



**6 January 2019**

**Greetings**

Dear Parents/Guardians and Jieminites,

A very Happy New Year 2020! I hope that everyone had a restful and wonderful year-end break. I am sure all our Jieminites are excited to start a new academic year. Coming back to school is a joy for our children as they renew their friendship with their classmates and make new friends.

In 2019, we have endeavored to pursue our mission of providing our pupils with a balanced and well-rounded education, inculcating in them sound moral and social values and developing them to their fullest potential. We are most pleased with the growth of our pupils, staff and of our facilities in Jiemin Primary. I am happy to share that we have seen an uptake of our Jieminites participating in CCAs and I hope that this trend continues. In 2020, we will be participating in the Singapore Youth Festival, and I look forward to the support of our parents and teachers as we prepare our performers for their respective performances. We are also excited to see our sports teams challenge themselves to greater heights while building camaraderie and developing lifelong skills as they prepare for the annual National School Games. We are also proud of our Red Cross members who have learnt life-saving skills while developing their leadership and character as they serve the school at various school events.

We have also improved on some of our facilities to support the teaching and learning in Jiemin Primary. We hope to develop more learning corners around the school and we have started by renovating our school library. I do hope that our revamped Library will inspire and excite our Jieminites to develop good reading habits.

The growth that we see at Jiemin Primary would not be possible without the continued dedication of my colleagues. I thank them for their passion to nurture each child that comes to us at Jiemin Primary.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce the departure of our long-serving Vice-Principal, Mrs Hee-Ho Jun-Lynn. A passionate educator and a dedicated leader, Mrs Hee has contributed to the success of both pupils and staff over the years. Mrs Hee never fails to greet our Jieminites every morning at the school gates. I am sure our Jieminites will remember her fondly and wish her well as she takes up her new appointment as Vice-Principal of Northoaks Primary School. On behalf of all Jieminites past and present, we wish her the best of luck in her future endeavours!

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I would like to welcome our new Vice-Principal, Mrs Christine Low who joined us in December 2019. Mrs Christine Low is an experienced Vice-Principal and had served as part of the School Leadership team at Marymount Convent School, Juying Primary School, and most recently, Deputy Director, Engagement Branch at MOE's Engagement and Research Division.

Together with school leadership team of myself, Ms Nur Fatimah and Mrs Christine Low , and all staff of Jiemin Primary, we will strive to achieve our vision of Jieminites being 'Global Learners, Discerning Citizens' with support from parents, community partners, stakeholders and our pupils.

We look forward to your continued support and wish you a Happy New Year 2020!

This notification covers the following matters:

1. Parents Gateway
2. Recruitment of members for Parent Support Group (PSG)
3. Pupils' Well-Being – Punctuality and good sleeping habits
4. Reminders on Individual Student Details Report
5. School Safety
6. Bookshop Opening Hours
7. School Calendar for Term 1 2020

#### **1. Parents Gateway**

We would like to thank all parents who are already onboard with us in Jiemin Parents Gateway. We are pleased to inform you that to date, we have about 40% of our parents who are onboard and have conveniently been receiving updates on their children's involvement and school activities and events via the portal, through the school wide and individual level announcements.

For parents who have not signed up to be on Jiemin Parents Gateway, please download the Parents Gateway mobile app on your mobile phone (available on iOS and Android platforms only) and perform a simple one-time onboarding process. Please do not hesitate to approach your child's Form Teacher or any of our office staff during office hours should you require any assistance on this.

To support better administrative efficiency and comprehensive communication between the school and parents, please refer to the updates as stated.

