



ZHANGDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

MF/23/012

Dear Parents/Guardians

1. Welcome Back – Term 4

- As we welcome you back to school, I hope both you and your child have enjoyed your holidays and are looking forward to a fulfilling and memorable Term 4.
- We are pleased to share that Zhangde Primary School remains a choice school and our Primary 1 Registration for admission in 2024 closed with all 180 places taken up.
- We have also received an overwhelming response for our Teachers' Day appreciation notes. On behalf of my staff, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your kind compliments, trust and unwavering support given to us throughout the year.

2. Term 4 Calendar

The hardcopy of the Term 4 Calendar has been distributed to every student on Tuesday, 29th August 2023. 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. Home-Based Learning (HBL) for P1 to P5

To continually promote self-directed learning, the school will engage our students at home through Home-Based Learning (HBL) Exercise. We seek your understanding and support to ensure your child attends the virtual lessons punctually and duly completes all the HBL assignments.

Dates	Examinations	HBL Schedules
15 Sep 2023 (Friday)	PSLE Listening Comprehension	P1 – P5: Asynchronous Lessons
28, 29 Sep 2023 (Thursday and Friday)	PSLE Written Examinations	P1, P2 and P5: Both Asynchronous and Synchronous Lessons
2, 3 Oct 2023 (Monday and Tuesday)	PSLE Written Examinations	P3 and P4: Both Asynchronous and Synchronous Lessons

Assessment Matters

4. PSLE Marking Exercise (16 to 18 October 2023)

During the PSLE Marking Exercise days, home-based learning will take place for P1 to P6 except for P4. **All P4 students will report to school from 7.30am to 12.00pm on all 3 days** to continue their lessons and prepare for the end-of-year examination.

5. PSLE Examination Dates

The PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination begins this Friday on 15 September (See Annex A). It is important that your child goes to bed early for a good night's rest and has a good breakfast before reporting to school. Please go through the PSLE Examination Rules and Regulations for Candidates 2023 booklet issued on 12th July 2023 with your child. You may also access the softcopy and the PSLE formats via the SEAB website. (<https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/psle>)

6. P3 to P5 End-of-Year Examination Dates

The End-of-Year Examination dates have been attached for your reference (See Annex B). We have

been consistently teaching our students to complete their homework and set aside time for daily revision. Parents can reinforce these good study habits at home, to help your child better prepare and reduce their anxiety level for the coming year-end examination.

Character Development

7. Term 4 GIVER³S Values – Integrity and Sincerity

Our values for term 4 are focused on Integrity and Sincerity. These two values are important parts of our students' character development. The school's partnership with parents is important, as parents' supportive and encouraging presence and participation will help our children grow up to embody these values.

- Integrity is to uphold one's action in every aspect, even when no one is watching. It also means owning up to one's mistakes and learning from them.
- Sincerity is to be genuine and truthful in one's thoughts, words, and actions. Instilling these values both in school and at home is a gradual process that requires patience, consistency, and positive reinforcement.

8. End-of-Year Donation Drive

To help in environmental conservation, if you have any school uniforms, stationery and textbooks that are new or in good condition to be given away, please leave them at the booths near the Security guard area from 30 October to 15 December. If you see any item that you would like to have, feel free to take them as it is a free-for-all booth for our school community to encourage recycling.

Preparation for 2024

9. Changes to School Hours 2024

The 2024 school hours will be adjusted for P4 to P6* to accommodate an extra Character Citizenship Education (CCE) period as per MOE CCE2021 syllabus requirement for all schools. There is no change for P1 to P3. All students are to be seated in the classrooms by 7.25am.

Level	Days	School Hours
P1 to P3	Monday	7.30am -1.30pm
P4 to P6	Monday	7.30am to 2.30pm*
P1 to P6	Tuesday to Friday	7.30am to 1.30pm

10. School Bus Services 2024

The new contract for school bus services 2024 has been awarded to Revolving Transport Pte Ltd. The bus company contact information and updated 2024 bus fares can be found on the school website (<https://www.zhangdepri.moe.edu.sg/information/schoolbus/>). To arrange for school bus services, please contact the bus company directly. The bus operator will inform you of the bus fare after consolidating all requests and planning the bus routes.

Singapore Citizen (SC) students taking the school bus and receiving MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) will have 65% of their monthly fares covered by the school bus subsidy. SC students who do not qualify for MOE FAS but need financial assistance can approach the school for assistance.

Let's make the most of the upcoming term to support our children to strive for their personal best growth and development.

