



PEIYONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Vision: Lifelong Learners, Leaders of Character

School Mission: Building Character, Enriching Lives, Stretching Potential

Keeping in Touch
Letter to Parents 56/2024

14 November 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have come to the end of 2024. Our students have experienced a year of enriching activities that fostered their joy of learning and built the foundation for lifelong learning.

We would like to extend our appreciation to parents who have responded to our Parents' Survey 2024. Your kind affirmations and valuable suggestions will help us improve the quality of the school experiences for our students.

We would like to share some new updates.

(a) Change in Uniform Supplier and School Bus Transport Company

The school has engaged Asencio Pte Ltd as the new School Uniform Supplier and Teo Boon Transport Pte Ltd as the new Bus Vendor. The revised bus fare for Year 2025 is between \$135 and \$170 per month for 9 months, based on distances travelled. The updated school bus fares are in line with MOE's guideline and are kept consistent with the current market rate. You can refer to the Letter to Parents (54/2024) posted on Parents Gateway (PG) on 22 October 2024 for details.

(b) Students' use of Mobile Phones and Smart Watches in school

To minimise distractions during school hours, students are **not allowed** to bring their mobile phones and smart watches to school. Should there be a need for students to bring mobile phones/smart watches to school, parents must write to the HOD Student management for permission through their Form Teachers. Permission will be granted based on the merit of each application.

We would like to highlight that should permission be granted, students are not to use the mobile phones/smart watches during school hours, including recess, CCA and after-school programmes (e.g. supplementary/enrichment/remedial lessons).

Students are required to put the mobile phones/smart watches in their classroom lockers only. Students are expected to buy a lock to keep their locker secure. After school ends, students can retrieve their mobile phones/smart watches from their lockers and are allowed to contact their parents/guardians at the waiting area beside Gate 1 or Gate 3 just before they leave the school premise. Students should bear full responsibility for safekeeping of their mobile phones/smart watches. The school will not be responsible for the loss or damage of their devices.

Students are allowed to wear POSB Smart Buddy Watch and fitness trackers as long as their functions do not extend beyond time-telling, timekeeping and fitness-related tracking (e.g. step count). Such devices should not possess communicative features (e.g. messaging and calling apps/social media access) and photo/video capabilities, which distract students during lessons and do not comply with examination regulations. Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to add an identifier (such as name or custom

tag) to the strap of the POSB Smart Buddy Watch, so that your child/ward can identify them if misplaced. Should the fitness tracker cause distractions to students and is used for non-intended purposes, it could be confiscated and only returned to the parents/guardians.

We would like to assure parents/guardians that there is no need for students to have access to mobile phones/smart watches while in school. If students need to reach their parents/guardians for urgent matters, and vice-versa, they should contact the General Office for help.

(c) Change in School Hours on Tuesdays

All CCAs will take place on Tuesdays. Only some Performing Arts and Sport CCAs will have their CCA on Fridays as well.

Supplementary / remedial / enrichment lessons / Foundation Mathematics / Higher Mother Tongue lessons will take place on either Monday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons. More details will be given in the First Keeping in Touch Letter at the start of 2025 Term 1.

Please refer to the schedule below for 2025 school curriculum hours.

Area	Target Group	Day(s)	Time
Curriculum Time (2025)	Primary 1 to 6	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	7.30 am to 1.30 pm
		Wednesday	7.30 am to 1.00 pm
Recess Period	Primary 1 & 4	Monday to Friday	9.00 am to 9.30 am
	Primary 2 & 5		9.30 am to 10.00 am
	Primary 3 & 6		10.00 am to 10.30 am
Snack Time	Primary 1 to 6	Monday to Friday (No snack break for P3 & P4 on Tue)	11.45 am to 12.00 pm
Lunch Time on CCA Day (2025)	Primary 3 & 4	Tuesday	12.00 pm to 12.30 pm
	Primary 5 & 6		1.00 pm to 1.30 pm

HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

1. Read for Life

As the school holidays are approaching, we would like to encourage our students to cultivate the good habit of reading during the holidays. As part of our efforts to support this, we would like our students to read at least two books from both English and Mother Tongue Languages during this December holidays.

2. Sale of School Textbooks and Uniforms during the School Holidays

Your child has received the booklist and details on book purchase this week. Online sale of uniforms has commenced on 1 November 2024 and on-site uniform sales at the school will begin on 2 December 2024. Please refer to Letter to Parents (54/2024) posted on PG on 22 October 2024 for details on the end of year uniform sales. We encourage you to make your purchases early.

3. Dental Clinic Services

The school dental clinic will not be opened during the year-end school holidays. If your child/ward requires urgent dental treatment, please call and make an appointment with the Health Promotion Board at 6435 3782 (for emergency cases only).

4. Joint Advisories for Students

For the upcoming year-end school holidays, Singapore Police Force (SPF), Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB), National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) and National Council Against Drug Abuse (NCADA) have jointly provided an advisory to remind students to stay away from crime and drug/inhalant abuse. The advisory alerts students to the dangers of online scams and advises them on how to protect themselves from becoming victims of crime.

Health Promotion Board (HPB) and Health Sciences Authority (HSA) have also jointly provided an advisory to remind parents and students that vaping is illegal, regardless of age, and that vaping is harmful and can be a gateway to cigarette smoking. The advisory also provides information on the Tobacco Act and the penalties imposed on the offences. We encourage you to share with your child/ward the information in **Annex A**.