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### Parents Gateway updates

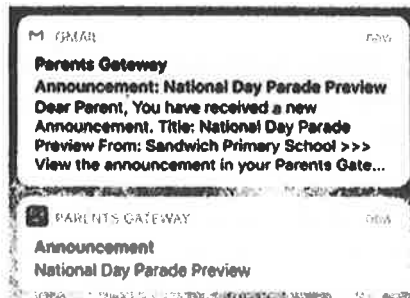
- The school will **stop** providing hardcopies of announcements for parents who are onboard Jiemin Parents Gateway as the same announcement can be found on the portal with effect from **Semester 2, 1 July 2020**.
- **Consent forms** for all school activities including CCAs which your child will be involved in will also be given via the portal by the Form Teachers or Teacher-in-charge. Parents can provide your consent for your child's involvement in the activity stated online with effect from **Semester 2, 1 July 2020**.
- **Travel Declaration** for overseas travel to be done via the portal if you are bringing your child overseas.
- **Parents can update** their mobile, residential/other contact numbers and change of email address using the portal. Parents will, henceforth, be notified via an email alert that their contact details have been changed. The school will also receive the updated changes in its system. Hence, parents need not have to inform the school again.
- **Email notifications** – Parents can now have the option to turn on email notifications. This feature will trigger alert when there is a new message sent by Parents Gateway. You would still need to log in to the Parents Gateway app to view the entire message (announcements/consent forms) and respond to consent forms. These multiple channels will ensure that you do not miss out on new announcements/consent forms sent by the school.
- **App Update Notification** – When a new version of the Parents Gateway app is released, you would receive an alert to update your current app to enjoy the latest version. Please note that this update feature would **only** be available to you **after** you have upgraded your mobile version of Parents Gateway to v3.1.



### Receive Email Notifications

Turn ON to receive additional notifications for announcements and consent forms through email.

The notifications will be sent to the email address in your contact details. Please ensure that it is correct and update it when necessary.



- Parents may view the video on the Parents Gateway feature using the link and the QR code below.
- The video is available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/PCM5o8jAncc>
- You can also use the QR code below to view the video:



[go.gov.sg/moe-pgvideo](https://go.gov.sg/moe-pgvideo)

## 2. Recruitment of members for Parent Support Group (PSG)

Our school has a group of committed PSG members. They work closely with the school and assist in various activities (Learning Journeys, Racial Harmony Day, International Friendship Day etc.) to improve and sustain positive student outcomes.

Our school hopes that more parents can be volunteers and be actively involved in the programmes planned for our children. To register as a PSG member, please use the QR code on the right to register to join the Parent Support Group.



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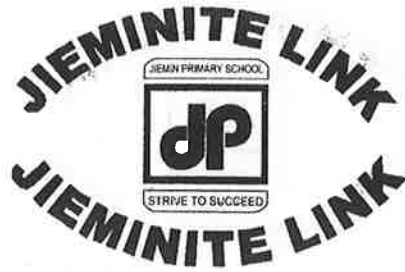
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### **3. Pupils' Well-Being – Punctuality and good sleeping habits**

Thank you for your support and efforts in working with us to cultivate good sleeping habits and ensuring that your child reports to school on time. In continuation of our previous efforts, we would like to encourage the continued development of good sleeping habits. Being on time for school is important for our Jieminite's learning and development.

A consistent and regular bedtime routine would help your child know that it is time to sleep. A wind-down activity like reading a bedtime story would help them to better prepare them for restful sleep. The benefits of having enough sleep are numerous. It will help your child's learning, physical growth, mood and health. According to Health Promotion Board, a child of 6 – 13 years old should be getting at least 9 hours of sleep.

We would like to share this informative resource on good sleep by Health Promotion Board:  
<https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/117/goodsleep>

### **4. Reminders on Individual Student Details Report**

Students from P2 to P5 will each be receiving a personalized Individual Student Details Report (ISDR). The purpose of this report is to ensure that information about the students are updated. In the event of emergency, this information can be retrieved quickly. We would appreciate parents' assistance to check and amend (if any) the details and return the forms to their teachers by 17 Jan 2020.

### **5. School Safety**

Traffic poses a serious threat to the safety of our students and other pedestrians. In Jiemin Primary School, we will always take an active approach to minimize risk.

