

**Boon Lay Garden Primary School**

**Primary 1 (2021)**

**Parent**

**Information Booklet**

Dear Parents

Thank you for choosing Boon Lay Garden Primary School for your child's primary school education. We are honoured that you have chosen our school to work with you in providing a rich and stimulating primary school education for your child. The warm home environment you provide for your child and ongoing communication with us will ensure that your child continues to grow to his / her fullest potential.

We have created this booklet with information which you may find useful for your child starting Primary 1 next year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. We are more than happy to meet up with you at a time that suits you. Our aim is to provide you with as much information as we can to help make your child's first year at Boon Lay Garden Primary School a happy and smooth transition from pre-school.

We look forward to getting to know you in the coming years as your child starts his / her primary school experience here at Boon Lay Garden Primary School.

#### School Contact Details

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## **Primary 1 (2021) Orientation Programme**

Both sessions will be conducted online via Zoom

### **1) Meeting with Principal and Year Head (for parents only)**

Date : Saturday, 7 November 2020

Time : 10.00 am to 11.30 am

### **2) Meeting with Primary 1 Form Teacher (for parents and P1 child)**

Date : Wednesday, 30 December 2020

Time : 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Kindly register by 30 October 2020 for the above meetings:

**<https://go.gov.sg/blgpsp1orientation>**



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The Zoom link will be emailed to you 2 days before the meeting to the email address provided in the registration form.

## **General Information**

### **1. School Hours for Primary One**

<b>Days</b>	<b>Monday - Friday</b>
<b>Reporting Time</b>	<b>7.15 am</b>
<b>School Hours</b>	<b>7.30 am – 1.30 pm</b>
<b>P1 Recess</b>	<b>9.30 am – 10.00 am</b>
<b>Healthy Snack Break</b>	<b>12.00 noon – 12.15 pm</b>

### **2. Parents Gateway**

- The school uses Parents Gateway to update parents of our school's programmes and for parents to provide consent for their child to participate in school activities.
- Access to the mobile app is restricted to parents and legal guardians who are Singpass holders.
- Kindly refer to Annex A for a step-by-step guide on downloading the Parents Gateway mobile app on your mobile phone. You are required to perform a one-time onboarding process.
- The school seeks your cooperation in downloading the Parents Gateway mobile app and coming onboard by 1 November 2020.

### **3. Emergency Contact**

- It is important that the school office has the most up-to-date Emergency Contact details.
- If there is a change in your contact information (mobile numbers, residential numbers, other contact numbers as well as email addresses) or people named on your child's Emergency Contact list, please notify your child's Form Teacher and update the changes via Parents Gateway.
- If there is a change in your home address, please notify the General Office.

### **4. Absences**

- Your child must attend school on all school days.
- Absence from school has to be supported by a medical certificate or a letter with valid reason when your child returns to school.

## **5. Attending Appointments During School Hours**

- Advance notice is required to be given to your child's Form Teacher if your child needs to attend an appointment / a family emergency during a school day.
- An adult must come to the school to fetch your child from the General Office.

## **6. Administration of Medicines**

- If medicine has to be given to your child during the school day, you must provide a written consent for the medication to be administered.
- If your child has any medical condition that requires medication, e.g. asthma, appropriate medicines must be made available in his / her school bag.

## **7. Items not to be brought to School**

- Any electronic devices (such as handphones, MP3 players, digital cameras, handheld electronic toys etc.) other than the watch worn on the hand, are not permitted to be brought to school.

## **8. Consultation with Teachers**

- Please call the school or send an email to the teacher(s) for an appointment.
- Alternatively, you may also communicate with your child's teacher(s) through the Student Handbook which will be given to your child on the first day of school.

