



# JUNYUAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Our School Vision

*Future-Ready Learners, Leaders of Character*

## Our School Mission

*Nurturing Every Child in a Vibrant and Caring Environment where Talents Blossom*

## JYPS BULLETIN FOR PARENTS

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### JANUARY 2025

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

#### 1. Principal's Message

Greetings and welcome to Junyuan Primary School!

In the years post-pandemic, we have been riding the waves of changes and opportunities in the new landscape. We challenged ourselves to imagine how we can make learning more engaging, more meaningful for all our children, from the little ones in our kindergarten to the about-to-turn teenagers in the upper primary levels. And without the restrictions that limited what we can do, some of our ideas ran a little "wild".

Our colleagues started to re-imagine schooling to better nurture the children for the future. They have been integrating real-world issues into the curriculum to get the children to think more critically. In CCAs, the various groups are going beyond the boundaries of the school to engage the community, including exchange programmes with cluster schools. In other programmes – outdoor camps, learning journeys, VIAs, social emotional learning, overseas cultural exchanges, just to name some - our colleagues are exploring ways instil a joy of learning, to grow the children to be lifelong learners and leaders of character. The PSG too, has been kept busy. Together with our colleagues, we are initiating a support group for parents of children with learning needs so that we can proactively reach out to each other to better help our children grow. The PSG also started several grounds up initiatives to create a more holistic environment for the children.

Why the need for different opportunities that offer a variety of learning experiences?

We believe every child is different, each with his own needs and her own talents. Therefore, we make it our mission to nurture every child in a vibrant learning environment, so that we provide a range of opportunities to match the equally broad spectrum of talents and needs of our children. We believe that school is a place for them to find out about themselves, about what they are good at, and how they can excel in talents they are endowed with.

Going forward, we will encourage them to dare try, to embrace struggles as part of learning, and to discover what they are able to do well and take the journey of lifelong learning towards their dream.

But we must never forget what is unseen because often what we can't see are the anchors that serve as foundations. These are the foundations built from developing character, citizenship and shared values. They will always remain at the core of what we do as a school community. It is when we push the boundaries to explore further and to try that we need deeper anchors. They will re-orientate us when we venture a bit too far, as explorers tend to do, to help us learn when we fail, and to remind us to be grateful when we succeed.

Wishing you and your family a fruitful year ahead!

## 2. Staff Movement

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Lee Shi Lin as our new Vice-Principal (Academic).

We also like to thank the following staff for their services in Junyuan and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

No.	Name
1.	Mrs Lim-Tan Jen Yin
2.	Mrs Kang-Low Ruilin Andralyn
3.	Mrs Puspalatha Yathavan Nee Arumugam
4.	Ms Jacqueline Teo Mei Hui
5.	Mr Abdul Hamid s/o Mohamed Kassim
6.	Mdm Kamala Kannan Mahalakshmi
7.	Mr Png Thiam Chay

At the same time, we welcome the following staff to our Junyuan family.

No.	Name
1.	Ms Eunice Bor Bee Cheoh
2.	Mr Ezri Fadli Bin Junadi
3.	Mdm Sabrina Binte Mohammed
4.	Ms Nabillah Hamidah Binte Mohammad Nizam

## 3. Arrival, Recess, Snack and Dismissal

Our six recesses for the various levels will continue as per normal. The recess, snack and dismissal timings are as follows:

Levels	Arrival Timing	Recess Timings	Snack Timings	Dismissal Timing	Dismissal Points
P6	7.30am	8.30am – 9.00am	12.00pm – 12.10pm	1.30pm	Side Gate 1
P1		9.00am – 9.30am			Side Gate 2
P2		9.30am – 10.00am			Side Gate 2
P3		10.00am – 10.30am	8.30am – 8.40am		Side Gate 1
P4		10.30am – 11.00am			Side Gate 2
P5		11.00am – 11.30am			Side Gate 1

Students should be encouraged by their parents to bring nutritious snacks such as fruits, sandwiches, or buns for their class snack time. Parents ought to remind their children to consume these healthy options within the allocated 10-minute period during lessons.

