Primary 6 Parents Briefing Wed, 13 Jan 2021



Programme

- 1. PSLE 2021
- 2. Direct School Admission for Secondary school
- 3. Curriculum and Assessment
- 4. P6 Level Key Events
- 5. Motivation, Self-Management & Well-Being



PSLE 2021



STANDARD LEVEL SUBJECT GRADES

Reflects a student's individual level of achievement

Students' AL for each subject will reflect their level of achievement, rather than how they have performed relative to their peers.

AL	RAW MARK RANGE
1	≥ 90
2	85 – 89
3	80 – 84
4	75 – 79
5	65 – 74
6	45 – 64
7	20 – 44
8	< 20



FOUNDATION LEVEL SUBJECT GRADES

- Under the new AL system, Foundation subject grades will be graded in 3 scoring bands from AL A to C.
- Like Standard subject ALs, the Foundation subject ALs will reflect a student's level of achievement, rather than how they have performed relative to their peers.

Foundation Level AL Reflected on Result Slip	Foundation Raw Mark Range
Α	75 – 100
В	30 – 74
С	< 30



SCORING OF SUBJECTS FOR S1 POSTING

- A student's PSLE Score is the sum of the four AL scores across his/her Standard and Foundation subjects.
- Students taking Foundation subjects are eligible for the Express Course, as long as they meet the course placement criteria.
- With Full Subject-based Banding in secondary schools, students may also take subjects at a higher level for those that they are strong in.

ENGLISH	AL3
FOUNDATION MOTHER TONGUE	ALB
FOUNDATION MATHEMATICS	ALB
SCIENCE	AL5
PSLE SCORE	: 22

PLACEMENT OUTCOME	PSLE SCORE
EXPRESS	4 – 20
EXPRESS / N(A) option	21 – 22
N(A)	23 – 24
N(A) / N(T) option	25
N(T)	26 – 30, with AL7 or better in both EL <u>and</u> MA



CHOOSING A SUITABLE SECONDARY SCHOOL





DISCUSS WITH YOUR CHILD

- Consider your child's learning style, strengths and interests when making school choices in order to find a school that would help the child learn and thrive best.
- Discuss the options with the child, with the following considerations:
 - Values: What is the school's culture and ethos?
 - Learning environment: Is the school's learning environment right for the child?
 - Distinctive programmes and CCAs: Can the school support and develop the child's interests?
 - Location: Is it too far from home? How will the child get to school?



RESOURCES

- MOE SchoolFinder tool More information on secondary schools can be found here, on school websites and in the Secondary 1 information booklet given to students in Primary 6.
- Open Houses Secondary schools also hold open houses where you and your child can learn more about the school's programmes, and speak with teachers and students.
- Indicative cut-off points ranges for different school types
 - The indicative AL COPs ranges for school types can be used as reference point.
 - MOE will be providing indicative AL COPs for secondary schools in 1H/2021, based on the data from 2020 S1 posting exercise.
 - The actual cut-off points may differ, depending on how students exercise their choices that year.

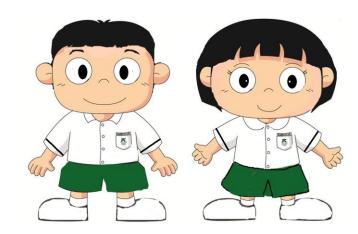




CHOICE ORDER OF SCHOOLS WILL MATTER MORE

- Students will continue to be posted to a secondary school based on academic merit i.e. overall PSLE score.
- If two or more students with the same PSLE Score vie for the last remaining place in a school, tie-breakers will be used in the following order:
 - 1. CITIZENSHIP
 - 2. CHOICE ORDER OF SCHOOLS (NEW for 2021 PSLE cohort onwards)
 - 3. COMPUTERISED BALLOTING

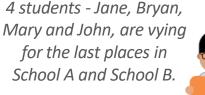




EXAMPLE:

Jane Singapore Citizen **Bryan** Singapore Citizen **Mary** Singapore Citizen

John Singapore PR

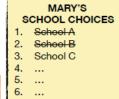




BRYAN'S
SCHOOL CHOICES

1. School B
2. School A
3. ...
4. ...
5. ...
6. ...







JOHN'S
SCHOOL CHOICES

1. School A
2. School B
3. School D
4. ...
5. ...
6. ...

Students with better scores will be posted first Jane will be posted first as she has a better PSLE score, and will be posted to School A.

