

First Toa Payoh Primary School

P1 Admin Briefing 2024

Q&A Session

Administrative Matters

Q: I would like to check on the eGiro application because I tried to apply but was unsuccessful. Is there any other payment mode I can use for the monthly payment or must I apply for eGiro only?

A: Parents are strongly encouraged to sign up for eGiro. Parents may also make payment via cash or cheque to the school general office or via SAM machines.

Q: I am applying for the 2025 Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS). When can I collect the uniform? When will I know the status of my application?

A: Kindly wait for our staff to contact you regarding the status of your application. If you are successful, you can come from 7 to 9 of December 2024 to collect the uniform and books. We will recommend that you do not purchase them now.

Q: Can I check if the canteen only accepts cash? Or can it be a contactless payment method like an Ezlink card?

A: Our canteen accepts cash, EZ link payment & POSB Smart Buddy payment.

Service Providers (School Bus / Book Shop / School Uniforms/ Student Care Centre)

Q: The question is about the school bus transportation. We have filled up the survey form for my son's transportation to and from the school. Should we wait for the confirmation for a place on the school bus or can we assume that he is given one by default?

A: If you have submitted your request through FormSG, our school bus service provider (Chua Lee Kiang Bus Transport Service) will contact you in December on the transport arrangement. You can also contact Mrs Chua at 9382 4721.

Q: I want to know about the Student Care Centre. I have already applied but I have yet to receive a reply.

A: We are currently collating the forms. The supervisor from the Student Care Centre will get back to you at the end of the month or early next month.

Q: Is the Student Care Centre open on the second day of school?

A: If you have applied for the Student Care Centre and if you are successful in your application, the supervisor will contact you. The Student Care Centre will be open from 2 January 2025.

Q: Can I walk in and buy the school uniform?

A: If you are not applying for the 2025 Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS), you may go ahead and purchase the books and uniform during the dates mentioned. The dates for the purchase of books and uniform are given via Parent Gateway and also mentioned in the P1 Admin Briefing slides which will be uploaded on the school website.

Q: How do I get the P1 booklist?

A: The P1 booklist can be found on Parent's Gateway.

Q: When can we start collecting the books from the bookstore in the school? From which day downwards?

A: You can walk in to purchase on the first date mentioned, which is 12 December 2024.

Q: I have one question regarding books. If I have a cousin who's using the same version, can I use the same book for my child?

A: You have to check if it is the latest edition. If it is the latest edition, you can still use the same textbook. However, for the activity book, we recommend that you get a new one.

Q: Hi. Do we need to purchase all the books for the book purchase or the syllabus will be the same as last year's?

A: For the updated editions, you may refer to the P1 booklist for reference.

First Day of School Matters

Q: I want to check regarding student buddies. I know that the P1 will be new to the school grounds. I wonder if someone will accompany them during the first week of school.

A: On the first day when the other levels have not reported, our staff will be there to help your child. Subsequently, for the next few days, we will have the Primary 5 buddies to help them at recess. Every year, we have the P1 and P5 buddy programme to support the P1 students at recess. We would like to assure parents that our staff and their assigned buddies will be around to guide and assist the students as they familiarise themselves with the school procedures and environment during the first few days of school.

Q: For the first day of school, what do I need to prepare for the school bag?

A: In the Orientation Information booklet, you can check on what to bring for the first three days of school. You may also refer to the P1 Admin Briefing slides.

Q: Can we enter the school with our child for the first two days or is it just the first day?

A: P1 parents are only invited to the P1 Orientation on Thursday, 2 January 2025. There will be a full-day programme for you from 7.30am to 11.30am. We strongly encourage you to come and join us on the first day.

Q: For the first and second day of school, will the P1s go back early?

A: Yes, they will be dismissed earlier at 11.30am on 2 and 3 January 2025.

Q: For the first 3 days, do parents need to drop off their child and bring him back?

A: For Primary 1 students, we suggest that a parent/guardian pick up his child during dismissal time. This is for the safety of the child.

Student Matters

Q: Are mobile phones and smartwatches allowed for P1 students?

A: We do not encourage students to bring mobile phones to school. If they are going to bring it to school, it should be switched off during curriculum hours. They can contact you after curriculum hours if they need to contact you. The same rule applies for smartwatches. We do not advise students to wear smartwatches to school because they are communication devices. Your child can use the phone in the general office if there is an urgent need to contact parents.

Q: If my child is slightly unwell and unable to attend school for that day, is applying for medical leave and getting a medical certificate mandatory?

A: We advise that you bring your child to see a doctor so that the correct diagnosis and medication can be given.

Q: How many students are there for P1 next year, and how many classes?

A: There will be 4 P1 classes for 2025 and we can have up to 30 students for each class.

Q: We booked our family trip in March following last year's holidays but the March holidays next year is one week later. My child will miss one week of school. Can we write in for this? It is the same for Chinese New Year. We need to go back to Malaysia and we will miss two days of school.

A: You can approach the Year Head or Vice-Principal when school reopens. We will be able to understand the situation better and advise you accordingly.