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1 Transition to
Primary 1

Changes to School-based Assessment



What is it like in Primary school?

Subjects taken at P1

All P1 students will learn:

- 1. English Language
- 2. Mother Tongue Language
- 3. Mathematics
- 4. FTGP (Form Teacher Guidance Period)
- 5. Social Studies
- 6. Art
- 7. Music
- 8. Physical Education
- 9. Health Education
- 10. PAL (Programme for Active learning)





What are the differences between pre-school and primary school?

New friends and teachers

(more interactions with peers and teachers)



New routines

(longer school hours, class duty, homework assignment, etc)

New learning environment

(bigger school, more learning spaces, etc)



What prior knowledge does my child need to have?

- Recognising alphabets and counting from 1 10
- Simple sight words (parents may google sight words from Fry's list)
- spell & write his/her name in English & Mother Tongue.
- understand simple instructions in English & Mother Tongue



What are the tasks that my child should be able to do independently?

- asking for permission
- practising personal hygiene such as going to the toilet, hand washing, organising school bag
- counting money and receiving change
- Simple life skills such as tying shoe laces, buttoning his/her shirt/blouse, tucking in his/her uniform, taking care of personal belongings.





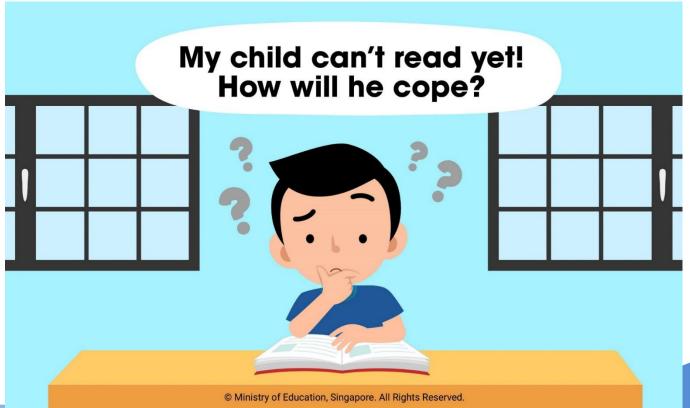
What basic social skill does my child need to have?

- Able to get along with peers
- Do not take things that do not belong to them
- Maintain personal space
- Able to use kind words





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Currently

From 2019

From 2020 or 2021

Adjusting School-based Assessment Structures

P1

> No examination, but weighted assessments are conducted throughout the year

P2

> Weighted assessments throughout the year and year-end exam

P3-P6

> Mid-Year Exam (MYE) and year-end exam, in addition to weighted assessments throughout the year

Secondary level

> Most schools conduct Mid-Year Exam (MYE) and year-end exam, in addition to other weighted assessments throughout the year

P1 & P2

> Removal of all weighted assessments (including P2 yearend exam)

S1

> Removal of Mid-Year Exam (MYE)

From P3 to S4/5

> Schools to conduct no more than one weighted assessment per subject, per school term. This is in addition to Mid-Year Exam (MYE) and year-end exam at levels where this is applicable

P3. P5. S3





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Removal of weighted assessment aim to:

- free up more time and space for teachers to engage students in learning.
- provide students with a more positive start in their learning, focusing on discovery, joy of learning and holistic development.
- reduce over-inflation of effort and build intrinsic motivation in our students to learn.
- enjoy the process of learning and develop dispositions for lifelong learning.



Give children the time and space to deepen learning





HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD?

Do	Don't		Do	
*	Put too much emphasis on marks and grades	√	Monitor your child's daily work	
*	Compare your child's performance with that of others		Give encouragement and support in areas for improvement	
×	Give more homework than necessary or as punishment	✓	Praise your child for any progress made	



Holistic Development Profile (HDP)

PREVIOUSLY

From **2019**

From 2020 or 2021

Refreshing the Holistic Development Profile (HDP)

> Use of indicators to report students' development in both academic and non academic domains (e.g. physical fitness, involvement in community-based and co-curricular activities etc.)

P1 & P2

> Use qualitative descriptors to report students' learning in all subjects. Non-academic indicators will be retained

All other levels

> Academic indicators adjusted for HDP. Non-academic indicators will be retained

Qualitative descriptors in the form of **Learning Outcomes** (LOs) for each subjects will be given to parents as feedback on students' learning.



Holistic Development Profile (HDP)

Holistic Development Profile is a report card to update parents on how the students have developed in both academic and non-academic areas.

It consists of:

- achievement level of Learning Outcomes (LO) for each subject
- conduct grade
- personal qualities (PQ)
- holistic remarks
- attendance record
- involvement in Value-in-action
- leadership role

Edusave Merit Bursary (EMB) Award

Currently

From 2019

From 2020 or 2021

Revising criteria for the Edusave Merit Bursary (EMB) for P1 and P2 and Edusave Good Progress Award (GPA) for P2 and P3

EMB for P1 & P2

- > Singapore Citizen
- > Top 25% of school's level and course in terms of academic performance.
- > Good conduct
- > Monthly household income does not exceed \$6,900 (or per capita income does not exceed \$1,725)

GPA for P2 & P3

- > Singapore Citizen
- > Top 10% of school's level and course in terms of improvement in academic performance
- > Good conduct

EMB for P1 & P2

- > Singapore Citizen
- > EMB will be adjusted to award students who consistently demonstrate good learning dispositions
- > Good conduct will continue to be a criterion
- > Monthly household income does not exceed \$6,900 (or per capita income does not exceed \$1,725)

GPA for P2

- > Singapore Citizen
- > GPA will be awarded to students who do not qualify for EMB, but have shown improvement in learning dispositions within the year
- > Good conduct will continue to be a criterion

GPA for P3

- > Singapore Citizen
- > GPA will be awarded to students who do not qualify for EMB, but have shown improvement in learning dispositions within the year
- > Good conduct will continue to be a criterion



Edusave Merit Bursary (EMB) Award

Learning dispositions (LDs) are characteristics or attitudes to learning.

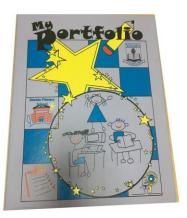
Actively engaged in learning across subjects.	Xinmin Primary School aims to develop in all Xinminites in achieving :					
Participates in decision-making about learning (eg: MLEA, problem solving, projects, etc) Intrinsically motivated to learn Derives satisfaction from learning new skills or discovering new ideas Provided Section Se	Learning Disposition	Actions				
Towards Learning Displays good learning habits Manages time wisely Reflects on own learning Often asks questions to develop deeper understanding or extend learning. Shows interest in the world around him/her by reading, inquiring or exploring new learning. Works independently to solve problem. Keeps on trying to seek ways to improve learning. Does not give up easily even when the task is challenging. Willing to listen to ideas or solutions offered by peers, explore possibilities or consider other viewpoints. Accepts and acts on feedback to improve performance. Collaboration Cooperates well with others in a group learning setting by exhibits SEL competencies during group work. Contributes ideas actively to achieve group goals.	Joy Of Learning	 Participates in decision-making about learning (eg: MLEA, problem solving, projects, etc) Intrinsically motivated to learn Derives satisfaction from learning new skills or discovering new 				
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Platforms For Progress Report

- 1. Student Report Book
- 2. Student Portfolio
 - * Contain artifacts of student's work throughout the year.
- 3 Parent-Teacher Meeting (in May)
- 4. Parent-Child-Teacher Conferencing (in November)
 - * Involve student in the communication process







Enjoy the journey!

There may be challenges along the way, but you can look at them as learning experiences.

I hope the handy tips that I share will help you ease your child's transition to primary 1.