With the start of the new school year, we would like to remind for all students and parents travelling to and from school to practice the 'kerb' at all times when crossing the roads. (Please refer to Annex A)

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents who drive their child/children to school to take note of the following:

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- 1) Kindly co-operate with the road marshals in school at all times.
- 2) Please **do not drop off / pick up your child along Yishun Street 71 and Yishun Rong Road.**  
Please refrain from this as this increases unnecessary delay and safety risks for your child and other road users.
- 3) For parents who do not wish to drop off your child in school, you may choose any one of the nearby car parks near the school.

#### **6. Bookshop Opening Hours**

Please note that the school bookshop opening hours for parents/guardians is as follows:

##### **During School Term Only**

8.00 am to 9.00 am

2.00 pm to 3.00 pm

All parents who wish to purchase books or stationery items from the school bookshop will have to come in from the main gate (in front of the school) and register at our security guard post before proceeding to the bookshop.

#### **7. School Calendar**

Please refer to Annex B for more information pertaining to events and activities in Term 1 2020.

We hope to work closely with you in this coming year and look forward to your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Andy Mickey Choong  
Principal

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# Practise your kerb drill.

Before crossing the road, it is important to follow these four simple steps:

- 1 Look to your right.
- 2 Look to your left.
- 3 Look to your right again, and
- 4 Make sure there are no vehicles or all vehicles stop, raise your hand high above your head and cross the road briskly.



The best gift to your loved ones is yourself.  
**MAKE IT HOME SAFELY**

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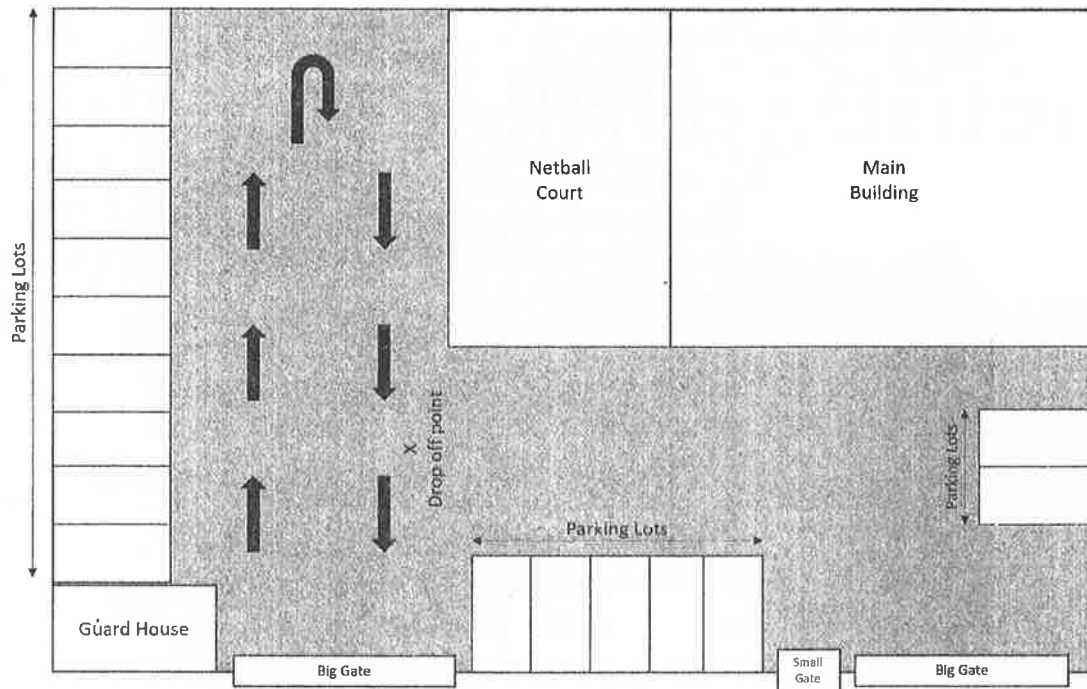


