



5 July 2019

Greetings

Dear Parents/Guardian

Welcome back to Semester 2, 2019. I hope that everyone had a restful June holidays to spend time with their family and loved ones. The first half of the year has been exciting and meaningful for all of us in Jiemin Primary. Thank you for attending our various Parent-Teacher meetings and briefings over the semester. Such interactions provide us with an opportunity to share our school's programmes and directions with parents, as well as to provide an opportunity for us to collaborate closer. I would also like to thank parents who had stepped forward to support the school as chaperones at various learning journeys, manning stations at our Games Day 2019 and most recently, accompanying our Angklung Ensemble to their public performance at the Istana in conjunction with the Istana's Hari Raya Open House. I look forward to more opportunities to welcome parents to join us in our activities.

In Semester 2, we will be adopting the Parent Gateway, which MOE had launched earlier in the year. The Parents Gateway is a one-stop portal that strengthens school-home partnership to support our children in their education journey. Parents with SingPass will be able to receive announcement and updates from the school. I strongly encourage all parents to come aboard this initiative.

We look forward to an exciting Semester 2, as our teachers have worked hard to plan many learning opportunities for our Jieminites. We strongly believe that learning takes place both inside and outside the classroom, and we strive to bring out the best in every child.

On behalf of all staff at Jiemin Primary, we thank you, and we look forward to your continued support.

Strive to Succeed.

This notification covers the following matters:

1. Invitation to Parents Gateway
2. MOE ExCEL Fest 2019
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4. School Calendar for Term 3 2019

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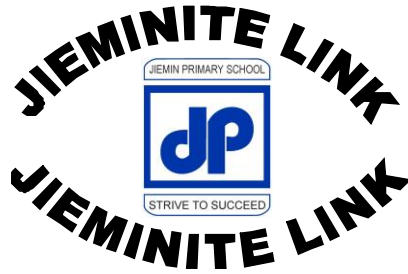
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1. Invitation to Parents Gateway

We are pleased to inform you that our school is now onboard Parents Gateway. Parents Gateway is a mobile app specially designed for parents.

Developed by MOE and GovTech, the app allows parents to engage with schools, receive information and perform a range of administrative functions such as giving consent for school trips. It is a one-stop mobile app for parents and the school to better support your children's educational journey through improved communications. It also allows parents to perform administrative functions such as providing consent for their children to participate in school activities.

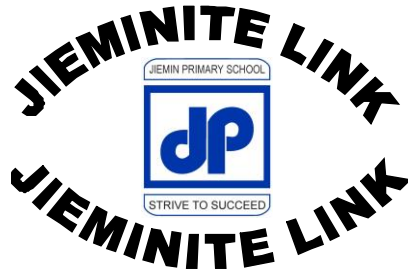
We would like to invite you to download the Parents Gateway mobile app on your mobile phone (available on iOS and Android platforms only) and perform a simple one-time onboarding process. Please refer to Annex A for a step-by-step guide and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

From 5 July 2019, parents who are onboard Parents Gateway will receive information via the mobile app. The school will continue to issue hardcopy letters to parents who are unable to come onboard Parents Gateway. We look forward to your support.

2. MOE ExCEL Fest 2019

Our school had the privilege of being invited to showcase our ALP, Journalists-in-Making (JiM), at the MOE ExCEL Fest 2019 at the Singapore Expo. We brought 6 of our Journalists (from Primary 3-6) to share their experiences and their journeys with the participants.

Our journalists were confident and we were proud to watch them interact with education officers from all over the country at this national platform. It was an enriching and meaningful experience for the pupils and we extend our heartfelt gratitude for their contribution during this event. Participants at the event were impressed by our pupils and we received good feedback on their presentation skills as well as their works.



Here are the reflections and learning points from some of our young journalists:

Khadijah Bte Abdul Khalid (6 Honesty): Recently, I was selected by my teachers to attend the MOE ExCEL Fest held at the Singapore Expo. It was a great opportunity for me as I had the privilege to build my confidence and demonstrate the skills taught by the school. Many participants were interested in our school's ALP. This was also a platform where I could step out of my comfort zone (school) and onto a national platform. I hope to use the skills that I have learnt in my future secondary school. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the school for its unwavering support, encouragement and motivation.

