



19 September 2019

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1. Changes to PSLE in 2021

Over the years, Ministry of Education (MOE) has been moving away from an over-emphasis on academic results towards a broad-based, well-rounded education.

The PSLE changes from 2021 are a step in the same direction. The changes aim to:

- Reduce fine differentiation at a young age based on exam scores; and
- Recognise a student's level of achievement regardless of how his/her peers have done.

This will allow students to focus on their own learning and develop their potential, rather than comparing themselves to their peers.

The infosheet (Annex A) captures the summary of changes to PSLE in 2021, including recap of announcements in 2016. We hope that this will provide you with a clearer picture of all the implementation changes thus far.

2. Invitation to Parents Gateway

We would like to thank parents/guardians who have come onboard with us in Jiemin Parents Gateway. We are pleased to have 30% of our parents who have signed up on the portal to receive letters and announcements via online since July 2019.

We would like to encourage all parents to join us on Jiemin Parents Gateway so that you can be updated of your children's involvement in school activities instantly through your mobile phone or any other devices.

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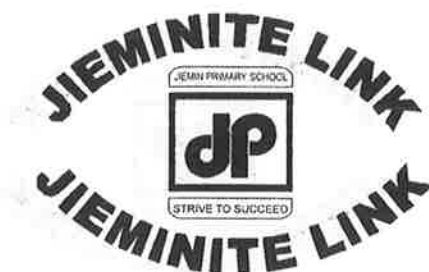
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From 2020 onwards, Jiemin Parents Gateway will also include dissemination of online consent forms to all parents/guardians for various activities that your child/ward will be taking part. Consent from you for the activity can be done easily via the portal. We hope that all parents/guardian will join us in this platform by end of this year.

You can refer to Annex B for the instructional guide on how to sign up on the portal. This is similar to the one provided in the previous Jieminite Link issued in Term 3.

3. Positive Parenting Programme

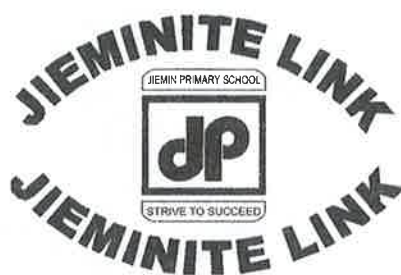
We have issued the letters on the “Positive Parenting Seminars” on 22 August 2019 .This programme is a parenting and family support strategy designed to prevent behavioural and emotional problems in children. It offers simple and practical strategies to help parents confidently manage their children’s behavior to develop strong and healthy relationships. Parents are encouraged to attend all three seminars in order to benefit from the programme.

Why is it effective?

1. It is one of the most effective evidence-based parenting programmes in the world.
2. It offers parents preventive programmes of different intensity to meet their needs.
3. It has been found to be effective in reducing child behavioural problems and improving parental self-efficacy and satisfaction.
4. It has been implemented in 25 countries such as Australia, Japan and Hong Kong.

Please refer to the following details of the three Seminars which will be conducted in our school.

Seminar / Topic	Day	Date	Time	What is covered	Speaker
1: The Power of Positive Parenting	Saturday	28 Sep 2019	9am-11am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a safe, interesting environment for children • Having a positive learning environment • Using assertive discipline • Having realistic expectations • Taking care of yourself as a parent 	Dr Agnes Tan -Former Medical Doctor, Registered Counsellor, Family Life Educator and Trainer. Certified Trainer for parenting workshops.



2: Raising Confident, Competent Children	Saturday	12 Oct 2019	9am-11am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using Positive parenting principles to teach children the following values and skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect Cooperation Getting along with others Independence Healthy self-esteem Problem-solving 	Mrs Charis Patrick -Family & Marital Therapist, Trainer & Family life Educator. Trainer for schools and other govt agencies.
3: Raising Resilient Children	Saturday	2 Nov 2019	9am-11am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping children learn emotion regulation skills. Recognise and accept their feelings Express their feelings appropriately Build positive feelings Deal with negative feelings Develop coping skills 	Mrs Charis Patrick

4. Pupil Well-Being Matters – Haze management

In view of the recent condition of the haze situation in Singapore, the school would like to assure all parents/guardians that we have put in place haze management measures to minimise health risk to our students and staff in the school. In addition to adhering guidelines from MOE and NEA, our teachers will continue to do visual checks on the students regularly to ensure that they are well. We would also like to seek your kind assistance on the following pertaining to haze management.