5. Important Dates for P6 Students

If your child/ward is a P6 student, please refer to **Annex B** for details relating to the release of PSLE results and Secondary One (S1) Posting Exercise.

6. School Canteen Stall Vacancy

We would like to invite applications for the operation of a Chinese food stall in our school canteen. If you are interested to manage a canteen food stall or know of others who may be interested, please visit our website for detailed information and application guidelines. <https://www.peiyingpri.moe.edu.sg/partners/canteenvacancy/>

2025 SCHOOL OPERATING MATTERS

7. First Day of School in 2025

The first day of school for **P1** will be **Thursday, 2 January 2025** and the first day of school for **P2 to P6** students will be **Friday, 3 January 2025**. All students have to report to school latest by 7.30 am. The school has planned student well-being activities to be conducted during the first week of school. The school attire for the first week of school is PE attire, with school skirt for the girls. Students only need to bring their stationeries and water bottle to school on their first day of school.

To help our P1 students transit into the school, we would be having a different dismissal timing for them from 2 Jan to 7 Jan 2025. The timings are:

- 1P & 1R: 12.50 pm
- 1I & 1D: 1 pm
- 1E & 1W: 1.10 pm

For P1 students taking the school bus during this period, there would be some waiting time for them as the school bus could only depart from the school after P2-P5 students are dismissed according to the schedule below. We seek the understanding of parents of P1 parents on the above matter.

From 8 Jan, the P1 students would join the rest of the student population in the school's usual dismissal timing.

The dismissal timing for P2 to P6 from 3 Jan and for P1 from 8 Jan onwards will be:

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
P1 & P2	1.30 pm	1.30 pm	1.00 pm	1.30 pm	1.30 pm
P3 & P4	1.35 pm	1.35 pm	1.05 pm	1.35 pm	1.35 pm
P5 & P6	1.35 pm	1.35 pm	1.05 pm	1.35 pm	1.35 pm

On behalf of the school, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation again to all of you for partnering the school. 2024 has been a fruitful year. We invite you to view our year's progress in our e-Kaleidoscope and Parent Support Group (PSG) newsletter on the school website:

- <https://www.peiyingpri.moe.edu.sg/partners/kaleidoscope/>
- <https://www.peiyingpri.moe.edu.sg/partners/psg/newsletter/>

As the year ends, we would also like to bid farewell to a few colleagues who would be leaving us. We thank them for their valuable contributions to the school and wish them all the best in their future endeavours. They are:

- Mrs Connie Chong, School Staff Developer
- Mr Seow Teck Lam, Operation Manager
- Mrs Lim Su Yu Shallene, Teacher
- Ms Ng Zi Chun, Teacher
- Mdm Suzanah Bte Rahim, Teacher
- Ms Rajeswari, Teacher
- Mdm Rahilah, Teacher
- Ms Tan Zu Xian, Teacher

We wish all parents a good December holiday, bonding with your children! If you intend to travel during the school holidays, do make a travel declaration through the link in PG which was sent earlier. Happy holidays and stay safe! Thank you.

Your Partner-In-Education,



Mrs Peh-Wong Wei Yong
Principal

Annex B: Administrative Details for P6 students for post PSLE Matters

Date	Event	Remarks
20 Nov 2024	Release of PSLE Results	<p>P6 students will report to the school hall at 10.20 am.</p> <p>We encourage at least one parent/guardian to accompany their child/ward to school to collect their PSLE results.</p> <p>Candidates should return to schools to collect their results and for those who are unable to, they may appoint a proxy to collect on their behalf from the school by Friday, 22 November 2024. The candidate's parent/guardian can nominate the proxy by completing the Proxy Form at https://go.gov.sg/proxy-form</p>
By 3 pm on 26 Nov 2024	Submission of S1 Option Form	Please refer to the information booklet on admission to S1 2025 for more details.
Between 18 and 20 Dec 2024	Release of S1 Posting Results	<p>The posting results can be accessed through any of the following channels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Short Message Service (SMS) via a local mobile number (if provided by the applicant during the application process); - S1-IS (https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/s1-posting) using the student's Birth Certificate number / FIN, and the S1 PIN; - At the student's primary school. <p>Students can check their posted schools' websites after receiving their posting results for more information such as instructions on online purchase of books and uniforms, booklist, and the reporting details after receiving their S1 Posting Results.</p> <p>Parents on PG will also receive instructions from the posted schools from the afternoon of the day the S1 Posting results are released.</p>

*All students must be in their school uniform when they report to school to collect their PSLE Result Slips and S1 Option Form and likewise when they report to their secondary schools in person.

Useful Links for parents of P6 Students

Secondary School Open House Details	https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/open-house-for-secondary-schools-2024/
Full Subject Based Banding (SBB) - Full SBB will provide greater flexibility to the general secondary education system, with students studying different subjects at different levels.	https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/index.html
Choosing Secondary Schools & How Posting Process work - Consider your child's strengths and interests. - Discuss with your child and shortlist 6 schools in order of preference. Students will be posted based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSLE results in line with their eligible posting group • Order of school choices • Available vacancies at the selected schools 	https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/s1-posting
MOE SchoolFinder - Explore secondary schools based on their distance from your home, locations, CCAs, subjects and programmes offered.	https://go.gov.sg/secschoolfinder