#### 4. School Safety and Security Reminders

The school places great emphasis on school safety and security. We seek parents' cooperation in the following:

- Take note of the opening times of the gates and adhere to security screening if you are visiting the school or dropping your child off at the gates.
- For the safety of our students, parents driving to school are allowed to enter the school through Gate 1 to drop students off at the school bus bay in morning. To maintain an efficient flow at the drop-off point, please have your child prepared to exit the vehicle promptly with all their belongings when you arrive. During dismissal, vehicular Gates 2 and 3 are closed from 1.20pm and parents who drive are allowed to fetch the students only after 1.50pm. This is to allow the school buses to leave the premises safely.
- If you are planning to meet your child's teacher, please schedule an appointment via phone or email in advance. Teachers have various commitments including lessons, CCAs, and programmes, so they may not be available for unscheduled visits. Once your appointment is confirmed, please enter only via Side Gate 1 and sign in at the security post. Ensure that you put on the Visitor's wrist band / pass while on the school grounds. Please report to the General Office (GO) to meet the teacher/staff. Do return the pass at the security post before you leave.
- Parents who wish to fetch their child early must report to the GO to sign their child out.
- Students are encouraged to bring only necessary stationery items to school. **NO** scissors, penknives or any sharp objects are to be brought to school.
- We seek parents' help to reinforce good road safety behaviour such as using the pedestrian crossing and avoiding jaywalking. Do remind students to practise the kerb drill before crossing – "look right, look left, look right again, ensure all vehicles have stopped, raise the hand high up and cross the road briskly".

#### 5. Student Attire and Appearance

Students who come to school outside of curriculum hours including weekends and school holidays must be in their school uniforms or PE attire and school shoes. Please note that skirts must be of knee length and any modification to the school uniform is strictly not allowed.

Our new vendor, Jeep Sing, will be having uniform sales on [2, 3, 9 and 10 January 2025](#) at school premises (to follow signages for the actual location).

#### 6. Personal Property

Students should not bring valuable items and excessive pocket money to school. \$2.50 per day is adequate for a meal during recess. We seek parents' support in encouraging students to demonstrate responsible behaviour towards their personal belongings. Students are to label their personal items – e.g., school bag, school uniform – shirt, skirt, T-shirt and shorts, water bottle, pencil case, etc. We hope parents will reiterate the values of care and responsibility to help minimize incidents of lost items.

#### 7. Canteen Menu & Price List

In our continuous effort to promote healthy food at the canteen, our canteen food stallholders have upskilled their food preparation of their menu. We hope parents would encourage your child to support the new set meals.

## **8. Primary 2 to Primary 6 Annual Parental Consent (PDPA)**

Throughout the academic year, photographs and video images of students may be taking during school events, programmes, and activities, including class photos, CCA photos, and other visual content.

The school may use and publish these photographs, videos, and students' work or achievements along with their name in school publications, the school website, social media channels, or other communication channels. We will be seeking your consent via Parents Gateway between 3 to 7 January 2025 (Tuesday).

After 7 January 2025, if you decide to exclude your child/ward from being featured in such publicity, please inform us in writing via email at [junyuan\\_ps@moe.edu.sg](mailto:junyuan_ps@moe.edu.sg).

## **9. Primary 1 and Primary 6 Photo-Taking Exercise for 2025 School Smart Cards (SSC)**

Please be informed that the photo-taking exercise for the issue of School Smart Cards for P1 and P6 students will be held on 15 January 2025 for P1 and P6 students. P1 and P6 students are to be in school uniform (if there is no PE lesson) on the photo-taking day. For students with PE lessons, they may take the photo in PE attire (no school uniform required to be brought and worn for the photo-taking). P1 students will get their SSCs by mid-March 2025, while the photos for P6 students will be used for the printing of Secondary SSCs when they are promoted to Secondary One in 2026. 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 2025.