Sankar Gowri (6 Honesty): I would like to thank the school for allowing me to be part of the team that represented Jiemin at MOE ExCEL Fest 2019. I enjoyed myself there as I got to speak to many participants and share my experiences as a journalist in Jiemin with them. From presenting in the class and interviewing my friends to presenting to education officers in Singapore, I have seen a growth in my confidence and skills. The participants were very kind and friendly. Although the two days were tiring, it was worth it as I was able to gain new experiences and insights. I would like to continue contributing to the Journalist Club even after I have graduated. These precious moments will always be etched in my mind.

Edward Yee (5 Diligence): When I first came to ExCEL Fest, I was very nervous and would not share my experience with the festival participants. After an hour, I felt more confident, and mustering up my courage, I even went up to talk to the participants on my own to share our school's ALP with them. The experience was fun and meaningful. I was also happy to see some of the new innovations and programmes in other schools.

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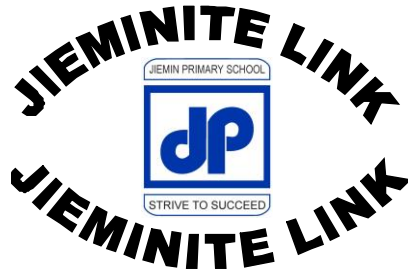
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3. Cyber Wellness Tips for Parents

In today's hyper-connected world, many of us, including our students are being exposed to online news and information that are being shared around the clock on multiple internet platforms.

Here are some tips on how parents can play an active role in complementing our school's effort in promoting Cyber Wellness:

P Provide opportunities for a variety of offline activities

- Spend time with your child by carrying out family activities such as sports and outdoor activities so that your child has a healthy and balanced lifestyle.

A Activate parental controls in all computing devices

- Activate parental control on all computing devices.

R Role - model good digital habits

- Manage your own digital habits such as avoiding extensive use of technology and avoiding use of technology during meal times.
- Show your child safe, responsible and respectful behaviour when sharing, collaborating and creating online.

E Establish the ground rules for internet use

Some basic rules could include the following:

Dos:

- seek permission before using computing devices
- have a time limit for the use of computing devices
- practise netiquette
- respect intellectual property rights
- follow rules and terms of use of different websites

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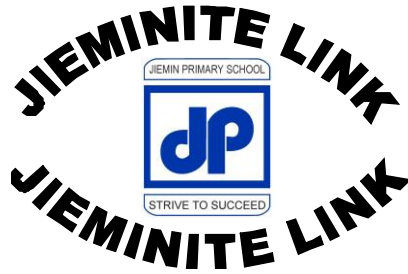
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Don'ts:

- access websites that have age restrictions (for e.g. many social media sites have age limit for setting up accounts to comply with international regulations on children accessing social media).
- share password with others
- share personal information online
- meet strangers face to face without parents' knowledge
- spread rumours and say mean things online

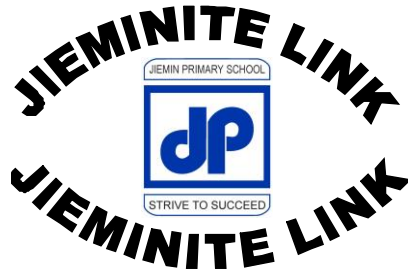
Navigate the internet with your child to understand his/her use

- Surf the Internet with your child so that you know what he/she does online and whether he/she is involved in age-appropriate activities. This will help to hone your child's skills in translating her Cyber Wellness knowledge into action/ applying CW values and knowledge.
- Highlight to your child not to respond to anyone who says something inappropriate and he/she should immediately leave any site if he/she feels uncomfortable.

Talk with your child about his/her internet use

- Get your child to share with you his/her favourite online websites, things he/she do online and what is cool amongst his/her friends.
- Talk to him/her about his/her online experiences. (For example, discuss about the benefits and risks of the Internet, share how people connect and communicate with one another through the Internet).
- Let your child know that it is alright to ask you questions or talk to you if he/she run into problems with someone online.

Source: <https://ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness/for-parents/guides-and-tips/parenting-tips>



For more information and resources on how you can help to reinforce Cyber Wellness education at home, check out these websites:

1. **MOE Cyber Wellness Portal**
Useful tips, strategies and resources on various cyber issues.
ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness
2. **Get Smart with Sherlock**
Video and e-book series by Media Literacy Council how to help you understand what fake news is and how to identify it.
<https://www.betterinternet.sg/Campaign-2019/Resources/Get-Smart-with-Sherlock>



4. School Calendar

Please refer to Annex B for more information pertaining to events and activities in Term 3.

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