



OPERA ESTATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Updates: 1/2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are thrilled to welcome our students back to school and are equally excited to have our 2024 P1 students join the OEPS family!

1. Vision, Mission and Values

As shared with you last year in our letter “Updates 10/2023” on 31 October, the school’s new Vision “Confident Learners, Caring Contributors” aims to nurture our students to be creative, self-directed and be committed to contribute to the community.

Our new Mission “**To empower every OPERA Gem to drive meaningful impact and be ready for the future**” emphasises on our dedication to provide a holistic education that equips students with the skills, knowledge and values necessary to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Values form the core of one’s character. Our new school values are presented in the acronym “**R²IGHT**” which stands for “**Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Gratitude, Humility and Itenacity”. We aim to create opportunities to learn and meaningfully apply these values to form a strong sense of identity and to make good choices within various contexts.**

We look forward to collaborating with you as partners-in-education to provide an enriching holistic learning experience for our students.

2. Communication to parents

The school seeks to work closely with our parents/guardians for the holistic well-being of our students. Besides the monthly updates from the school and termly letters on level programmes from the Year Heads, the other official modes of communications with parents include:

- School phone (General Office: Tel: 6241 0417)
- School email (Email: oepe@moe.edu.sg)
- Parents Gateway (PG)
- Class Dojo
- Pupils’ Diary

While we place emphasis on working with parents for our students' holistic education, we are also mindful in balancing with our staff's core professional duties, particularly in teaching and learning. We seek your understanding on the following:

- Communicate and engage with teachers within school hours (7.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.), on weekdays during school terms.
- Teachers are not expected to respond to parents' and students' queries after school hours, during the weekends and school holidays. They are also not expected to provide their personal mobile numbers to parents / students.
- Urgent messages to teachers may be directed to the school's General Office, should the teachers be in class and are uncontactable during school hours.
- Appointments for face-to-face meetings with teachers should be made in advance. Parents should email the teachers or contact the General Office at least 3 days in advance, to minimise disruptions to their teaching duties.
- Form Teachers and Subject Teachers will use ClassDojo to communicate with parents. The invites to parents to be onboard ClassDojo will be issued by the first week of school.
- Do remember to download PG as the school will upload termly and monthly letters for your acknowledgement and consent in this application.

3. Staff Updates

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to the following staff who has joined the school.

Name of Staff	Appointment
Mr Chng Siew Chye	Vice Principal (Administration)
Mr Adnan Omar	HOD PE & CCA
Ms Nor Murniyanti	Teacher
Ms Debbie Ng Siew Khim	Administration Manager

We would also like to bid farewell to the following staff and wish them all the best in their future endeavours:

Name of Staff	Appointment
Mr Andrew Chong	HOD English Language
Mdm Angeline Png Lee Hua	Teacher
Mr Shamsudin Bin Tani	Operations Support Officer

4. P6 Graduating Cohort 2023

Congratulations to our P6/2023 cohort! We would like to express our appreciation to the teachers for their commitment and dedication and to the parents for their partnership the last 6 years.

We wish all P6 OEPS graduates all the best in their next phase of their journey of learning!

5. Parents' Briefing & Form Teacher Interaction for P1 to P6

As mentioned, we look forward to a collaborative partnership with you to enable our children to develop holistically. We believe that parental involvement and care about your child's/ward's education are key to his/her holistic development.

We will be having a Parents' Briefing and Form Teacher Interaction session on **17 January, Wednesday**. The sessions for P1-P5 levels will be conducted via Zoom, and the session for P6 will be face-to-face. The details are shown in the table below.

For you to have a better understanding of the OEPS school experience, curriculum and how to support your child's/ward's development as he/she journeys in primary school, we will also be sharing the Principal's address and curriculum slides on our school website for your reference. You may access these information from the school website from **15 January, Monday for P1-P5**.

Date	Level	Time	Programme Details	Meeting Details	Remarks
17 Jan (Wed)	P1 P2 P3	1.30p.m. to 2.30p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Form Teachers' Interaction	Zoom (The Zoom meeting details will be sent via Parents Gateway on 16 January.)	
	P4	2.30p.m. to 3.30p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Subject-Based Banding BriefingForm Teachers' Interaction		
	P5	2.30p.m. to 3.30p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PSLE BriefingForm Teachers' Interaction		
	P6	1.30p.m. to 3.00p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Principal's AddressPSLE Briefing by Year Head (UP)Form Teachers' Interaction	Face-to-Face	Parents are allowed to drive into school premises only after 1pm. Please note that parking lots are limited.

6. School Operation Matters

a) Daily items to bring to school

You can remind your child to include the following items in their school bag daily:

- OEPS Pupil's Diary 2024 (given on first day of school)
- Stationeries & coloured pencils
- School homework file

- A storybook (refer to table below)
- Water bottle
- \$3 pocket money for recess
- Healthy, light snacks for snack break

b) Storybooks for Daily Reading

To inculcate in students good reading habits, we seek your support to ensure your child brings a storybook daily.

Monday & Tuesday	Mother Tongue storybook
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	English storybook

c) Temperature-Taking Exercise on 10 January

The temperature-taking aims to educate students on taking personal responsibility for their own health and practising social responsibility. Students are to bring their oral thermometers on **10 January, Wednesday**, for this exercise.

d) Exercising Social Responsibility

We seek parents' support to keep school a safe environment for students.

If your child is unwell, please ensure that he/she stays at home and seeks medical attention if necessary. If your child is recovering from respiratory-related illnesses, please encourage him/her to exercise social responsibility (e.g., by wearing a mask, minimising social interactions with big groups). Do inform the school if your child/ward has a positive ART result.

