Learning Journeys. As we take strides towards normalcy, let us remain socially responsible and vigilant to stand ready to respond to any changes in the public health situation.

2. Term 3 Calendar

The hardcopy of the Term 3 Calendar has been distributed to every student at the end of Term 2. Please refer to the calendar for the programmes, Home Based Learning (HBL) and no school days. 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>.

3. Term 3 GIVER³S Values – Graciousness and Versatility

The focus this term is on being gracious in our actions/manners, and how we adjust to changes with a positive attitude. We want our students to be prepared for an ever-changing world, to constantly reflect on what is happening around them, and to never give up in face of challenges. Our teachers will continue to guide our students, and you as parents too, you can help your child to demonstrate Graciousness and Versatility. You can also guide them in their daily actions and interactions with others, especially amongst fellow schoolmates to embrace differences and engender inclusivity.

4. Punctuality and School Attendance

The attitude and beliefs towards being punctual and on time are life-long habits that start from young. There is a small group of students who are consistently late for school. A handful of students are always seen strolling in after 7.45am and as late as 8.25am. Parents must not encourage such behaviour and ensure that your child respect the school rules and the value of punctuality. It is important for our students to receive the same message from teachers and parents, as well as understand the expectations to uphold the same standards both in school and at home.

Term 3 is a relatively short term and students should not miss school for no valid reasons.

5. PSLE Matters

The following materials have been shared with our P6 students:

- i) *'Your Journey to Secondary School Starts Here'* (issued on 24th Feb 2022). Our teachers have also engaged the students in using this booklet to better guide their transition to secondary school.
- ii) PSLE Instruction for Candidates 2022 booklet (to be issued on 17th August 2022). Parents may also access the above softcopy booklet via the SEAB website (www.seab.gov.sg) and the PSLE scoring system via our school website at <https://zhangdepri.moe.edu.sg/our-partners/parents/useful-guides-and-resources>.
- iv) The PSLE Oral Examinations in school are as follows and there will be **no school for P1 to P5 Students** on both days.

15 August, Monday (8am to 1.30pm)	English, Foundation English, Chinese, Malay, Tamil
16 August, Tuesday (8am to 1.30pm)	English, Chinese, Foundation, Chinese, Malay, Foundation Malay, Tamil, Foundation Tamil

6. Student Well-Being - Mental Health

Mental health has come into the spotlight in recent years, and managing mental health is explicitly weaved into our Form Teachers' Guidance Period (FTGP) lessons. One major component in managing mental health is to build resilience. This emphasis is also complemented by our school's effort in customising age-appropriate Growth Mindset series for our P1-6 students. In addition, during Affirmation Days, students are given opportunities to validate and motivate themselves in their own growth and personal journeys. We would like to encourage parents to engage your child in conversations about their daily experience in school, and in doing so, focus on other aspects of his/her overall development, rather than solely on academic performance. Your presence, care and time spent with your child are vital towards building parent-child bonding and enhancing their mental well-being.

7. Parents Gateway (PG)

PG is the main communication channel for posting school announcements and issuing consent forms. PG is also used by MOE to officially send information directly to parents. Parents should constantly refer to PG for information and respond where necessary. We urge parents to open your PG app to read the announcements and your timely response to parental consent is crucial so that your child will not miss out on the learning opportunities and participation in the after-school programmes.

If you do not have PG app on your mobile phone (available on iOS and Android), we encourage you to download the app for easy access to PG. You may refer to the school website for a step-by-step guide.

<https://zhangdepri.moe.edu.sg/our-partners/parents/useful-guides-and-resources>.

8. Parent Volunteers

Our Parent Support Group (PSG) is actively seeking parents to volunteer for ad-hoc events or one-off activities in Term 3 and Term 4. We welcome all parents to contribute in

areas which interest you or where you can lend your expertise to help enrich the learning experiences of our students. Interested parents please sign up using the following link: <https://form.gov.sg/5f696bb30666cb0011cc3a2e>

9. School Physical Virtual Tour

We welcome you to visit our website for the latest addition of the school's virtual tour experience. Please support us in promoting Zhangde Primary School in the upcoming 2023 P1 Registration Exercise. <https://zhangdepri.moe.edu.sg/information/zps-virtual-school-tour>.

We look forward to your continued partnership in the holistic development of your child.
Thank you.

Mrs Rita Dass
Principal