

WELCOME
to



P1 ORIENTATION E-HANDBOOK



A Happy Loving Learning School

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Welcome to Opera Estate
Primary School.

To better prepare your child/ward for
Primary 1, let us share some useful
information in this booklet.



1. First Day of School

The academic year for 2025 will commence on **Thursday, 2 January 2025**, with only Primary One students reporting to school on the first day.

- **Reporting Time:** 7:30 a.m.
- **Accompanying Parents/Guardians:** Each child/ward may be accompanied by a maximum of 2 parents/guardians.
- **Dismissal Time:** 1.30pm

There will be a parent engagement session and an opportunity for parents to observe their child during recess on the first day. Further details will be shared closer to the date.



2. Packing the School Bag

In helping to manage the weight of your child's/ward's school bag, please follow the guidelines below:

- Ensure all books/items/belongings are **clearly labelled with your child's name and P1 class** (which will be made known via Parents Gateway by the first week of December 2024).

Things to bring to school daily:

- OEPS Student Handbook 2025 (will be given on the first day of school)
- Stationery & coloured pencils
- School homework file
- A lightweight English & Mother Tongue storybook
- Water bottle & healthy light snacks for mid-day break
- \$3 pocket money in a labelled wallet for buying recess meal. You may pack food for your child if he/she is not ready to buy food from the canteen.



Packing the School Bag

Day & Date	Books/Items to Pack
Thursday, 2 Jan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. My Form Teacher Guidance Period (FTGP) Journal P1 2. Social Studies Activity Book 1 3. Physical Education: An Active and Healthy Me - Student Journal Primary 1 4. STELLAR Handwriting Book 5. Little Writer's Jotter Book 6. Report Book 7. Mini whiteboard with whiteboard marker & eraser 8. Fast Kit <p>The above items will be kept in the classroom. Child's/ward's name and class to be clearly labelled.</p>
Friday, 3 Jan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. English Ring File (Purple) with *10-part dividers 2. Math Ring File (Blue) with *10-part dividers 3. Mother Ring Tongue File (Yellow) with *10-part dividers 4. English Project File (Purple) <p>*Please insert the dividers into all the 3 files. Child's/ward's name and class to be clearly labelled</p>
Monday, 6 Jan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pack according to the timetable that will be issued on the first day of school. 2. Bring only the 1A textbooks and workbooks of the respective subjects according to the day's timetable. 3. Art materials to be packed in the Art bag (child's/ward's name and class to be clearly labelled). Bring Art materials on the first Art lesson. 4. A small number lock for child's locker.

3. School Terms

Semester 1	
Term 1	Thursday 2 January 2025 to Friday 14 March 2025
Term 2	Monday 24 March 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

Semester 2	
Term 3	Monday 30 June 2025 to Friday 5 September 2025
Term 4	Monday 15 September 2025 to Friday 21 November 2025

Curriculum Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.
Wednesday	7.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.



**Pupils arriving in
school after 7.30 a.m.
will be recorded as
'Late'.**



4. Arrival Gates

The following gates will be opened in the morning from 6.45 a.m.:

Bus Stop Gate
(along Fidelio Street)



Canteen Gate
(along Swan Lake Avenue)



Important Notice for Parents/Guardians Driving to School

If you are driving your child/ward to school, please follow the 'Drop and Go' regulation when alighting at the bus stop gate. Alternatively, you may park your car at a suitable location along Fidelio Street or Swan Lake Avenue and walk your child to the bus stop gate.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in adhering to traffic regulations and minimizing congestion at the school gates to ensure a smooth and safe arrival for all students during the busy morning hours.



Dismissal Gates

The following gates will be opened for dismissal daily at 1.30p.m., except on Wednesdays when dismissal is at 12.30 p.m.

Bus Stop Gate - along Fidelio Street	For students taking public bus service 42 or fetched by parents/guardians.
Canteen Gate - along Swan Lake Avenue	For students fetched by parents/guardians.



5. Dismissal Arrangement

Please ensure your child/ward is familiar with their going-home arrangement. Clearly indicate the dismissal arrangement on their name tag and in the Student Handbook for easy reference by the Form Teachers.

At dismissal, teachers will usher students to their respective dismissal points as listed below.

