

FHPS / 2024 / T1 / 001

29 December 2023

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Start of School Year 2024

1. We would like to warmly welcome all our Fuhua Gems and parents/guardians to another exciting year of learning and discovery.

2. As announced by the Ministry of Education, only P1 students will report to school on Tuesday 2nd January while the rest of the students will report on Wednesday 3rd January. Do take note that students will be dismissed from school at 11.30 am on Tuesday 2nd January (for P1) and Wednesday 3rd January (all students). Please make the necessary transport arrangements to fetch your child/ward at 11.30 am on these 2 days. For students travelling by school bus, arrangements have been made with the transport company to fetch your child/ward home after school dismissal at 11.30 am on these 2 days.

Table 1: School Hours in Week 1

| Day | School Start Time | Dismissal | Remarks |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|---|
| Tuesday 2 nd January | 7.30 am | P1 – 11.30 am | Only P1 students attend school with one parent |
| Wednesday 3 rd January | | P1 to P6 – 11.30 am | All students report to school. Dismissal gates will be as follows: P1 & P2 – Gate B |
| Thursday 4 th and Friday 5 th January | | P1 to P6 – 1.30 pm | P3 – P6: Gate A |

3. The school hours for 2024 from Monday 8th January will be as follows:

Table 2: Dismissal Arrangements for 2024

| Day | School Start Time | Dismissal | Dismissal Gate | Remarks |
|----------------|--|--|---|---|
| Monday | 7.30 am <i>Students arriving after 7.30 are considered late for school.</i> | P1 – P6: 1.30 pm | P1 & P2 – Gate B P3 – P6: Gate A | CCAs are held on Tuesdays for P3 – P6 students. |
| Tuesday | | P1 & P2: 1.30 pm P3 – P6: 3.00 pm | | |
| Wednesday | | P1 – P6: 1.30 pm | | |
| Thursday | | | | |
| Friday | | | | |

Updates on Staff Matters

4. We welcome the following staff members who will join Fuhua Primary School with effect from 2nd January 2024.

| S/N | Name | Designation |
|-----|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Mrs Christina Manuel | Vice-Principal (Academic) |
| 2 | Mdm Loy Choi Khuan | Administration Manager |
| 3 | Ms Selene Tan | School Staff Developer |
| 4 | Mrs Nisha Ibrahim | Head of Department / English Language |
| 5 | Mdm Kitha Arumugam | Tamil Language Teacher |
| 6 | Ms Najuma Banu | Tamil Language Teacher |
| 7 | Ms A Sumathi | Tamil Language Teacher |
| 8 | Mdm Li Xin | Chinese Language Teacher |
| 9 | Ms May Ng | Chinese Language Teacher |
| 10 | Ms Yeo Sok Hoon | Chinese Language Teacher |
| 11 | Ms Zhang Zhouyu | Chinese Language Teacher |
| 12 | Mr Sharif bin Samsuri | Malay Language Teacher |

5. We would also like to thank staff members who have left the school for other postings for their contributions.

| S/N | Name | Designation | Remarks |
|-----|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Mrs Cheryl Lim | Vice-Principal (Academic) | Professional Development Leave |
| 2 | Mdm Ong Sook Yen | Head of Department / Pastoral Care & Career Guidance | Professional Development Leave |
| 3 | Ms Joyce Lian | Head of Department / Infocomm Technology | Posted to MOE HQ |
| 4 | Mrs Angie Poh | School Staff Developer | Posted to another School |
| 5 | Mdm Azizah bte Nawer | Teacher | Posted to another School |
| 6 | Mrs Nicola Ho | Teacher | Posted to another School |
| 7 | Mr Iszehir bin Ismail | Teacher | Posted to another School |
| 8 | Mr John Low | Teacher | Posted to another School |
| 9 | Ms Mardiana Mahat | Teacher | Posted to another School |
| 10 | Ms Ong Ming Sei | Teacher | Posted to another School |
| 11 | Ms Tan Hui Yik Mavis | Teacher | No-Pay Leave |
| 12 | Ms Zhou Yu | Teacher | No-Pay Leave |

Partnership with Parents/Guardians

6. All parents/guardians are strongly urged to download and sign up for Parents Gateway through the Google Playstore or App Store. This portal will be the main communication channel between the school and parents.

