

## Primary 1 Induction 2025 - FAQ

### Curriculum Matters

- **Can my child read newspaper articles or non-fiction books instead of fiction books?**

Students can read newspaper articles, non-fiction and fiction books. Parents should also encourage them to read books from other genres, e.g. fiction, expository, biographies etc. to expose your child to different types of literary texts.

- **What is the purpose of the word bank book and how can I use it to support my child?**

The word bank book is used during English lessons for your child to write down new words learnt during the lessons. Your child's English teacher will be guiding your child in using the word bank book during the lessons.

- **How is a P1 student assessed to require support for Learning Support for English (LSP) or Math (LSM)?**

The Learning Support for English (LSP) or Math (LSM) is a programme that supports students in their mastery of basic literacy and numeracy skills. The school will carry out an assessment to identify P1 students who need learning support for English and Math. The parents of these students will be notified once the students have been identified.

- **Will there be learning support programme for Mother Tongue Language?**

Learning support for Mother Tongue languages will be provided during curriculum time to build and enhance students' vocabulary and reading fluency.

- **My child will not be taking MTL in the school. What she will be doing during the lesson when the other children are having their MTL classes?**

Your child will be having Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) lessons during MTL lessons. If there are no CCE lessons, your child will be completing their schoolwork or reading their storybooks in their respective form classes during MTL lessons.

### Parent-Teacher/School Communication

- **What are the various modes or platforms for communication between me and the school/teacher? How can my child's teacher feedback to me about my child's progress. Also how often is the parent-teacher meeting? Is it in person?**

The school website and Parents Gateway (PG) will be the main platforms used to update parents. Other forms of communication on matters pertaining to individual child or class will be arranged by the respective Form and Subject Teachers. Given the wide array of communication apps and channels, the school does not insist on any specific platforms to be used by teachers or parents as long as effective communication is achieved.

The school organises an in-person Student-Led Conference once a year in April. Teachers will engage parents on a needs basis the rest of the year.

- **Will there be frequent updates on the P1s such as posting of photos?**

You may refer to our school's Instagram for updates on pictures of events.

### **School Uniform**

- **Which are the days my child needs to report in full school uniform or PE attire?**

#### **Mondays: Full Uniform with Tie**

The tie can be removed after recess. Students can change into their PE attire for physical activities e.g., PE after assembly and continue wearing them throughout the whole day.

#### **Tuesdays to Fridays: PE Attire**

### **Classroom Learning**

- **Will my child be given a list of books to bring from 3<sup>rd</sup> January onwards?**

The list of P1 books to be brought to school has been sent via Parents Gateway. Students can pack their books based on the timetable given by their form teachers on Friday, 3 January 2025.

- **Can my child leave some of his/her books in school or under the desks to reduce weight of their school bag.**

A class timetable has been given to all students. Students are not required to bring all textbooks to school every day. Students are to follow the timetable given and bring the necessary books and materials accordingly. Parents may wish to remind your child to pack his/her bag according to the timetable and also instill in them the habit of checking their student handbook for other instructions provided by the teachers.

Your child's teachers will be collecting his/her activity books and keeping them in class. A class timetable may change due to changes in staff deployment. However, this should not affect or disrupt students' learning. Your child is encouraged to bring his or her books home as their desks are also used by other students.

- **Will there be buddy system if my child needs to go toilet?**

The teachers will assign a buddy for your child if they need to go to the toilet on a needs basis.

The P1 students will have a P4 buddy assisting them to buy food from the canteen stalls during recess.

### **Dismissal**

- **Which is the pick-up gate for the various levels?**

#### **Front Gate Dismissal**

Primary 1 and 2: Gate 3 (Front gate just outside the General Office)

Primary 3 to 6: Gate 2 (Front gate next to the guard post)

#### **Back Gate Dismissal**

All Levels: Gate 5 (Opposite block 188A)

- **My child has an older sibling, does he/she wait in the canteen for the older sibling? Whilst I will tell my child to wait accordingly, how can I ensure that this process goes smoothly?**

Your child has been informed to wait for his or her sibling at a designated area in the canteen. The siblings will then leave the school together.

### **CCA Matters**

- **In what year do they start having CCAs? Do they get to choose the CCA and can they switch CCAs along the way?**

Primary 1 students will start their CCA in Term 1 Week 6. They will experience the different CCAs offered by the school throughout the year. Students at Rivervale Primary School will be able to join a CCA of their choice from Primary 2.

Thereafter, students are not encouraged to change their CCAs as the assignment of CCAs are by students' choices.

### **Student Safety, Discipline and Well-Being**

- **Is there any way we can ensure our kids receives the correct change if they buy things (food/bookshop etc) in school? Some kids might not be strong in calculation yet.**

Parents are strongly encouraged to give their child money in small denominations, teach their child to keep track of their daily expenses and count their change after purchasing the items. All students are advised to check if they have received the correct amount of change after purchasing items from the canteen or the bookshop. Students may approach the canteen vendors, bookshop staff, the administrative staff in the General Office or even their teachers if they require any assistance in this matter.

- **How much is the cost of food sold in the canteen?**

Bento set meals consisting of a main dish with vegetables and a piece of fruit are sold in the canteen for \$2.50 each. Your child may purchase other side dishes as an add-on to the bento set meal at an additional cost of \$0.60 per dish.

- **Would you advise for students to keep their wallets in their bags during lesson time or in their pocket?**
- **Where should the child's wallet be kept during PE lessons? In the pocket or school bag?**

Depending on your child's comfort level, he or she may choose to leave their wallets in their schoolbags with their bags zipped up in the classrooms. Your child may also bring his or her wallet to the PE venue and place the wallet together with their water bottles at a designated point during PE lessons.

- **On mornings when it rains heavily, will there be provisions for students if they are late? Some may encounter heavy traffic or difficulty getting transportation.**

Punctuality is expected for school and school-organised events. However, the school does take into consideration on a case-by-case basis if students have valid reasons for being late to school.

For more information, please refer to Student Handbook Pg 6 and 7 on School Rules and Regulations.

- **Where is the assembly point every morning? Where will my child report to in the morning?**

The students will report to the hall from Monday to Thursday for flag raising ceremony. On Fridays, all students will report to their classroom for flag raising ceremony before going for their CCAs.

- **What time is recess?**

Recess timing will be as follows:

Primary 1 and Primary 4 is from 9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.

Primary 2 and Primary 5 is from 9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

Primary 3 and Primary 6 is from 10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

- **How can I inform the school if my child is unwell?**

Parents can call the General Office to relay the message to the Form Teachers. They may inform the teacher via other platforms e.g. Class Dojo as communicated by the Form Teachers.

- **Can my child wear a smartwatch to school?**

Students are only allowed to wear their POSB smartwatches to school as it used to buy food from the canteen. Possession of non-compliant smart watches are not allowed in school.

For more information, please refer to Student Handbook Pg 9 on School Rules and Regulations.