## **9. External Service Providers**

<b>School Bookshop</b>	<b>Eng Seng Book Store</b> Block 372 Bukit Batok St. 31 #01-384 Singapore 650372 Tel: 65655183
<b>School Bus Operator</b>	<b>Beng Tat Transport Service</b> 48 Yunnan Walk Singapore 638179 Tel: 9879 5348
<b>School Uniform</b>	<b>Kah Huat Dress-maker</b> Blk 115A Commonwealth Drive # 04-15/16 Singapore 149596 Tel: 6479 6811 Email: khdm@pacific.net.sg

## First Week of School

### 1. Name tag

- Your child is to wear the name tag given during P1 Admin Day.
- Kindly indicate your child's after school arrangement at the back of the name tag.

### 2. Things to bring

- Please ensure that the following items are labelled with your child's name and class:

- Pencil case
  - Colour pencils
  - Water bottle
  - Student Handbook  
(will be given on the first week of school)
  - Story Book
- To be brought to school every day

### Monday, 4 January 2021

- ☐ Report Book
- ☐ Primary One Orientation ("I am ready for Primary 1" Activity Worksheets)
- ☐ STELLAR Learning Sheets P1A
- ☐ Targeting Mathematics Workbook 1A Part 1
- ☐ FTGP Student Journal

### Tuesday, 5 January 2021

- ☐ English Language and Mathematics Subject Files
- ☐ Mother Tongue Language (Chinese/Malay/Tamil) Ring File
- ☐ Mother Tongue Language (Chinese/Malay/Tamil) Activity Book 1A
- ☐ 2 broad line exercise books
- ☐ 2 line jotter books

### Wednesday, 6 January 2021

- ☐ Button file with drawing block, oil pastel and art apron
- ☐ Portfolio File (blue colour)
- ☐ Social Studies Activity Book

### 3. Programme for Parents on Monday, 4 January 2021 (to be confirmed)

Time	Talk
7.00 am – 7.15 am	P1 students and parents assemble in the school hall
7.30 am – 7.45 am	Introduction to P1 Form Teachers and MT teachers
7.45 am – 9.15 am	Lower Primary Curriculum
9.15 am – 10.00 am	P1 recess

- In view of the current situation where mass gathering is prohibited, your child's Form Teacher will update you on 30 December 2020 during the Meeting with Form Teacher on the conduct of the above programme for parents. The information will also be updated on the school website.

### 4. School Dismissal Arrangement

- Primary 1 students will be dismissed at 1.30 pm at Gate 4 (facing basketball court).



- In the event of wet weather during dismissal time, the waiting area for parents will be under the shelter of the annex block in the parade square.



- The school seeks your understanding and cooperation to be punctual in fetching your child.

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## Getting Ready For School

Preparing your child for Primary 1 can be an exciting journey. As parents, you can make the whole experience of learning new things and making friends a meaningful one for your child.

Below are some tips on how you can help your child prepare for primary school. We have also included some fun activity sheets for your child to do in the **I am ready for Primary 1 Activity Booklet** as hands-on activities to each tip. Have fun bonding with your child through these activities!



### ☆ A Thinker, Leader and Contributor @ BLGPS ☆

#### 1. Personal Belongings

- It is strongly encouraged that all items belonging to your child be labelled with your child's name.
- Encourage your child to write his / her name on all items that belong to him / her.



*Refer to "I am ready for Primary 1" Activity Sheet 3*

*– I can write my Name and Class on...*

#### 2. School bag

- You are advised to get a lightweight school bag for your child.
- Encourage your child to pack his / her own school bag.
- Remind your child that he / she should only bring books necessary for the day. Unnecessary items or books should be kept at home to avoid heavily laden school bags.
- Your child is advised not to use trolley bags as such bag is heavy and poses potential danger to your child when he / she is moving along the stairs.



*Refer to "I am ready for Primary 1" Activity Sheet 4*

*– I can pack my things*



### **3. School Uniform**

- Your child has to be attired in the prescribed school uniform whenever he / she comes to school.
- Encourage your child to always do a self-check before leaving the house for school to ensure that he / she is smartly attired in a clean, ironed school uniform with a name tag, clean white canvas shoes and white ankle-length socks without logo.
- Hair accessories for girls (if worn) are to be black, dark brown or dark blue only.
- Short and neatly cropped hairstyle for boys.