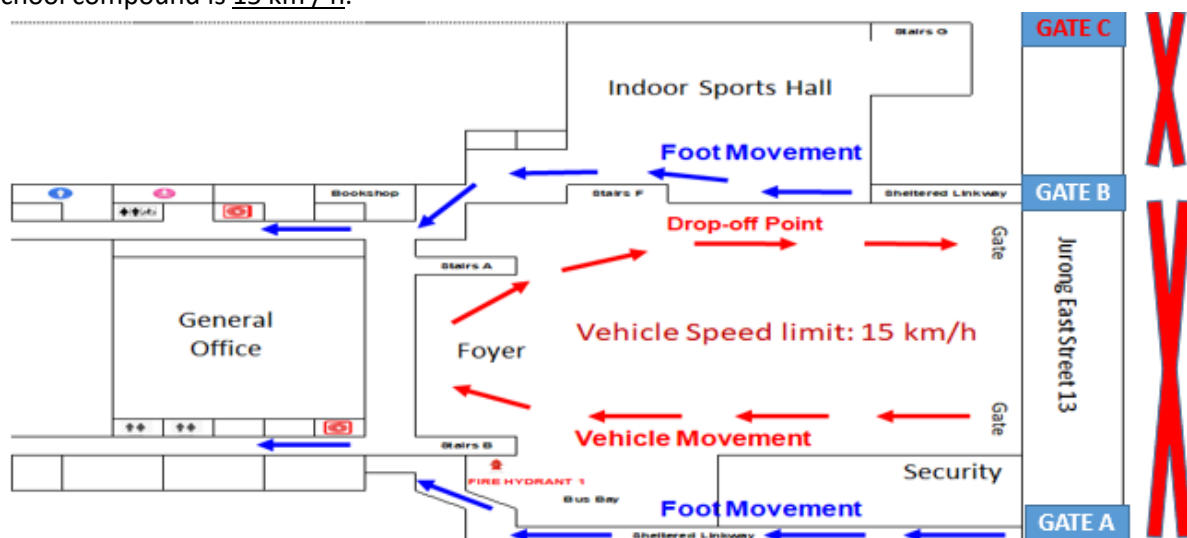
7. You may also want to follow MOE's Instagram account, @parentingwith.moesg. The account shares tips and MOE resources, celebrates the ups and downs of the parenting journey, and seeks to hope and inspire parents through shared experiences.
8. We would also like to draw your attention to our Instagram account @fuhuapri. The account will give you a sneak peek into the activities at our school.
9. We seek your understanding that communication and engagement with staff is within school hours from 7.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. during the school term. You may communicate with your child's/ward's teacher via email, write a message in your child's/ward's student organiser or leave a message at the General Office.
10. Appointments for face-to-face meetings with staff should be made at least 3 days in advance to avoid disappointments and to minimize disruption to their schedule.
11. As a general guide to response time to ensure that queries are well-addressed, we will follow the guidelines below:
 - 3 working days (general query)
 - 7 working days (query requires some investigation)
 - 21 working days (query with complexities)

Networking for School (N4S)

12. We would like to welcome parents/guardians who wish to volunteer your expertise and experience to the holistic education of our students to be part of our Parent Support Group, N4S. You can find out more about our N4S at <https://www.facebook.com/fhpsn4s/> and <https://fuhuapri.moe.edu.sg/our-stakeholders/networking-for-school-n-parent-support-group>.

Safety Matters – Speed Limit, Pedestrian and Vehicular Movement in School Compound

13. Parents/guardians who are driving in to drop off your children/wards are to note the vehicular movement highlighted in red in the diagram below. Please note that the speed limit in the school compound is 15 km / h.



14. If you are driving your children/wards to school, please prepare your children/wards to alight quickly at the drop-off point to avoid congestion outside the school.

15. Parents/guardians should not drop off their children/wards outside the school at the areas marked 'X'. Due to their small stature, the children may not be visible to other drivers.