## **10. Students who are Unwell and Maintaining Good Hygiene Practices**

In our continued efforts to safeguard the well-being of all our students and staff, please keep your child at home should he/she be unwell and adhere to the rest period given by the doctor, especially if he/she has Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) symptoms or a communicable disease such as Hand-Foot-Mouth (HFMD), Chicken Pox or Gastroenteritis. He/she should only return to school once he / she is fully well / COVID-19 ART test outcome is negative.

We would also like to remind your child to maintain good hygiene practices:

- No sharing of food / cutlery / straws, etc.
- Washing his/her hands with soap and water before and after meals, after play / using the washroom.
- Covering his/her mouth and nose when he/she coughs and sneezes.
- Do inform the school soonest possible should your child come down with cough / runny nose / sore throat / flu-like symptom or a contagious / infectious disease.
- Should you want your child to return to school earlier than the given MC date, please do take him/her to the doctor again to certify that he/she is well to attend school.

## 11. Absence from School

Whenever your child is absent, you need to submit a medical certificate (MC) or a letter to explain the absence. **Please take note that only 5 letters of absences per semester will be accepted.** Please also inform your child's form teacher on the morning of your child's absence. We strongly discourage parents from taking the child out of school during term time unless there is a valid reason. Should there be any reasons to do so, we seek your assistance to inform your child's form teachers ahead of time so that he/she would be able to advise you accordingly. Do note that there will be no make-up assessment/ test/ exam if a student misses any of these.

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY

The school would like to update parents on our school attendance policy.

Absence	Reasons	Examples
Absent with MC (From a registered medical practitioner)	Not applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitalisation Leave</li> <li>Medical Leave</li> <li>Confirmed Case</li> </ul>
Absent with VR (Official) (Supported by officially sanctioned activities or reasons)	1. Representing school or country in officially sanctioned activities held overseas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representation in officially sanctioned competitions, camps, conferences, etc. held overseas</li> <li>Participation in an overseas school trip</li> </ul>
	2. Officially excused from attending school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PSLE oral exam days (for P1 to P5)</li> <li>Marking days / Home-based learning days</li> <li>Suspension by school</li> </ul>
Absent with VR (Private) (Supported by valid and extenuating circumstances) <b>Up to 5 letters per semester</b>	1. Medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student is unwell and submits a ^parent's letter of excuse</li> <li>Medical or dental appointment with supporting documents</li> </ul>
	2. Bereavement or serious illness of a family member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attending funeral rites</li> <li>Family member is critically ill</li> <li>^Student who has an unwell household member below 18 years of age</li> </ul>
	3. Personal or family commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation in an external, non-school activity as deemed valid by the school</li> <li>Daily commuters still in Malaysia</li> </ul>
*Absent without Reason	Not applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No valid reason (none of the above)</li> </ul> <p><b>*This is considered as truancy and may affect the conduct grade of the student.</b></p>

**^subject to the school's approval**

**Important: MC / letter / supporting document must be submitted to the school promptly.**

## **12. Health-Related Matters & Individual Student Record Details**

To educate students on taking personal responsibility for their own health and practicing social responsibility, a temperature taking exercise will be conducted on 15 January 2025. Please ensure that your child/ward has a clean and working thermometer. If your child's/ward's thermometer is not working, a new one (\$5.50) is available in school or from any pharmacy. Batteries for the thermometers can also be purchased from the bookshop. All P1 students will be issued with a new thermometer on the first day of school.

If your child/ward is unwell, please take him to see the doctor and keep him at home to recuperate and fully recover before returning to school. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter, for the well-being of your child/ward and others in the school. We will remind our students about this regularly as part of our efforts to encourage social responsibility.

To ensure that your child's contact information and health information is updated, we would like to request for an update of your information and your child's/ward's information via the Student Details Form (SDF) for the purpose of providing educational services to your child/ward in MOE schools.

Please submit the information through the SDF portal which can be accessed via this URL: <https://pg.moe.edu.sg/forms/sdf> or the QR code below. Parents/Legal Guardians may login to the SDF portal using your Singpass account to submit your information and information of your child/ward. Authorised Caregivers can only submit your own information.

