



TEMASEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Homelinks H/16/2017

17 January 2017

Dear Parents/Guardian,

Pupil Welfare Matters 2017

Thank you for the support you have given us during the first two weeks of school. The pupils have undergone Temasek Starts Right programme and the Primary 1s have completed the Smooth Transition into the Education Programme (STEP) with the Primary 2s providing peer support for their younger schoolmates.

We write to you to address the issue of pupils' school bags. Ministry guidelines stipulate that a child should carry a bag that weighs no more than 15% of his weight. This means that a child weighing 20kg should not lug a bag heavier than 3 kg.

In line with this, our P1 teachers have already sent out notification letters in the first 2 weeks to stagger the workbooks, exercise books and files to bring to school so that teachers can keep them in the class cupboards and lockers. Measures to address heavy school bag issues have been initiated by the school and as we were collecting the books, we noticed the following concerns:

1. Some pupils carry school bags that are too big or too heavy, such as trolley bags.
2. Some pupils pack items that are not necessary, such as
 - Two or more storybooks
 - Coloured pencils/crayons/markers that come in boxes of more than 12 colours
 - Language dictionaries
 - Water bottle of a litre or more
 - Accordion/expanding file
 - Heavy/ layered pencil-cases
 - Personal A5 notebooks
 - Instrument sets
3. Please be informed that pupils are required to bring the following to school every day:-
 - Pupil Planner
 - stationery i.e. pencils, an eraser, a ruler, coloured pencils, a pair of scissors, a glue stick and a yellow highlighter.
 - a A4 whiteboard with a duster and a non-permanent marker in a button file
 - a clear file or folder to keep the Homelinks or notifications for your information.

Please write your child's name and class on **ALL** the books and files to help facilitate the identification and return of these items.



SCHOOL DISTINCTION
AWARD



STAFF WELL-BEING



TEACHING & LEARNING



AESTHETICS

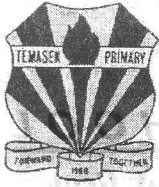


PHYSICAL FITNESS



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We hope that the pupils will cultivate the responsibility of checking the time-table to pack the necessary items for each school day and that parents help supervise this important routine.

Thank you once again for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mdm Tan Shih Ray
Year Head (P1-2)

Mr Francis Foo
Principal

In line with the out PT teachers have already sent out notified on the first 2 weeks to stagger the workbooks, exercise books and files to bring to school so that teachers can keep them in the class cupboards and files. Measures to address lack of school supplies have been initiated by the school and we were collecting the books and files in the following manner:

1. Some pupils carry a book bag that are too big or too heavy and we noticed that
2. Some pupils pack items that are not necessary, such as
 - Two or more story books
 - Coloured pencils/pens
 - Language dictionary
 - Water bottle of a large size
 - Accordion expandable folder
 - Heavy layered pencil case
 - Personal A4 notepad
 - Instrument of music
3. Please be informed that parents are required to bring the following to school every day:
 - Pupil folder
 - stationery i.e. pencils, markers and a nib, coloured pencils, a pair of scissors, a glue stick and a yellow highlighter
 - a A4 whiteboard with a board and a non-permanent marker in a button file
 - a clear file or folder to keep the HomeLink or notification for your information.

Please write your child's name in class on ALL the books and files to help facilitate the identification and return of these items.