As Jane has taken that last place in School A, Bryan, Mary and John, having the same PSLE score, will vie for the last available place in School B.

Tie-breaker 1: Citizenship

Bryan and Mary are Singapore Citizens and will have a priority to enter School B.

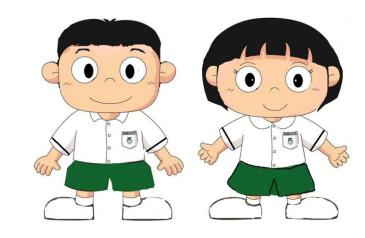
John will be tiebroken out as he is a Permanent Resident. With no places in School B, <u>John will</u> <u>be considered for</u> School D.

<u>Tie-breaker 2</u>: Choice order of schools

<u>Tie-breaker 3:</u> Computerised balloting As Bryan ranked School B higher than Mary in his choice order of secondary schools, he will be posted to School B.

Since the last place of School B is taken by Bryan, Mary will be considered for School C.





- To further familiarise the first batch of students and parents with the new PSLE 2021 scoring system, MOE is providing more information on indicative AL COP ranges for different school types, generated based on data from the 2019 S1 Posting Exercise.
- Similar to the current T-score system, the AL COP for a school may vary from year to year, depending on students' PSLE results and their school choices for that year's S1 Posting Exercise.
- Information on individual secondary schools' indicative AL COPs will be released in first half of 2021. These AL COPs will be derived from the PSLE Scores and choice patterns of the 2020 S1 Posting Exercise.



Government & Government-aided Schools

These schools are the mainstay of our education system, and offer high-quality education at standardised fees. These schools offer a range of electives, applied subjects and student development programmes.

Course	Indicative AL COP range for 2019 PSLE
Express (Integrated Programme (IP))	7 – 9
Express (O-level)	8 – 22
N(A)	22 – 25
N(T)	26 – 30



Autonomous Schools

These schools are Government or Government-aided schools that provide a wider range of programmes that seek to enhance students' learning experiences and develop their talents.

Course	Indicative AL COP range for 2019 PSLE
Express (IP)	7 – 9
Express (O-level)	8 – 16
N(A)	22 – 25
N(T)	26 – 29

Independent schools

These schools have the autonomy to develop their curriculum and programmes to cater to their students' diverse learning needs.

5	Course	Indicative AL COP range for 2019 PSLE
) h	Express (IP)	68
	Express (O-level)	8 – 10



Direct school admission for secondary school (DSA-SEC)



Entering a Secondary School



PSLE / S1 Posting Process

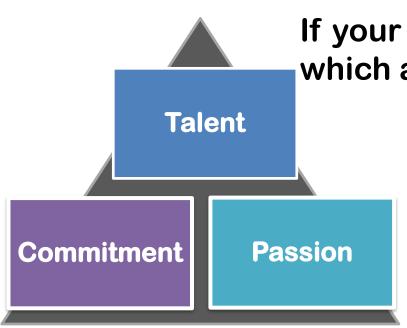
- Based on a student's PSLE score
- Most students enter secondary schools this way

DSA - Sec

- Based on a diverse range of talents and achievements in specific academic subjects or non-academic areas, beyond what the PSLE recognises
- Allows students to access school programmes to develop their talents



Is the DSA-Sec right for my child?



If your child has specific talents which a school offers the DSA-Sec in

And is passionate about and committed to developing his/her strengths and interests

DSA-Sec can support his/her development in that talent area.



- Look for a school with programmes that match your child's strengths and interests
 - Schools are looking out for students whose interests and talents they can develop further.
 - Learn more about the secondary school's pace of learning and overall range of programmes
- Get the latest information about what each school offers by:
 - Visiting schools' websites
 - Attending schools' Open Houses to also experience their environments and cultures
 - Visiting the MOE's DSA-Sec website



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What is the timeline DSA-Sec?

Apply for DSA-Sec Hank your offers, if you receive offers from multiple schools

June - August Late-November

May - June Late-October

Shortlisting and selection by secondary schools. Each secondary school has different selection criteria for its categories and programmes. Schools will inform you of the selection outcome by Aug.