- a) Please seek medical advice from the doctor should your child/ward is unwell due to haze situation and let him/her to have sufficient rest at home and be well before returning to school.



- b) Please inform/update your child's/ward's Form Teacher if he/she has an existing medical condition that can be affected by haze, if you have not done so in the earlier medical declaration given to all parents in the beginning of the year.
- c) Please ensure your child/ward has his medication or inhalers (for those with asthma) with him/her at all times in school.

5. End-of-Year Reminders for Jieminites

We hope that all parents can partner the school by helping to reinforce the following messages for your child/ward in view of the upcoming long vacation.

A) Road safety

- Always cross the road at designated pedestrian crossings, overhead bridges, underpasses or zebra crossings
- Always be alert for inattentive drivers
- Always use footpaths when possible
- Always be alert for any oncoming vehicles even when the traffic lights are in your favour
- Never run across the road
- Never cross in front or between stationary vehicles

Please remember to use your kerb drill. Before crossing the road:

- i. Stop
- ii. Look and check for any vehicles coming in your path.
- iii. Be patient, practise your kerb drill: **Look Right. Look Left. Look Right Again.**
- iv. Check to see that there are no vehicles or that vehicles have come to a stop, before raising your hand and crossing the road safely.
- v. Always raise your hand while crossing to alert motorists

References: Singapore Police Force. Road Safety Tips for Pedestrians.

<https://www.police.gov.sg/resources/traffic-matters/safety-tips/road-safety-for-pedestrians>



B) Cyber wellness

Online shopping platforms and Facebook are predominant platforms for online purchase scams. Scammers often entice buyers to purchase popular items at very low prices without any intention of delivering the items.

Always bear in mind that the party you are dealing with online is a stranger. Never reveal any personal information such as your name, date of birth and photographs.

Please always let your parents know when you have friend requests or contacts with strangers online.

You may refer to <https://ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness> to find out more useful information on cyber wellness.

6. School Calendar

Please refer to Annex C for more information pertaining to events and activities in Term 4. We hope to work closely with you and look forward to your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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CHANGES TO PSLE IN 2021

Announced in 2016

(New) Supporting Students and Parents in Making Subject Choices

From T-score to Wider Scoring Bands



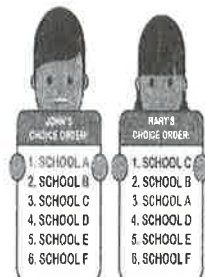
- Students are less finely differentiated on the basis of every mark. Each subject will be scored using 8 Achievement Levels (ALs), with AL1 being the best.
- Students who demonstrate similar achievement for a subject will receive the same AL, regardless of how they compare to their peers.
- These standards will remain the same from year to year.

Visit our PSLE website to find out more!

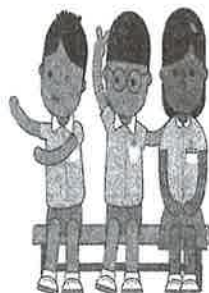


<http://bit.ly/2Xryvly>

Choice Order of Schools Matters More in Posting



- While academic merit remains the first criterion for Secondary School posting, choice order as a new tie-breaker is designed to recognise the different considerations families have when choosing a suitable secondary school.
- If 2 students with the same PSLE Score vie for a place in a school, the following tie-breakers will be used:
 - Citizenship
 - Choice Order of Schools
 - Computerised Balloting



Presentation of Results in Achievement Levels (ALs)



- Starting from the 2020 Primary Five (P5) cohort, school-based examination results of P5 and P6 students will be presented in ALs to help familiarise them with the new scoring system.

Holistic Development Profile (HDP)		
Subject	Mark	AL
English	85	2
Mathematics	75	4
Science	65	5
Mother Tongue	55	6
Total AL Score: 17		

Information on Secondary Schools' indicative Cut-Off Points (COPs) will be provided in AL terms in the first half of 2021. These AL COPs will be derived from the PSLE scores and choice patterns of the 2020 Secondary 1 (S1) posting exercise.

Scoring for Foundation Level Subjects

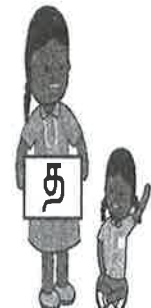


- Foundation level subjects support students who require additional help to build up strong fundamentals, giving them confidence to learn at a pace and level suited to them.
- Foundation level subjects will be graded ALA to AL C under the new scoring system.

