



## **MERIDIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

### **End of Year Matters on School, Safety and Health Matters**

As the year comes to an end, my teachers, staff and I would like to express our deepest appreciation for your strong support that has enabled us to engage and empower your child/ward through the many amazing Meridian experiences in this past one year. These student experiences aim to not only nurture our students to be life-long learners, but to anchor them in strong values and leadership skills so that they can lead and positively inspire those around them. We hope for your continued support and partnership so that we can continue to help our students to flourish and be the very best versions of themselves in Meridian Primary.

Before we break for the long holidays, I would like to provide some updates on the following school, safety and health-related matters.

#### **1. Updates on Staff Movement for 2024**

As shared in an earlier notification to all parents/guardians, I will be moving to Pasir Ris Primary School with effect from 15 December 2023. I am forever grateful to each and every one of you for journeying with me in Meridian Primary. We nurtured our children together and build school with a strong culture of care and inclusiveness for all children. I am confident that Meridian Primary will continue to grow in strength under the new Principal.

I would also like to share that Ms Han Zi Rui, HOD Student Management, will be posted to Singapore Teachers' Academy for the aRts (STAR) with effect from 15 December 2023 as Senior Assistant Director. Ms Han has been with the school since 2017. During her time in Meridian Primary, Ms Han served the school with such dedication and commitment. With her hard work and heart work, she has made a positive impact on the students and staff. We are grateful to her and wish her all the very best as she continues to serve in MOE.

#### **2. Back to School for 2024**

Please note that the school year will commence only on **Wednesday, 3 January 2023 for all Primary 2 (2024) to Primary 6 (2024) students**. This will provide our new K1 (2024) children from our MOE Kindergarten@Meridian and Primary 1 (2024) students time and space needed to get familiar with the school environment, their teachers and peers on Tuesday, 2 January 2024.

Parents/guardians are to note that the Student Care Centre (SCC) remains open for enrolled Primary 2 to Primary 6 students from 1.30pm on Tuesday, 2 January 2024.

If there are changes to the start of the school year, we will send a notification to all parents/guardians via Parents Gateway app. We strongly encourage parents/guardians to check the Parents Gateway app regularly and enable notification alerts so that you will not miss any important notifications sent by the school.

We would also like to seek parents'/guardians' assistance in ensuring that your child/ward is ready for school when school re-opens in January 2024 by going through the school rules stated in the Student Handbook 2024 with your child/ward. Do take note of the following when preparing your child/ward for the new school year:

- Students are to be neatly attired for school.
- Shoes must be **full black**.
- Students are to **maintain a neat hairdo** where one's fringe does not touch one's eyebrows. Fancy hairstyles are not acceptable.
- All hair should be in its **original colour**. Dyeing or highlighting is not allowed.

### 3. 2024 Curriculum Hours for Students

We would like to inform parents/guardians that the curriculum hours remain unchanged, with dismissal time for **P4 to P6 students** at **2.30p.m. every Wednesday** including 3 January 2024. Parents/guardians are to make the arrangement directly with our school bus vendor if you would like your child/ward to take the school bus for Wednesdays.

We would like to remind parents/guardians that daily morning assembly starts punctually at **7.30a.m.** and we seek your cooperation in ensuring that your child/ward arrives in school by 7.25a.m. so that he/she can settle down in the school hall/classrooms and take part in the daily singing of the National Anthem and pledge-taking. **Students will be marked late if they are not in the hall/classrooms for the singing of the National Anthem and pledge-taking at 7.30a.m.**

### 4. 'Start Right, Start Bright' Programme

The 'Start Right, Start Bright' programme for P2 to P6, which starts from **Wednesday, 3 January to Friday, 5 January 2024**, will focus on setting expectations, school routines, class administrative matters and class bonding. All P2 to P6 students are to **wear their PE uniform and black shoes** when reporting to school. All students should report to their respective classrooms by **7.30a.m.** and bring along the following:

- Stationery
- Student Handbook
- Storybook
- Water bottle and snack
- Thermometer

The school would like to remind parents/guardians to monitor the well-being of your child/ward. If he/she develops flu-like symptoms, kindly consult a doctor immediately, inform the school, and refrain from coming to school until he/she has recovered fully. We seek parents/guardians understanding and cooperation in this matter so that we can continue to keep Meridian Primary a safe place for all students and staff.

### 5. Compulsory Purchase of the Student Handbook 2024

We would like to remind parents/guardians that it is compulsory for your child/ward to purchase the Student Handbook 2024 as part of their booklist purchase. The Student Handbook is key for the teachers to guide your child/ward in developing good self-management habits that would benefit their learning, other than being a useful communication tool for teachers and

parents/guardians. We strongly encourage you to go through the handbook with your child/ward during the school holidays so that he/she can be better prepared to start the school year well.

## 6. Information on School Textbooks

All book purchases will be made via online via [www.thecontinental.sg/meridian](http://www.thecontinental.sg/meridian). Please refer to the booklist attached for purchase details.

There are 2 modes of collection. You may select for delivery services (please note that there will be a delivery charge). Alternatively, you may choose to self-collect from the bookshop in the school. To self-collect, please use the booking system provided by the bookshop to confirm your self-collection date and time.

## 7. Information on School Bus Transport Service

The school bus transport vendor is Shanz Transportation & Services.

For the school bus application, parents can access this link <https://shanztransportation.com.sg/register-bus-for-school/> by 30 November 2023 as the vendor will need some time to plan the various routes according to the subscription.



## 8. Safety and Health Matters

Safety is always our priority. With the long holidays coming, we would like to urge parents/guardians to monitor your child's/ward's activities so that they can stay away from crimes and drugs/inhalant abuse such as vaping and more importantly to avoid being victims of crime.

For more information on crime prevention, visit the SPF's website at [www.police.gov.sg](http://www.police.gov.sg), SPF Facebook or NCPC's website at [www.ncpc.org.sg](http://www.ncpc.org.sg). Please call the Police hotline at 1800-255-0000 to report any matters pertaining to crime or inhalant abuse.

## 9. Travel Matters for the School Holidays

A gentle reminder, please make a **travel declaration for your child/ward only if he/she intends to travel** for the year-end holidays.

To make a travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS]. Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit. Only one parent is required to declare. **If there is a change of travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration for the updated travel destination via PG or inform the school for cancellation of travel plan(s).**

If your child/ward is **not travelling** during the year-end holidays, **no action is required** on your side.

When planning your travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates.

## 10. Office Hours During School Holidays

The school's General Office will operate from **Mondays to Fridays, 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.** during the school holidays. For any assistance, parents/guardians can contact the General Office.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your child/ward a good break during this November/December school holidays and I hope that you will be able to spend quality time as a family. Please do keep well and safe during the holidays!

Yours sincerely,



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Ms Liza Rahmat  
Principal