



PEIYONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Vision: A School with PRIDE

School Mission: Building Character, Enriching Lives, Stretching Potential

Keeping in Touch Letter to Parents 17/2016 (Primary 1)

12 Feb 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

1. Partnership with Parents

We would like to thank members of our Parent Support Group for their kind support and help during the first two days of school. Your presence during recess to help our P1 students is much appreciated.

Our continual partnership in school programmes will help us in our mission of building character, enriching lives and stretching the potential of our children.

2. Homework Policy

Homework refers to any learning activity that students are required by the school to complete outside of curriculum time. This includes assignments and projects but not revision of school work or studying for tests and examinations.

Homework, when used appropriately, can reinforce students' learning, contribute to their progress and cultivate a healthy disposition towards learning. When used inappropriately or excessively, however, homework can impact negatively on student motivation, and reduce their participation in other activities that inculcate important life skills.

In Peiyong Primary School, homework is given to

- (a) reinforce learning and deepen understanding of lessons taught
- (b) allow students to regularly practice and apply skills and concepts taught
- (c) develop good study skills and habits
- (d) encourage greater ownership and responsibility for independent learning

The amount of homework given is progressively increased from 30min a day at P1 to about 2h a day at P5 and P6.

The school has decided to designate a 'No Homework Day' on Thursdays in view of the fact that many of the students are involved in supplementary and remedial classes on Thursdays.

3. Holistic Assessment (HA) for P1

P1 Students do not sit for Semestral Assessments (SA) and will only experience Semestral Assessment in P2, Term 4. In place of SA, Holistic Assessments are conducted throughout the year to support and guide our students' development. 'Bite-sized' forms of assessment will be carried out to help our Primary 1 students build their confidence and desire to learn. P1 students will be given bite-sized assessments starting from Term 2 Week 4. Students will receive the schedule for the P1 HA by the end of Term 1.

4. Lighten your child's school bag

To help lighten the weight of school bags, children should bring books according to the class time. Do help to check that your child does not bring unnecessary items to school.

A few children are using trolley bags and we would like to share our concern that trolley bags are heavier than the standard school bags. They are especially cumbersome when the children move up and down the staircases in the school.

5. Road Safety

We would also like to emphasise that parents/guardians should use the designated zebra crossing at Blk 806 to cross the road with your child/ward. We hope that parents/guardians will help to drive home the road safety message by reminding your child/ward not to dash across the road but use the allotted zebra crossing when they are coming to school and at dismissal.

Thank You.

In partnership with you,

Yours faithfully,

Mr K. Govindan
Principal

REPLY SLIP

Please return the acknowledgement slip below to your child's form teacher by Mon 15 Feb.

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Name of Pupil: _____ Class: _____

Name of Parent: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contact Number/s: _____ (Home) _____ (Handphone)