

Checklist for P1 Parents – Getting Ready for the First Day of School

As you and your child prepare for the first day of school, we hope this checklist can help you take care of the necessary tasks and learned the information you need.

One month prior to school day

- This is a good time to shop for the following and it is good to get your child involved with the back-to-school shopping.
 - Uniform: Your child will wear only the school T-shirt and PE shorts for all school days. You may consider purchasing 2 to 3 sets of school T-shirt and PE shorts. For girls, they will need to wear their school skirts over their PE shorts. Do remember to place order for your child's name tags with the school uniform vendor.
 - School books: Refer to the booklist issued on Orientation Day to purchase your child's school books. You may order the books online at www.actlink.com.sg for home delivery to avoid long queues. Alternatively, you may make a trip down to the school bookshop. Do take note of the days and hours the bookshop is opened.
 - Stationery: Purchase pencil case, 2B pencils, erasers, ruler and coloured pencils.
 - School bag: Choose a school bag that is light for your child to carry. Avoid trolley bags as the metal parts make the bag heavier.
 - Water bottle: Choose a water bottle of an appropriate size. Your child can refill his/her bottle with water from the water cooler in school.
 - Lunch box: Buy a small lunch box to hold the healthy snack.
- Label your child's uniforms and school shoes with his/her name.
- Write your child's name on the school bag, lunch box, files, books and stationery.
- Arrange your child's transportation. If your child is taking the bus, be sure he/she know where and when to be picked up before and after school.

One week prior to school day

- Start your child on his/her school year routines including studying and sleeping time.
- Complete the Self-Introduction Poster (issued on Orientation Day) with your child.
- Schedule your child's haircut for fresher look.
- Plan and shop for your child's healthy snacks.
- Indicate on the name tag which was issued on Orientation Day, with information on after-school pick-up arrangement.

One day prior to school day

- Pack the school bag together with your child. Do refer to the 'Primary 1 Packing List' in the orientation information booklet for the items to bring on the first three days of school.
- Prepare your child's uniform, snacks and fill up his/her water bottle.
- Prepare your child's pocket money. An amount of \$2.00 to \$2.50 would be sufficient for a recess meal. If your child is using the POSB smart buddy watch. Do remember to activate the watch.
- Set the alarm clock so your child will be on time for school. Do have your child sleep early so that they are ready for school the next morning.

First day of school

- Inform your child of his/her after-school arrangement – how he/she is going home or who will be fetching him/her from school. If your child is taking the bus, be sure they know where and when to be picked up before and after school.
- Give your child sweet words of advice for him/her to enjoy his/her first day of school.