If your child has gone for vaccination, please inform the Form Teacher. Your child will be excused for two weeks from strenuous physical activities after each vaccination. All PE teachers will also check in with students before the start of the PE lessons.

We appreciate your support and will continue to work with you closely. Let us all do our part to exercise personal and social responsibility and stay safe.

e) School Smart Card Photo-taking (Primary 1 and Primary 6)

MOE will be conducting the yearly photo-taking exercise for all students in Primary One (P1) and Primary Six (P6) for the purpose of generating the School Smart Card (SSC). The SSC serves as the student's identification card and can be used for concessionary travel on public transport and to borrow library books from the National Library Board and the school's library, amongst other usage.

The photo-taking session for our school is scheduled on **19 January, Friday**. Following the photo-taking, P1 students will get their SSCs by mid-March 2024, while the photos for P6 students will be used for the printing of Secondary SSCs when they are promoted to Secondary One in 2025. For P1 students, while pending the receipt of the SSCs, students can continue to use the Child Concession Card for free travel on public transport until 30 April 2024.

All P1 and P6 students are required to be dressed in their school uniform for the photo-taking session. For those wearing the previous uniform, you are required to be dressed in shirt/blouse with shorts/skirt. If he/she has PE lessons on that day, he/she can change before the photo shoot.

If your child/ward is unable to attend the photo-taking session, the school will either arrange for him/her to have his/her photo taken on another day or request the parent/guardian to submit a softcopy photo to the school.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact oepe@moe.edu.sg.

f) Group Personal Accident (“GPA”) Insurance with NTUC Income

MOE has partnered with NTUC Income which offers GPA insurance for primary school, secondary school and junior college students.

All student accident insurance claims submission is to be submitted electronically. Parents/students are to submit their claims online and check the claims status through the online portal (<https://studentgpa.incomegroupins.com.sg>). You may refer to the attached “Product Fact Sheet Year 2024” for information on the coverage, claims process and other details pertaining to the GPA Insurance Plan for students. Alternatively, you may visit NTUC’s website at <https://www.income.com.sg/studentgpa>.

g) OEPS Privacy Policy

All photographs/videos of students/parents taken at all school events/ competitions by the school may be published on the school’s official communication channels (e.g. newsletters, school website or similar platforms) and may be used for briefings, workshops and other educational purposes.

The school may occasionally publish photographs, videos and students’ work/achievements together with the names of the students. Photographs, videos, and/or sound recordings of students will not be used in publicity campaigns placed with external media outlets unless parental consent is given.

When an application or email enquiry is made, the school may share necessary data (e.g. personally identifiable data) with other Government agencies, so as to serve you in a most efficient and effective way, unless such sharing is prohibited by legislation. We will NOT share your personal data with non-Government entities, except where such entities have been authorised to carry out specific Government services.

7. Lunar New Year Celebrations

The school will be celebrating Lunar New Year on **9 February, Friday**. The students will learn about the customs and traditions of Lunar New Year and engage in a hands-on craft activity through classroom activities.

Please note that dismissal **will be at 10.30a.m.**

8. PAT / OYEA Nominations

We would also like to remind parents to submit your nominations for Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) and President's Award for Teachers (PAT) which close on **10 January, Wednesday 2024**.

You can submit your nominations online via the link <https://go.gov.sg/pat2024> for PAT nominations and/or go.gov.sg/oyea2024 for OYEA nominations.

9. OEPS Facebook and Instagram

In 2024, our school will be launching our OEPS Instagram page where we will be bringing you on the journey to learn more about our OEPS school experiences! You can also find us on Facebook. Do connect with us on our Instagram and Facebook and follow us on these platforms! You can click on these links or scan the QR codes provided.

Instagram: <https://instagram.com/oeps.official>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/oepsofficial>

Instagram



Facebook



10. Join the Opera Parents Club (OPC)

The Opera Parents Club (OPC) is looking for volunteers to be part of the Opera Family! Being a Parent Volunteer (PV) allows you to be a part of your child's educational journey.

As a PV, you will be able to select and participate in the activities that suit you and your availability. You may choose to volunteer on an ad-hoc basis or join a rostered programme on a regular basis. We would love to hear from you, especially if you have a skill or talent that you can contribute to the OPC family! So come and be a part of our OPC family in supporting the students, educators, and parents of OEPS. Scan the QR code to sign up today!



OPC
Registration

11. Calendar of Activities (Term 1)

The key activities for Term 1 can be found in the attachment.

We wish all our students a fruitful year of learning ahead!

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'TWL'.

Mrs Tan Wai Ling
Principal

Calendar of Activities Term 1 2024		
Date	Events/Programme	Level
2 Jan (Tue)	First day of school for P1 only	P1
3 Jan (Wed)	First day of school for P2 to P6	P2 to P6
15 Jan (Mon) onwards	Commencement of CCA <i>*More information will be given by the respective CCA teachers-in-charge.</i>	P3 to P6
17 Jan (Wed)	Parents Engagement Session (P1 to P6) <i>P1 to P5 (via Zoom)</i> <i>P6 (Face-to-Face)</i>	P1 to P5
19 Jan (Fri)	P1 and P6 School Smart Card Photo-Taking <i>P1 and P6 pupils are required to wear their school uniform during the photo-taking.</i>	P1 and P6
9 Feb (Fri)	Lunar New Year Celebrations Dismissal Time at 10.30a.m.	All levels
10 Feb (Sat) to 13 Feb (Tue)	Lunar New Year (<i>Public Holiday</i>)	All
9 Mar (Sat) to 17 Mar (Sun)	Term 1 School Holidays	All Levels
18 Mar (Mon)	School Re-opens for Term 2	All Levels