You will know whether you have been allocated to a school through the DSA-Sec, at the same time you receive your PSLE results.



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Search Schools by Criteria

Search Schools by Name

View School Directory

Select level of education

Displays list of schools based on the criteria vou have selected

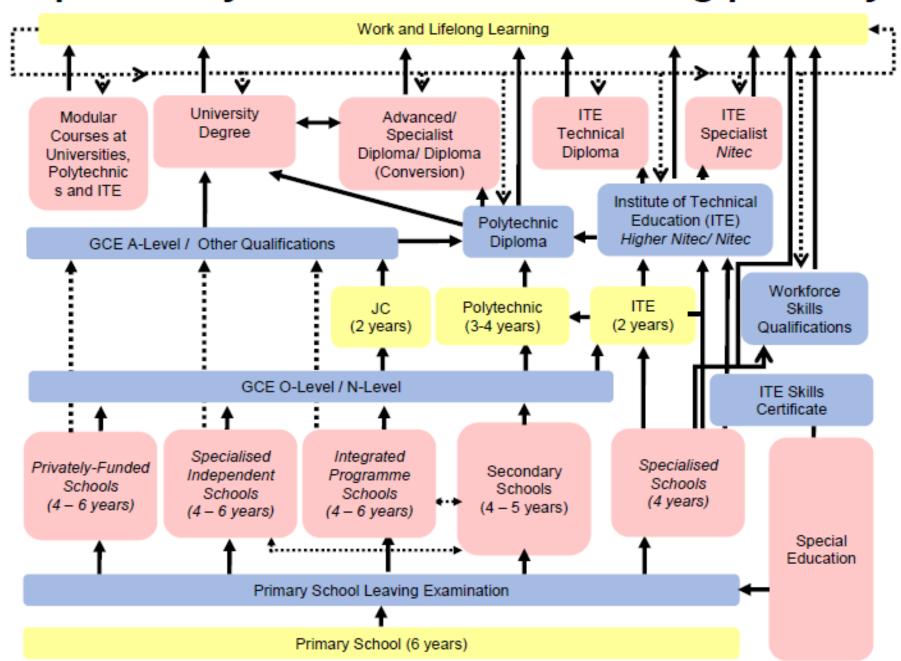
Displays list of schools you have selected

Displays schools' contact information

Select a school

View School Details

Map of today's education and training pathways



CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT



Curriculum and School Assessment (P6)

Assessment	Weightings	Dates
CA1	100	 Written: 25 - 26 Feb & 01 – 03 Mar
MYE	100	Oral: 26 -28 AprWritten: 10 -11 May & 17 - 19 May
Prelim	100	 Oral: 29 – 30 Jul Listening Comprehension: 03 – 04 Aug Written: 19 - 25 Aug



2021 PSLE Dates (Tentative)

PSLE	Tentative Dates
Registration	Mon, 08 Mar– Wed, 24 Mar
Oral	Thu, 12 Aug – Fri, 13 Aug
Listening Comprehension	Fri, 17 Sep
Written Examination	Thu, 30 Sep – Wed, 06 Oct



ENGLISH LANGUAGE



Primary 6 Assessment – Standard English Language

Component	Marks	Weightage
Listening Comprehension (LC)	20	10%
Oral (Reading Aloud + Stimulus-based Conversation)	30	15%
Paper 1 (Composition)	55	27.5%
Paper 2 (Language Use)	95	47.5%



Primary 6 Assessment – Foundation English Language

Component	Marks	Weightage
Listening Comprehension (LC)	20	13.3%
Oral (Reading Aloud + Stimulus-based Conversation)	30	20%
Paper 1 (Composition)	40	26.7%
Paper 2 (Language Use)	60	40%



English Language Assessment Focus

Examination Components	Key Assessment Focus
Paper 1: Writing	 Continuous Writing: Writing (story or expository) based on the given theme and at least 1 of the 3 random pictures provided.
	 Situational Writing: Addressing all bulleted points listed with clear and concise language to show Context, Audience and Purpose.



English Language Assessment Focus

Examination Components	Key Assessment Focus
Paper 3: Listening Comprehension	 Listening for detail and comprehension. Graphic options are given for the first 4 of <u>20 questions</u> so as to allow for the assessment of listening for a wider variety of purposes.
Paper 4: Oral	 Reading Aloud – Based on pronunciation/articulation, fluency and expressiveness. Stimulus-based Conversation – Examiners engage the candidate in a conversation – with accurate grammar and vocabulary structures – on a theme broadly related to the passage and picture. The candidate is assessed on his/her ability to engage in a sustained conversation.