*Refer to “I am ready for Primary 1” Activity Sheet 5*

*– Getting ready for school*

### **4. Recess & Healthy Snack Break**

- Please ensure that your child knows if he / she is having a packed meal from home or canteen food for recess.
- Packed lunch box should be well labelled as quite often children will have similar lunch boxes and they can find it difficult to identify which one is theirs. The same goes for water bottles too.
- If your child is having canteen food for recess, an amount of \$2 is sufficient for a plate of noodles / rice (with two side dishes).
- As we are promoting healthy eating in school, we encourage the children to purchase / bring a healthy snack for their Healthy Snack Break (e.g. a piece of fruit).



*Refer to “I am ready for Primary 1” Activity Sheet 6*

*– Healthy Snacks are good for me!*



*Refer to “I am ready for Primary 1” Activity Sheet 6*

*– How much is this, please?*

## 5. Interacting with Others

- Your child will need to learn to open up to both teachers and peers and voice his / her intentions in various situations in school. This includes simple tasks such as buying food and drink items from the canteen and articulating his / her thoughts clearly during group activities in class.
- Do guide your child on how to communicate politely and remind him / her on the importance of offering a nice “Thank you” when the request is granted.
- You may want to act out the roles and situations at home, for example, with your child asking for the food he wants to buy at the canteen and you playing the role of the one serving the food. You can include the act of exchanging money as well.



*Refer to “I am ready for Primary 1” Activity Sheet 7*

*– I have good manners. I say “Please” and “Thank you”*

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Other suggested **Parent-and-Child Activities** during the school holidays that can help prepare your child in his / her literacy and other developmental skills:

### **1. Sharing Stories**

Story telling helps to develop concentration and listening skills. Choose a quiet time when you are unlikely to be disturbed and sit closely to your child so that he / she feels secure and relaxed. Books with rhymes are very good for helping your child to develop their language skills and knowledge of sounds. Listening to stories / audio books is another fantastic way of developing your child's literacy skills.

### **2. Picture Story Books**

Look at the pictures together and talk about them. You could ask questions like:

- Who can you see in this picture?
- How many people can you see?
- What is happening in the picture?
- What do you think will happen next?
- What did you like about this book?

When reading, move your finger across the words from left to right to encourage a sense of directionality.

### **3. Nursery Rhymes / Songs**

Sing and chant nursery rhymes with your child. This really helps with hearing sounds that are similar and different in preparation for reading and writing.

### **4. Sight Words**

Sight words instruction is an excellent supplement to phonics instruction. Phonics is a method for learning to read in general, while sight words instruction increases your child's familiarity with the high frequency words he / she will encounter most often. We have attached sets of sight words lists for you to go through with your child during the holidays. When introducing the sight words, work on no more than three unfamiliar words at a time to make it manageable

for your child. Introduce one word at a time. The sight words session should be brisk and last no more than ten minutes. As your child gets more advanced in his / her reading, you might increase the number of words you work on in each lesson.

## **5. Holiday Activity Worksheets**

Please do not worry if your child is not able to complete the “I am ready for school” activity worksheets. The fun activities are designed to engage and excite your child in his / her preparation in entering primary one. We do not want any child feeling worried or anxious about the activity worksheets



**We hope you have found this booklet useful.**

**We look forward to getting to know and supporting  
your child with his / her learning while in  
Boon Lay Garden Primary School.**

*We are keen to ensure that this booklet is meeting your needs and exceeding your expectations. We welcome your feedback on the Primary 1 (2021) Parent Information Booklet and request specific information on areas where we could do better <https://go.gov.sg/p1orientationparentsfeedback>. Thank you.*