Thank you.

Mrs Rita Dass, Principal

2023 Semester Two: PSLE and End-of-Year Examination Dates

P6 Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE)		
Wk	Date	Subjects
1	15 Sep	English Language Listening Comprehension
		Foundation English Language Listening Comprehension
		Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension
		Foundation Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension
		NTIL Listening Comprehension
3	28 Sep	English Language Paper 1 & 2
		Foundation English Language Paper 1 & 2
	29 Sep	Mathematics Paper 1 & 2
		Foundation Mathematics Paper 1 & 2
4	2 Oct	Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 & 2
		Foundation Mother Tongue Language Paper 1
		NTIL Paper 1 & 2
	3 Oct	Science
		Foundation Science
	4 Oct	Higher Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 & 2

P3 to P5 End-of-Year Examination				
Wk	Date	Subjects		Level
3	25 Sep	Oral Day 1	English Language	P3 & P4 (During curriculum)
	26 Sep	Oral Day 2	Mother Tongue Language	
5	9 Oct	Oral Day 1	English Language	P5 (After school)
	10 Oct	Oral Day 2	Mother Tongue Language	
	12 Oct	English Language Paper 1		P3 – P5
		Foundation English Paper 1		P5
	13 Oct	Mother Tongue Language Paper 1		P3 – P5
6	19 Oct	English Language Listening Comprehension		P3 – P5
		Foundation English Language Listening Comprehension		P5
		Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension		P3 – P5
		Foundation Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension		P5
7	23 Oct	English Language Paper 2		P3 – P5
		Foundation English Language Paper 2		P5
	24 Oct	Mathematics		P3 – P4
		Mathematics Paper 1 & 2		P5
		Foundation Mathematics Paper 1 & 2		P5
	25 Oct	Mother Tongue Language Paper 2		P3 – P5
		Foundation Mother Tongue Language Paper 1		P5
	26 Oct	Science		P3 – P5
		Foundation Science		P5
	27 Oct	Higher Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 & 2		P5

Note: For End-of-Year Examinations topics to be tested, please refer to the school website.

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EXAMINATION REGULATIONS FOR ALL STUDENTS

(Source: 2023 Primary School Leaving Examination Instructions for Candidates Page 8 – 11)

You must comply with the following regulations during the examination:

- **Do not attempt to cheat or assist in cheating.**
- **Face the front, do not turn or look around** during your examination, as this may be perceived as an attempt to cheat.
- **Do not communicate (verbally or non-verbally)** with other candidates before and during the examination, and before you are released from your examination room.
- **Do not have in your possession:**
 - a) Any unauthorised electronic, smart, computerised or communication device* in the examination venue (e.g. examination room, quarantine room, waiting room).
*Examples of unauthorised devices include, but are not limited to, mobile phones, cameras, tablets, wired and wireless ear-pieces/earphones, smart wrist watches, fitness trackers, smart glasses, storage devices and pens with image capturing capabilities.
 - b) Any unapproved printed dictionaries/ electronic dictionaries or calculators within the examination venue (eg. examination room/hall) for papers that allow the use of dictionaries or calculators.
 - c) Any unauthorised materials* within the examination venue. All stationery/ belongings taken into the examination venue (e.g. pencil case, calculator(s), mathematical set, ruler) must not have unauthorised notes/information written on them before or during the examination.
*Examples of unauthorised materials include, but are not limited to, non-standard mathematical instruments e.g. model rulers, conversion table/ mathematical formula sheet enclosed in or printed on the mathematical instrument box/calculator, writing papers, books, reference materials or notes.
 - d) Your bags or other unauthorised personal belongings in the examination premises. You must place them outside the examination venue or in a place identified by the examination personnel.
- **Surrender any unauthorised devices, equipment, materials and personal belongings to the invigilator immediately if you have brought them into the examination room/hall.**
- If you are not feeling well or need to go to the toilet urgently, remain seated and raise your hand to inform the invigilator. The examination personnel will bring you to a rest area or toilet.
- **Do not eat** in the examination venues (e.g. examination room/hall, quarantine room, waiting).

If you cheat, attempt to cheat or assist in cheating, misbehave or do not follow the examination regulations during the examination, you may:

- be prohibited from taking the examination
- be expelled from the examination venue (e.g. examination room/hall)
- be disallowed from sitting for subsequent papers
- have your examination results terminated or be imposed with a grade penalty
- have your results slip and/or examination certificate withheld or confiscated
- be banned from registering for the examinations in future

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