General Areas of Weakness

- Grammar & Vocabulary
- Comprehension Open-ended (OE)
- Transformation & Synthesis
- Continuous Writing



TIPS FOR PARENTS: READING & SPEAKING

- Model the use of Standard English when communicating with him/ her. Do not attempt to correct their mistakes by repeating their mistakes. Model the right language instead.
- Read and write notes/messages in front of your child.
 Let them have ample writing opportunities as well.
- In addition to doing worksheets and assessment books, English language learning requires frequent exposure to listening, speaking, reading and writing opportunities and activities.

TIPS FOR PARENTS: WRITING

- Time management With only 1hr 10min in the PSLE to complete both Situational and Continuous writing, it is important to manage time well.
- Encourage your child to jot down good vocabulary/phrases and apply them in their writing.





MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGES



Approach

Vision, Mission

Mastery of the 4 Macro Skills

Listening

Speaking

Interactive

Speaking

Reading

Writing

Interactive

Language Use

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Writing



Vocabulary

Grammar

Reading with Understanding

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Primary 6 Assessment – Standard Mother Tongue Languages

Component	Marks	Weightage
Listening Comprehension (LC)	20	10%
Oral	50	25%
(Reading Passage + Conversation)		
Paper 1 (Composition)	40	20%
Paper 2 (Language Use)	90	45%



Primary 6 Assessment – Higher Mother Tongue Languages

Component	Marks	Weightage
Paper 1 (Composition)	40	40%
Paper 2 (Language Use)	60	60%



Primary 6 Assessment – Foundation Mother Tongue Languages

Component	Marks	Weightage
Listening Comprehension (LC)	30	30%
Oral	55	55%
(Reading Passage + Conversation)		
Paper 1 (Language Use)	15	15%

Good habits to build up MTL @ P6

- Use MTL to converse daily.
- Note down good phrases when reading storybooks. These can be used in composition writing.
- Revise daily on new vocabulary taught and set aside time to revise on Pri 5 vocabulary.
- Read more MTL books and MTL textbooks. This will help students' in their understanding of the MTL words.



Working in Partnership with Parents

- Show interest in your child's MTL learning experiences and encourage him or her to share them with you. This will not only help reinforce what he or she has learnt, but also creates a good opportunity for family bonding.
- Use online resources to revisit content and vocabulary taught.
 Making use of online platform to build their reading.
- Bring your child to the library or bookshops to cultivate a reading habit.
- Watch quality Chinese, Malay or Tamil language television programmes together.
- Make use of objects in your environment such as road signs and advertisements to engage your child in MTL conversations.

MATHEMATICS



Pointers to note:

Important for Primary 6 students to:	Parent(s) can help to encourage your child to:
 Be clear of all topics, in particular these: Fractions & Decimals Percentage Ratio Understand what the word problem is testing and using the most appropriate method (heuristic) Mental Calculations: Accurate and fast Use of thinking skills and methods (heuristics) to solve problems Application of topics taught 	 Revise what is learnt daily Complete daily homework to the best of his effort Clarify with his Math teacher when in doubt Revise multiplication tables regularly Work on mental calculations regularly by adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing mentally



Content and Processes

Important for Primary 6 students to:	Parent(s) can help to encourage your child to:
 Know the mathematical vocabulary e.g. <i>ratio, fractions, decimals</i> Use of thinking skills and methods (heuristics) to solve problems 	 Ensure daily revision of what is learnt and completes daily homework Go through their written assignments (and Math Ex Bk) and work with your child on feedback given by teacher
Application of topics taught	 Encourage child to clarify with Math teacher when in doubt

Mathematics

Format and Rigor of assessment	What is expected of your child
P6 Standard Math Assessment	 Paper 1: 45 marks (1 hour) Paper 2: 55 marks (1.5 hour) Use of calculator for Paper 2 only
P6 Foundation Math Assessment	 Paper 1: 40 marks (1 hour) Paper 2: 50 marks (1 hour) Use of calculator for Paper 2 only