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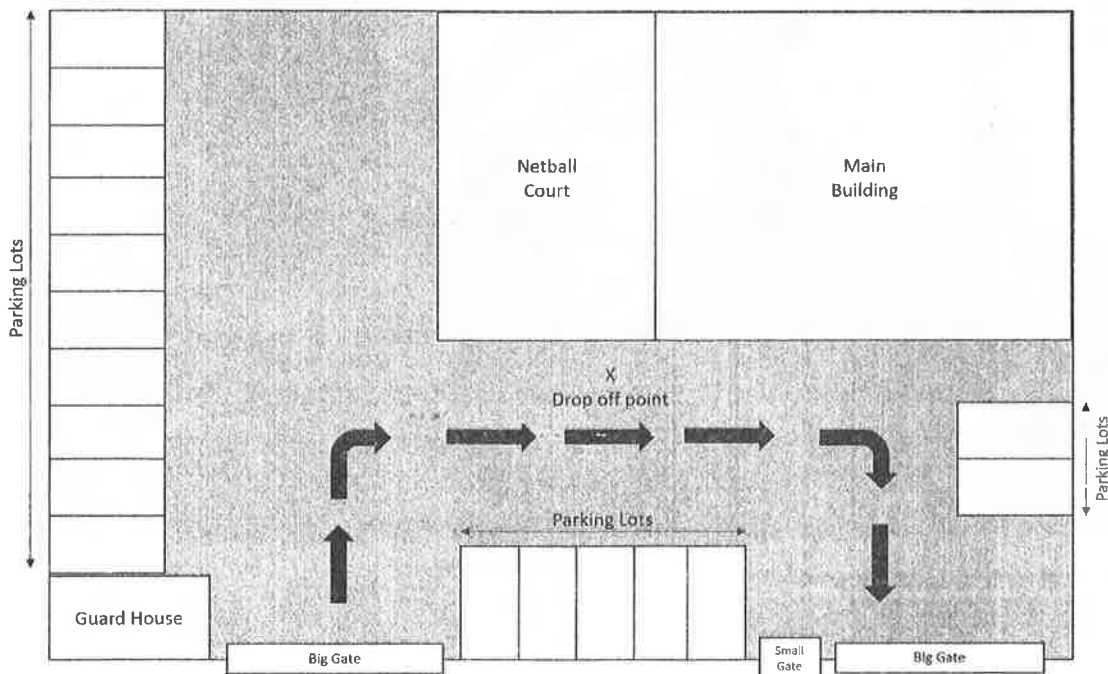
THE MESSAGE IS DELIVERED TO YOU BY:



For parents who drive into our school to drop off your child, the route is as shown below:



For wet weather, the route is as follows:





**Annex B: School Calendar for Term 1 (2 Jan to 13 Mar 2020)**

Date	Activities/ Events
2 Jan (Thu)	Term 1 2020 starts
3 Jan (Fri)	P1 & P2 PTM (During curriculum time)
10 Jan (Fri)	Well Wishes Project (3.00pm)
22 Jan (Wed)	P1 & P6 Transit Link Photo-Taking ( <i>Pupils to be in full uniform</i> )
24 Jan (Fri)	Chinese New Year Celebration
25 Jan to 28 Jan (Sat – Tue)	Chinese New Year Holiday
31 Jan (Fri)	P3 MTL Camp (pm)
5 Feb (Wed)	P1 Commencement Ceremony
14 Feb (Fri)	Total Defence Day Commemoration P4 Outdoor Learning Journey Experience (Whole day)
6 Mar (Fri)	P6 WA
9 Mar (Mon)	P6 WA
10 Mar (Tue)	P6 WA
11 Mar (Wed)	P6 WA
12 Mar (Thu)	P6 WA
14 Mar (Sat) to 22 Mar (Sun)	School Holiday

**Key**

<b>SA1/2</b> :	Semestral Assessment	<b>CA1/2</b> :	Continual Assessment
<b>EL</b> :	English Language	<b>CL</b> :	Chinese Language
<b>MTL</b> :	Mother Tongue Language	<b>ML</b> :	Malay Language
<b>HMT</b> :	Higher Mother Tongue	<b>TL</b> :	Tamil Language
<b>HA</b> :	Holistic Assessment		