



**1 April 2019**

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**1. A Warm Welcome to the New Staff**

We extend a warm welcome to the following staff members who had joined our Jiemin family in Term 1 this year.

Miss Tan Pin Jen – English and Science Teacher

Mdm Fang Yunna – Chinese Teacher

**2. Bookshop New Opening Hours**

Please note that the school bookshop new 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.

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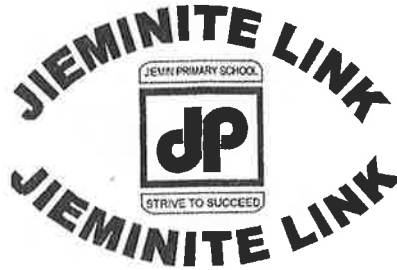
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### **3. Pupils' Well-Being - Punctuality and good sleeping habits**

We would like to thank you for your continued efforts in working with us to ensure that your child reports to school on time. Reporting to school on time is important for pupils to start their day right and sets the tone for their learning for the day.

We would also like to take this opportunity to share some tips on developing good sleeping habits for your child. When we sleep, our brain and body recharges and prepares us for the next day. A good practice to ensure that your child gets a good night sleep would be to establish and maintain a consistent sleep routine for your child. For more information on establishing good sleeping habits, please refer to <https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/117/goodsleep>

### **4. Pupils' Well-Being – Heavy Schoolbags**

We have noticed that a number of our pupils are carrying heavy school bags to school. Research has shown that carrying a heavy bag or a poorly designed bag can be very detrimental to a child's growth and spinal development.

HPB has advised that children should not carry a school bag which weighs more than 15% of their total body weight. Hence, based on this advice, we would like to seek the help of all parents to ensure that your child's school bag does not exceed the recommended weight. As a guide, school bags should not exceed more than 4 kg for P1 to P3 pupils and 6 kg for P4 to P6 pupils.

### **5. Parent Support Group (PSG) @ Jiemin Primary School**

We currently have about 90 parent volunteers who have signed up to be part of the PSG. They have been helping the school in the following ways:

- i. accompanying pupils on Learning Journeys
- ii. helping classes during PAL (Programme for Active learning) lessons for lower primary pupils
- iii. assisting in special events like Games Day

During the recent Games Day on 15 March, we had about twenty five PSG members who helped with the various games stations, conducting activities and guiding our pupils. They motivated and cheered our pupils on as the children participated in the different activities.



If you have time and are willing to support our programmes to help our children, please approach the General office and sign up to be a PSG member. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated by the school.

## 6. Safety Matters

Traffic poses many safety hazards to our students and other pedestrians and we will always take an active approach to minimize risk.

All students and parents travelling to and from school are reminded to practise the 'kerb' drill at all times when crossing the roads (Please refer to Annex A).

- 1) Kindly comply with the hand signals and direction given by our road marshals at all times.
- 2) Please **do not drop off / pick up your child along Yishun Street 71**. We have observed parents dropping off their child **after the traffic light along Yishun Street 71**. 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 three car parks that is near the school.

## 7. School-Home Partnership

On 16 February 2019, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Associate Professor Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, publicly launched the guidelines for School-Home Partnership to better clarify the nature of school-home partnership so that both parents and teachers can work together meaningfully for the holistic development of the child. The listicle (Please refer to Annex B) shows an overview of the Guidelines for School-Home Partnership and how we could work to strengthen mutual understanding between the school and parents and develop respect and trust for the benefit of your child.

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## 8. School Calendar

Please refer to Annex C for more information pertaining to events and activities in Term 2.

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

Yours faithfully,

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Mr Andy Mickey Choong  
Principal