Tips for Parents

- Child should not be imposed to only one method of solving problems
- Encourage child to think of another method when faces with difficulty
- Monitor child's level of dependence on calculator which may hamper the speed and accuracy of calculations in Paper 1
- Pace revision for PSLE preparation



SCIENCE



Science Syllabus

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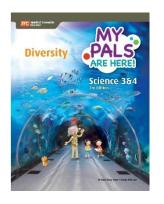
P3: Diversity, Systems, Interactions

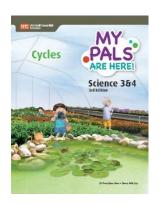
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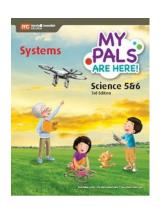
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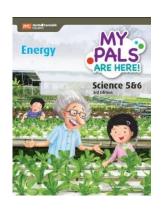
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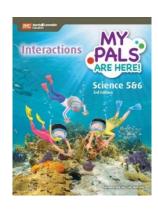
P6: Energy, Interactions













P6 Standard Science Topics

Energy

- 1. Energy in Food
- 2. Forms and Uses of Energy
- 3. Sources of Energy

<u>Interactions</u>

- 4. Forces
- 5. Living Together
- Food Chains and Food Webs
- 7. Adaptations
- 8. Man's Impact on His Environment

P6 Standard Science Exam Format

Booklet	Item Type	Number of Questions	Marks
Α	Multiple- choice	28	56
В	Open-ended	12 to 13	44
		Total Marks	100

The duration of the paper is 1 hour 45 minutes.

P6 Foundation Science Topics

Energy

1. Energy from the Sun

Interactions

- 2. Forces
- 3. Living Together
- 4. Food Chains
- 5. Adaptations
- 6. Man's Impact on His Environment



P6 Foundation Science Exam Format

Booklet	Item Type	Number of Questions	Marks
Α	Multiple- choice	18	36
В	Structured	6 to 7	14
	Open-ended	5 to 6	20
		Total Marks	70

The duration of the paper is 1 hour 15 minutes.

Tips for Parents

- Spend time with child
 - use everyday situations to stimulate curiosity
 - bring child to places of interests for varied learning opportunities
- Encourage child to read
 - magazines or non-fiction books related to Science to increase knowledge and improve communication skills
- Understand different strategies child adopts
 - some learn by reading Science books and notes (aloud or silently)
 - some learn by making own notes (concept maps, graphic organisers, etc.)
 - support child in doing scientific investigations

Tips for Students

- Learn spelling of key words
- Understand key concepts
- Revise (read, understand, do) textbooks, workbooks, booklets/worksheets, and Science Journals (P3 to P6)
- Improve answering techniques answers must be based on scientific concepts
- Practice answering techniques such as Claim-Evidence-Reasoning (CER) taught by teachers
- Take a more hands-on approach
- Ask when in doubt



More Challenging Science Topics

Students would need to spend more time to understand and revise these topics:

- Magnets and Their Characteristics (P3)
- Light and Shadows (P4)
- Heat and Temperature (P4)
- The Water Cycle (P5)



P6 LEVEL KEY PROGRAMME



P6 Level Key Programmes

Term 1

- Class Bonding Activities
- Continual Assessment
- Prize Giving Ceremony
- Education and Career Guidance (ECG) Programme – My skills portal
- Secondary School Series
- Growing Years Programme

Term 2

- Mid-Year Examination
- Motivation and Study Skills Series









P6 Level Key Programmes

Term 3

- Prelim
- PSLE Oral

Term 4

- PSLE Listening
- PSLE Written Papers
- Post PSLE Activities
 - Intra-Class Games
 - Coding
 - Learning Journeys
 - ePW (Environmental Project Work)
 - _ P6 Graduation /Art Exhibition







P6 Supplementary Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
First session (2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.)	P6 MA/SC/FMA	P6 EL/MA/FEL	P6 EL/SC
Second session (3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.)	P6 MTL/FMTL	P6 EL/FSC	

- To start on Mon, 18 Jan 2021.
- Consent Forms to be sent out this week
- To be returned to Form Teachers by Fri, 15 Jan 2021

