



# ZHANGDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL**

MF/25/002

Dear Parents/Guardians

## **1. Welcome Back to School**

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> March.

## **2. Term 2 Calendar**

The hardcopy of the Term 2 Calendar was distributed to all students on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025. For easy reference, parents may also access the softcopy calendar from the School Website <https://zhangdepri.moe.edu.sg/our-partners/parents/communication-with-parents>.

## **Character Development**

### **3. Term 2 Values of the Term (VOTT)**

Our character development programme anchors very much on the school's GIVER<sup>3</sup>S Values. This term, we would be explicitly teaching the values of Respect and Empathy through our curriculum and co-curriculum programmes. We want to partner you in creating opportunities for our students to put their learning into their daily actions both in school and at home.

#### **3.1. Respect for Punctuality to School**

Punctuality remains a core habit that we emphasise to our students. All students should commit to coming to school by 7.30 am as a mark of respect for the school rules and more importantly to form a valued lifelong habit. There continues to be a small group of students who are habitually late.

#### **3.2. School Rules (reference Student Handbook and Parent Handbook)**

School Uniform (Student Handbook pages 14 and 15, Parent Handbook page 4)

Take note that shoes must be black and uniforms that are too small, short and tight should be changed to your child's growing size to allow him/her to be comfortable and look smart.

Items Not to Be Brought to School (Student Handbook page 16, Parent Handbook page 17)

This includes smart watches.

We seek your support to ensure that our students adhere to the School Rules. This also reflects the school values of respect and responsibility.

#### **3.3. Combating Vaping**

E-vaporisers are illegal in Singapore. MOE takes a firm stand against vaping as it is a serious offence. Under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act, the possession, use or purchase of e-vaporisers carries a maximum fine of \$2,000. It is also an offence to import, distribute, sell, or offer for sale, e-vaporisers and their components. As parents, you play a critical role to educate your child on dangers and risks associated with vaping. Vape does even

more damage to the body than tobacco. Do communicate your values and establish clear expectations on vaping to your child. You may wish to refer to some useful resources on Parent Hub at <https://go.gov.sg/parent-hub-vaping>.

## Curriculum Matters

### 4. Virtual Learning Matters 2025

To promote self-directed learning, we have planned virtual learning sessions for P1 to P5 students in **Term 3** during School Closure days due to P6 Examinations. All students would have successfully activated their SLS accounts and are using the platform for blended learning during curriculum time. We seek your understanding and support to ensure students are equipped with the resources at home and are familiar with logging onto SLS for self-directed learning. This will prepare them in any circumstances when learning disruption happens.

### 5. 2025 Assessment Matters

In line with MOE direction, all mid-year examinations for all levels have been removed. This is to allow students to focus more on their learning and less on marks attainment. The school will continue to use ongoing assessments to identify the areas students have mastered and/or have difficulties with. The table below shows the P3 to P6 Assessment weighting:

Level	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
	<b>Weighted Assessment</b>			<b>End-of-Year Examination</b>
P3	Nil	15%	15%	70%
P4		15%	15%	70%
P5		15%	15%	70%
P6		-	Prelims (100%)	PSLE

The topics and dates of the assessment will be provided to the students in due course.

### 6. 2025 P3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise (information from GEP Branch)

The GEP Identification Exercise aims to identify suitable students with high intellectual potential and the GEP Screening Exercise is scheduled on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025. P3 students shortlisted after the GEP Screening Exercise will attend the GEP Selection Exercise on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (Tuesday & Wednesday). The GEP Screening and Selection Exercise will be based on the Primary 1 to Primary 3 English Language and Mathematics syllabuses.

Please note that this exercise is not compulsory. Test-preparation activities could inflate students' scores and not reflect their actual potential. Students who are not ready to handle the intellectual rigour and demands of the programme will struggle with the enriched curriculum and not benefit fully from it. This would put undue stress on the students. It may even cause them to lose confidence and impact their self-esteem.

## Co-Curriculum Programme

### 7. ZPS ALP: Developing Zhangde's GIVER<sup>3</sup>S Values Through Environment Education

Parents are encouraged to join your children in commemorating 3 special environmental events on the importance of environmental education and conservation efforts.

Environmental Commemorative Days	Date	Purpose
World Water Day "Water for Peace".	Sat, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	An annual event to highlight the importance of freshwater and advocate management of this vital resource. The school will commemorate this Environment Day on Thu, 27 March
Earth Hour	Sat, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 8.30 - 9.30 pm	For all of us to turn off all our essential electric lights to show our support in conserving energy to save the earth.
International Biodiversity Day	Thu, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	To raise awareness and increase the understanding of the rich biodiversity in the world and the importance of conserving this biodiversity.

### 8. Home School Partnership and Parent Engagement sessions

#### 8.1 Call for Parent Volunteers

We warmly invite PSG members and volunteers to partner with us across key educational domains that shape your child's holistic development - cognitive, physical, aesthetics, and social-moral. These volunteering opportunities include Active Recess (Physical), Junior Achiever (Cognitive), and International Friendship Day (Social-Moral), allowing you to actively participate in your child's educational journey while strengthening our school community. We also welcome your support in administrative and safety areas. To be part of this meaningful experience, please register your interest via the QR code provided. Your involvement across these crucial developmental domains will significantly enrich our students' learning journey

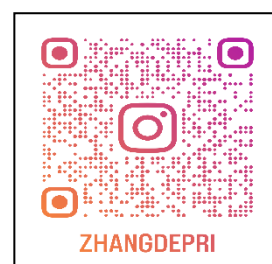


#### 8.2 P1 to P6 Parent Engagement Sessions in Term 2-- Thursday, 22 May

The teachers will be engaging you through one of these platforms: Microsoft Teams, telephone or face-to-face in school to update you on your child's progress before the term ends.

#### 8.3 Zhangde is on Instagram!

To date we have 1195 followers at our Instagram, and we hope the posts are refreshing and have kept you up to date on our school events and happenings.



*Thank you for your warm support and co-operation in Term 1.*

*We are excited about the learning opportunities and experiences lined up for our students in coming terms. A slew of events lies ahead for your child as we celebrate Zhangde's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Stay tuned and be ready to join us in the varied celebratory events!*

**Mrs Rita Dass, Principal**