Grades for Foundation Subjects	Foundation Raw Mark Range	Equivalent Standard Level AL
A	75-100	6
B	30-74	7
C	<30	8

- Students' PSLE Score will be the sum of the four AL scores of all Standard and Foundation subjects they take.
- For S1 posting, Foundation level subject scores will be converted to the equivalent standard level subject scores before the total score is calculated.

Eligibility for Sec Sch Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL)



- Students who are eligible for HMTL in Secondary Schools will be based off the criteria below.

Criteria Under The New Scoring System
PSLE Score of 8 or better OR PSLE Score of 9 to 14 inclusive; and AL1/AL2 in MTL or Distinction/Merit in HMTL

- Secondary schools have the flexibility to offer HMTL to students, if they are assessed to have high ability and interest in MTL, and are able to take HMTL without affecting their performance in other subjects.



Annex B - Instructional Guide

Step 1 – SingPass Registration and 2FA Setup

SingPass 2-Step Verification (2FA) is required for on-boarding. If you have not registered for a SingPass or have not set up the 2FA, please visit the SingPass website (<https://www.singpass.gov.sg>), or scan the QR codes below to do so. Should you require further assistance, please contact SingPass Helpdesk at 6643-0555.



Step 2 – Download Parents Gateway Mobile App

- Open the Apple App Store or Google Play Store app on your mobile phone.
- Search for the 'Parents Gateway' mobile app, or scan the QR code below.

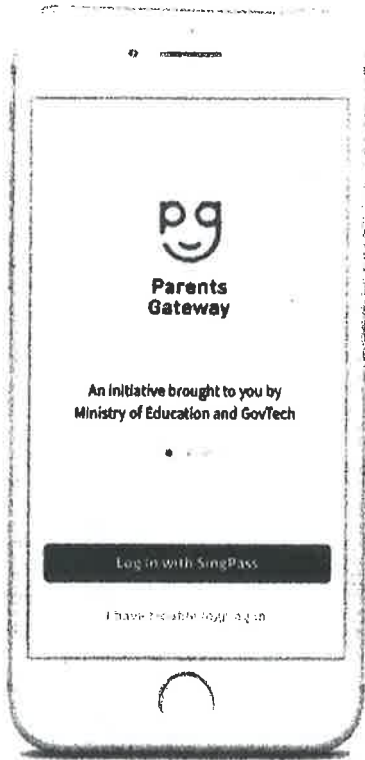


- Download and install the app onto your phone.
- Enable '**Allow Notifications**' to receive push notifications.

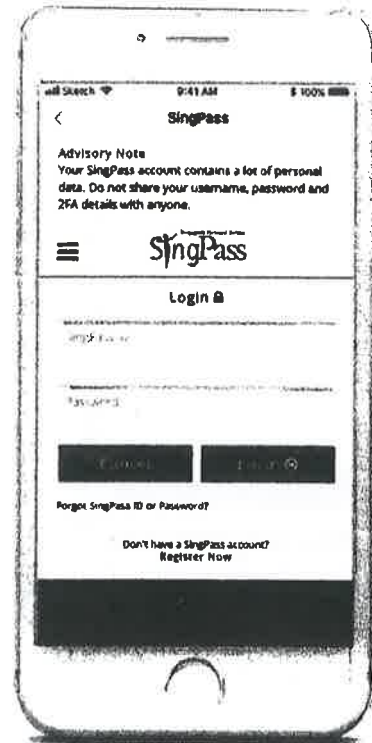
Note: Supported OS Versions - **Android 5.0 or later & iOS 9.1 or later**

Step 3 – One-Time On-boarding

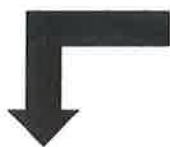
1. Tap on “Log in with SingPass”



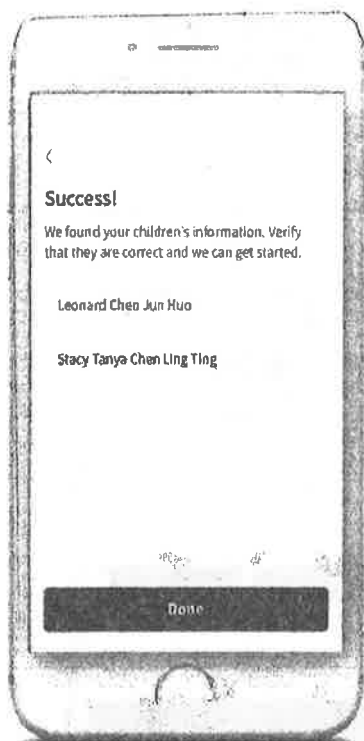
2. Log in with your SingPass (2FA)