P6 Important Dates 2021

Supplementary Lessons 8.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

June Holidays	23 - 25 Jun
September Holidays	08 - 10 Sep



Motivation, Self-Management & Well-Being



Guiding towards Effective Motivation & Self-Management

- Have a talk with your child about his/her goals or dreams (e.g. Choice of Secondary School, pursuing a sport/hobby/occupation)
- Discuss the reasons for the choice of the goals or dreams
- Explore <u>together</u> the ways to get to his/her goals
- Work out a plan of action with a time line towards the goals

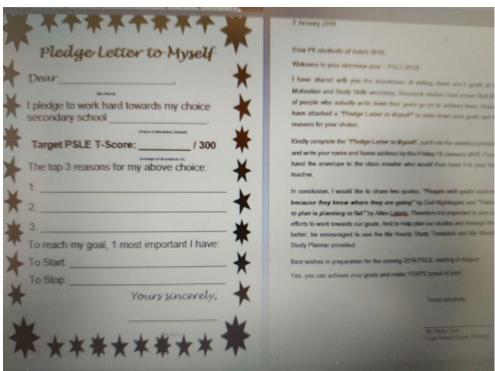


An example for Self-Motivation

"Write Down Goals"

- Helps to commit one towards his/her goals
- Provides clarity of purpose and direction in life

Figure: P6 Pledge Letter to Myself





An example for SelfManagement "Work out a weekly time-table planner"

- Write down weekly learning goals by subjects
- Plan for efficient use of time

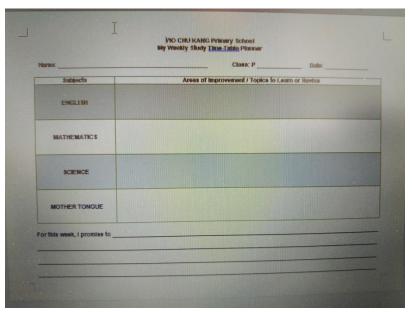
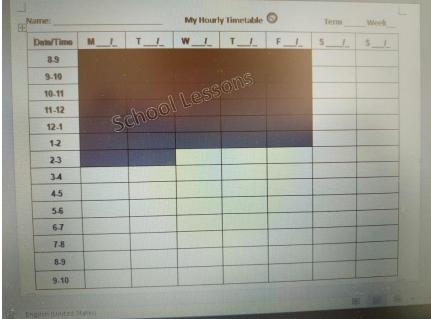


Figure: Sample of weekly time-table planner





Sleep

- Regular hours and sufficient sleep necessary for healthy growth of children
- "No Screen Time"- 1 hour before bedtime because brain would be too active and quality of sleep affected



Breakfast

Most important meal of the day for children with growing bodies and minds

May come early to school canteen for

breakfast before 7.15am







Limit Use of Electronic Gadgets

- Excessive use of electronic gadgets is <u>addictive</u>
- Regulate use (No. of hrs/time of the day/fulfilment of conditions) or total withdrawal of usage



Example: Limit use of Electronic Gadgets





Bonding Time with Children

- Research has shown that healthy parentchildren relationships leads to adults who regulate emotions effectively, manage stress, be more capable of problem solving and have higher self-esteem
- We have a happy child in the end
- Spend time now before they go to secondary school



Setting Learning Expectations

Regular Attendance & Punctual for School

- Learning is affected if children are absent regularly for school because of gaps in learning
- Being punctual for school sets the learning tone for children
- Teach children the value of responsibility by reporting to school on time by 7.30am



Setting Learning Expectations

Checking and Monitoring of Learning

- Set a practice at home for children to show parents periodically their homework progress
- Ask regularly to see/sign tests or examination papers
- "Children take the cue from parents on the importance of academic studies"



Setting Learning Expectations

Parents and teachers communicate to children as one voice

- Collaborative partnership between parents and teachers for the children's development
- Common communication methods via student handbook and telephone call
- Positive affirmation and encouragement with corrective actions and consistent messaging to children

Four fundamental shifts in the world of learning and work ...

1. From knowledge to skills

2. From frontloading to lifelong learning

3. From classroom to both classroom and workplace

4. From fixed to growth mindset



Modes of Communications

Regular Feedback and Communication

- Parents Briefing, Meet-The-Parents, 1 1 Meet Up sessions
- Student Handbook
- Email
- Telephone
- Parent's Gateway (PG) App Sch/MOE
- ClassDojo App Teachers
- School Circulars / Letters



THANK YOU!





