

WELCOME

Primary 1 Orientation
17 November 2022

Lower Primary Assistant Year Head Welcome

- Transiting to Primary 1
- How can I prepare my child for Primary 1
- What to expect on First Day of School and subsequently

TRANSITING TO PRIMARY 1

- A smooth transition is made when your child:
 - feels safe and comfortable in their new environment.
E.g. Ensures child knows where you would pick the child up after school.

Difference between pre-school and primary school

- larger learning environment, longer school hours, larger school population, higher level of adaptive skills needed

Encourage child to vocalise needs.

Assure your child that school is safe.

Approach any adult in school or go to the general office for help.

HOW CAN I PREPARE MY CHILD FOR PRIMARY 1?

- Relating to others
- Developing good habits
- Nurturing positive learning attitudes
- Creating a conducive learning environment at home



RELATING TO OTHERS

Build your child's interpersonal skills by:

- **Modelling the use of friendly and polite phrases**
 - “Hello! My name is... what is your name?”
 - “May I please...”
- **Providing opportunities for your child to share and take turns during playtime with other children.**
- **Teaching them coping mechanisms (e.g. deep breaths, quiet corner, stop-think-do) to enable them to manage their emotions.**



DEVELOPING GOOD HABITS

Routines help children learn to manage themselves.

Guide your child to do the following independently:

- Keep to a regular bedtime
- Make healthy food choices
- Pack their bag
- Dress themselves
- Buying food at the canteen



NURTURING POSITIVE LEARNING ATTITUDES

Developing the right learning attitude in your child will help them to transit smoothly into the learning routines in primary school.

You can encourage your child to:

- Ask questions about their experiences and the world around them.
- Express their thoughts and feelings about and discuss what can be done if they have worries.
- Practice life skills independently (e.g. buy food and drink on their own, ask for permission etc).



CREATING A CONDUCTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AT HOME

Set up a conducive home environment so that your child can learn both at home and in school:

- Encourage your child to use English and their Mother Tongue, through picture books, language games or songs.
- Set aside space in your home where your child can read and finish their homework.



Select what you think is useful for you and your child.



E-version will be shared at intervals through Parent Gateway

FOR YOU & YOUR CHILD

PARENT-CHILD ACTIVITY BOOK

Tips & Activities for a Great Start to Primary School



Each chapter starts off with a 'tip' for parents, which covers a different area in which you can support your child.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



Guidelines for School-Home Partnership

Our children do best when schools and parents work hand in hand to support them. Here are some tips to make this happen.
<https://tinyurl.com/guidelineshp>



Let's Talk About...

From parents to parents. This series shares tried and tested strategies parents have used to teach their child about making friends, independence and responsibility, communication and more!
<https://tinyurl.com/letstalkabt>



How to help your child become bilingual

Encouraging your child to be bilingual might not be easy but it doesn't have to be boring. Here are five tips for parents – including monolingual ones – to create a conducive environment for your child to learn a new language.
<https://tinyurl.com/become-bilingual>



360-degree Video of the Primary School Experience

This video is an immersive experience about what lies ahead in a primary school. It shows a reading lesson, an action experience, buying food and more. You can watch it with your child and have a conversation about their primary school!
<https://tiny.cc/primary-school-video>



Raising Readers Toolkit

This booklet presents an invaluable opportunity for parents of lower primary children to learn how to instill a love of reading in our children at home.
<https://tinyurl.com/discovereads>



Social Skills

Social skills can enable your child to interact with others in ways that are socially acceptable, as well as personally and mutually beneficial, or beneficial to others. Practise these specific skills to prepare your child for P1!
<https://tinyurl.com/social-skills>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



How Do You Praise?

Are there better ways to praise our children? Research shows that praising our children effectively can help to increase their confidence, motivation and engagement in learning. Watch this video to find out more!
<https://tinyurl.com/how-do-you-praise>



Preparing Your Child For A New School - A Resource Kit for Parents of Children with Additional Needs

Going to a new school can be both an exciting and worrisome experience for you and your child, especially for a child with additional needs. This booklet aims to give you an idea of what to expect and how to prepare your child to cope with the transition.
<http://www.moe.gov.sg/transition-support>