3. Tap on “Retrieve” to retrieve your child(ren)’s information



4. Tap on "Done" to complete on-boarding



5. You should see your child(ren)'s school announcements and activities (if any)



Annex C: School Calendar for Term 4 (16 September to 15 November 2019)

Date	Activities/ Events
16 Sep (Mon)	Term 4 starts
17 Sep (Tue)	P4 SA2 EL & MTL Oral
18 Sep (Wed)	P3 SA2 EL & MTL Oral
20 Sep (Fri)	PSLE Listening Comprehension (<i>No school for P1 – P5 pupils</i>)
23 Sep (Mon) & 24 Sep (Tue)	P5S SA2 EL & MTL E-Oral P5F SA2 EL & MTL E-Oral
26 Sep (Thu)	PSLE Written Exam English Language Paper 1 & 2
27 Sep (Fri)	PSLE Written Exam Mathematics Paper 1 & 2
28 Sep (Sat)	Positive Parenting Seminar
30 Sep (Mon)	PSLE Written Exam Mother Tongue Paper 1 & 2
1 Oct (Tue)	PSLE Written Exam Science
2 Oct (Wed)	PSLE Written Exam Higher Mother Tongue
3 Oct (Thu)	Children's Day Celebration (Normal school hours)
4 Oct (Fri)	Children's Day (<i>School Holiday</i>)
12 Oct (Sat)	Positive Parenting Seminar
14 Oct (Mon) – 17 Oct (Thu)	PSLE Marking Days (<i>No school for all pupils</i>)
23 Oct (Wed)	P3 SA2 EL Paper 1 P4 SA2 EL Paper 1 P5S SA2 EL Listening Comprehension & EL Paper 1 P5F SA2 EL Listening Comprehension & EL Paper 1
24 Oct (Thu)	P3 SA2 MTL Paper 1 P4 SA2 MTL Paper 1 P5S SA2 MTL Listening Comprehension & Paper 1 P5F SA2 MTL Listening Comprehension
25 Oct (Fri)	P5S SA2 Higher MTL Paper 1 & 2

Key

SA1/2 : Semestral Assessment
EL : English Language
MTL : Mother Tongue Language
HMT : Higher Mother Tongue
HA : Holistic Assessment

CA1/2 : Continual Assessment
CL : Chinese Language
ML : Malay Language
TL : Tamil Language

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28 Oct (Mon)	Off-in-lieu for Deepavali (<i>Public Holiday</i>)
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30 Oct (Wed)	P3 SA2 Mathematics P4 SA2 Mathematics P5S SA2 Mathematics P5F SA2 Mathematics
31 Oct (Thu)	P3 SA2 MTL Listening Comprehension & Paper 2 P4 SA2 MTL Listening Comprehension & Paper 2 P5S SA2 MTL Paper 2 P5F SA2 MTL Paper
1 Nov (Fri)	P3 SA2 Science P4 SA2 Science P5 SA2 Science P5F SA2 Science
2 Nov (Sat)	Positive Parenting Seminar
7 Nov (Thu)	Admin Day (<i>No School for all pupils</i>)
13 Nov 2019 (Wed)	P6 Graduation Day (During Assembly)
15 Nov (Fri)	Annual Prize Presentation Day (Only for prize recipients and invited guests)
16 Nov (Sat)	P1 (2020) Orientation
25 Dec (Wed)	Christmas Day (Public Holiday)
16 Nov 2019 (Sat) – 31 Dec 2019	<i>Term 4 School Holiday</i>
2 Jan 2020 (Thu)	School reopens

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PARENTS / GUARDIANS FEEDBACK FORM

Feedback from parents / guardians (if any)

Compliments for our school / suggestions for improvement

Name of parent : _____ Contact number : _____

Name of child : _____ Class : _____

Date : _____

Kindly return it to us by faxing, dropping it in the Feedback Boxes at the General Office or the Guard Post, or through your child's Form Teacher.



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