16. Parents/guardians are urged to use the pedestrian crossings near the school and remind your children/wards to use them as well for a safe journey to and from school. Let us be good role models to our children by observing safe road habits.

Photographs / Videos of Students

17. The school will occasionally take photographs or videos of students to publicise school activities or competitions that students have participated in. These will be used on the school's website, Instagram account, Facebook account and school e-yearbook. If you do not wish your child/ward to be featured in these materials, please inform the school via your child's/ward's Form Teacher.

Canteen Food Prices

18. We have a variety of stalls in the canteen that sell set meals priced at \$2.30 or \$2.50. The meal may cost more if students ask for additional dishes. There is an increase in meal prices for 2024. Our vendors have kept to the meal prices based on MOE guidelines. Cashless payment is available at the stalls.

19. Canteen vendors at Fuhua Primary School adhere to the Healthy Meals in Schools Programme (HMSP). More information on the HMSP can be found at <https://www.hpb.gov.sg/schools/school-programmes/healthy-meals-in-schools-programme> .

20. You may refer to the stall menus at our website <https://fuhuapri.moe.edu.sg/general-information/resources-for-parents/canteen-menu> .

Daily School Bus Transport

21. As communicated via Parents Gateway on 6 October 2023, the school has appointed a new vendor for daily school bus services from 1 Jan 2024.

22. You may contact the appointed vendor, Newgen Transport Services Pte Ltd at operation@newgentpt.com .

Developing a Reading Culture

23. At Fuhua Primary School, we strive to develop our students into avid readers. Reading books has been found to support students in several ways, such as, improved cognitive development, better language skills, increased concentration and discipline, improved creativity and imagination, among others.

24. As such, we will require all students to bring along either an English Language or a Mother Tongue Language story book to school daily. Students will be engaged in reading before the start of the morning assembly at 7.30 am. Students who do not have a book with them will be asked to borrow a book from the school Library so that they may join their classmates during reading sessions. We hope that you can support us by ensuring that your child/ward comes to school with a story book daily.

Daily Commuters between Johor Bahru and Singapore

26. If your child/ward is living in Johor Bahru (JB) and commuting daily between JB and Singapore, you are advised to make contingency arrangements in the event of transport disruptions.

27. You are advised to appoint a Singapore guardian who can look into the care arrangements should unforeseen situations arise. To maintain accurate school records, the school should be updated when there are changes to such arrangements.

Students with Medical Conditions

28. Students who have medical conditions, such as asthma, must bring their personal medication with them to school. The medication must be clearly labelled with the child's/ward's name and class. Do ensure that the medication is not expired, and your child / ward knows how to administer the medication himself / herself.

29. Please inform the school immediately if your child / ward has a medical condition. This will allow teachers to monitor the students' well-being.

Temperature-Taking Exercise

30. A temperature-taking exercise will be held on Wednesday 10th January. This exercise will allow students to be prepared to take their temperature during pandemics.

31. Please ensure that your child / ward has a working thermometer to be brought to school on that day. P1 students will receive a thermometer on the first day of school.

Student Absence from School

32. Students are expected to be in school punctually on all school days for optimal learning and development. If students are unwell, they should exercise social responsibility and stay away from school till they are well.

33. Absence from school must be covered by a medical certificate issued by a doctor if the student is unwell. You may write a letter to inform teachers of the absence of your child / ward. Do note that **we will only accept up to 5 parents' letters** per child per semester for absence from school.



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Cashless Payments for Fees and Enrichment Programmes

34. We would like to invite you to sign up for GIRO payments for your child'/ward's monthly fees and enrichment programmes, if you have not done so.

35. You need only to complete a simple FormSG available at MOE's website <https://www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/fees> . If you have accounts with banks that are not listed on the website, you may request for a GIRO form from us. Please call us at 65624370 for assistance.

Term 1 Calendar 2024

36. We are pleased to provide you with our school calendar for Term 1 2024 for your reference. Please refer to the attachment titled 'Fuhua Primary School T1 Calendar 2024' in this PG message.

37. The Assessment Calendar will be shared separately in mid-January 2024.

38. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy New Year.

Partnering you,

Mr Ganesan Raman

Principal

<sent via Parents Gateway>