We seek your help to complete the submission by 31 January 2025. You may also wish to know that the SDF portal will be accessible till the last day of Term 4 for you to provide timely updates of your information and/or your child's/ward's information.

## **13. Group Personal Accident GPA Insurance Plan for Student**

As part of our student well-being efforts, MOE has purchased insurance to provide free basic coverage for our students to insure them in case of accidents while in school or during school activity. You may refer to Fact Sheet for more information via this link (<https://www.junyuanpri.moe.edu.sg/parents-portal/Downloads-and-Links/>).

## **14. Chinese New Year Celebrations**

Students will participate in CNY festive celebrations on 28 January 2025, which include concert programme and classroom activities. Students will be dismissed at 10.30am on that day.

Students celebrating CNY are encouraged to come to school dressed in Chinese ethnic attire. Do note that with the ethnic attire, hair accessories must still be in accordance with school rules and school shoes and socks must be worn.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Events	Remarks						
2 - 7	<b>First Days of School</b>	<b>For P1 students only</b> Parent / guardian will be allowed to accompany your child/ward on 2 Jan						
	Dismissal Date & Timing		Side Gate					
	3 Jan 12.30pm		<b>SG2</b>					
	6 Jan 1.30pm							
7 Jan 1.30pm								
3 - 7	<b>First Days of School</b>	<b>For P2 – P6 students only</b> P2 – P6 students will report to school from 3 Jan						
	Dismissal Date & Timing		Level Cohort	Side Gate				
	3 Jan 12.30pm		P1, P2 & P4	SG2				
			P3, P5 & P6	SG1				
	6 Jan 1.30pm		P1, P2 & P4	SG2				
			P3, P5 & P6	SG1				
	7 Jan 1.30pm		P1, P2 & P4	SG2				
P3, P5 & P6		SG1						
10	<b>Temperature Taking Familiarisation Exercise</b> Students are to bring a working Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) in their school bag daily.	<b>For P1 – P6 students</b> Conducted during curriculum hours						
15	<b>Temperature Taking Exercise</b> Students are to bring a working Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) in their school bag daily.	<b>For P1 – P6 students</b> Conducted during curriculum hours						
15	<b>P1 and P6 Student School Smart Card (SCC) Photo-taking Exercise</b>	<b>For P1 &amp; P6 students</b> Conducted during curriculum hours						
20	<b>Start of all CCAs</b> Some CCA may begin on earlier due to NSG.  General CCA Timing: Mondays: 2.00pm – 3.30pm Fridays: 2.00pm – 3.30pm	<b>For P4 – P6 students</b> CCA details will be issued by the respective CCA Teachers IC.  School bus services are available on Mon and Fri at 3.30pm for students taking the school bus.						
20 - 24	<b>P2 – P6 Parents' Curriculum Briefing</b>	<b>For P2 – P6 Parents</b> PG will be sent out when nearer						
21	<b>P6 Cohort LJ to Asian Civilisations Museum for 3 P6 classes</b> (Timing 1.00pm to 5.00pm)	<b>For P6 students</b> PG will be sent out when nearer						
28	<b>Chinese New Year Celebrations</b>  <b>Note:</b> Please pack healthy dry snacks for your child as there will be no recess due to early dismissal.	<b>All P1 – P6 students</b> School Hours: 7.30am – 10.30am  <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #cccccc;">Dismissal</th> <th style="background-color: #cccccc;">Side Gate 1</th> <th style="background-color: #cccccc;">Side Gate 2</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>10.30am</td> <td>P3, P5, P6</td> <td>P1, P2, P4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> Students to report back to school on 31 Jan.	Dismissal	Side Gate 1	Side Gate 2	10.30am	P3, P5, P6	P1, P2, P4
Dismissal	Side Gate 1	Side Gate 2						
10.30am	P3, P5, P6	P1, P2, P4						
29 - 30	<b>Chinese New Year</b>	<b>Public Holiday</b>						
31 Jan – 12 Feb	<b>Annual School Health Visit</b>	<b>For P1 – P6 students</b> During School Curriculum Hours						