Dismissal Arrangement	Assembly Point & Procedure
Taking school bus	School Hall. Bus drivers will fetch students from the school hall.
Attending school-based Student Care Centre (SCC)	Classroom. SCC caregivers will fetch students from their respective P1 classrooms to the SCC.
Going home with older siblings studying in OEPS	In front of bookshop. Older siblings using either school gate may pick up their Primary One sibling from the designated waiting area in front of the bookshop.
*To be fetched by parents /guardians	Bus Stop Gate/Canteen Gate. Please inform your child/ward of the specific gate from which he/she will be picked up. Teachers will accompany students to the Bus Stop or Canteen Gate for dismissal.
Taking private school bus	Parade Platform. Students taking private bus will wait at the parade platform (Level 1) for the bus drivers to fetch them.

In the event that you are unable to arrive on time for dismissal, please guide your child/ward to approach the staff at the General Office for assistance.

6. Road Safety

For the safety of our students, unauthorised vehicles are not allowed into the school compound between 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parents/Guardians are strongly encouraged to park their vehicles along Swan Lake Avenue or further down Fidelio Street when waiting to pick their child/ward up. Please remind your child/ward to cross safely using the traffic lights or zebra crossing.

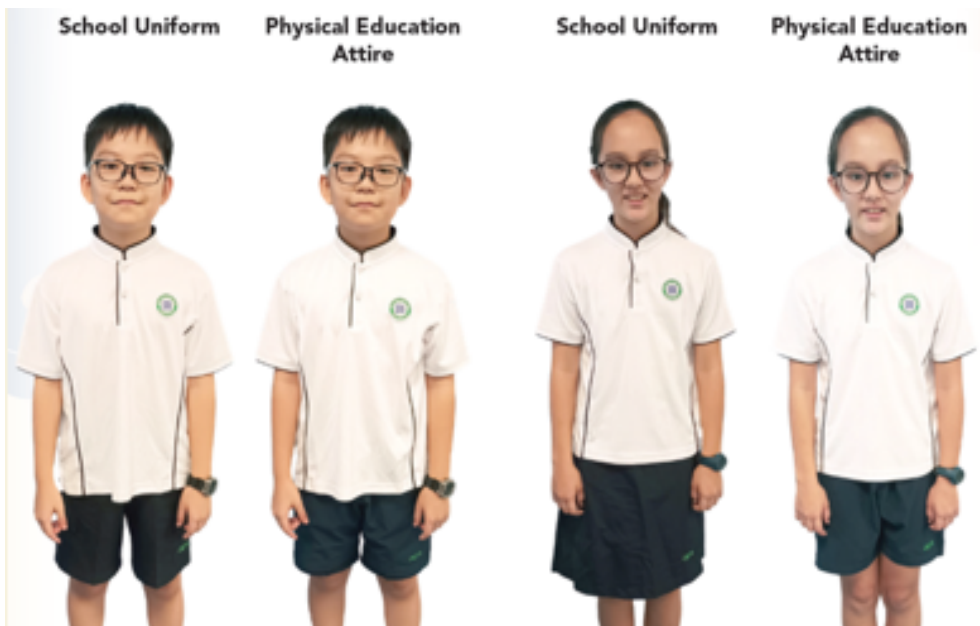
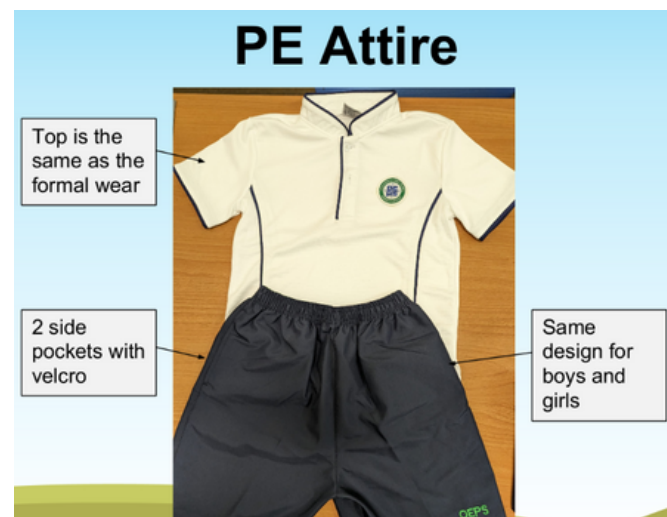
In the event of inclement weather, parents/guardians may drive into the school compound to drop off their child/ward at the sheltered school foyer.



7. School Uniform

Please refer to the guidelines on school uniform in the Student Handbook.

The top for formal attire and Physical Education (PE) is the same. Pupils are allowed to wear PE shorts on days with PE or PAL lessons. On other days, boys should wear bermudas, while girls should wear skorts. Students are recommended to purchase 2-3 pairs of PE shorts.



Name Tag

Students must have an iron-on name tag on their tops.

The name tag should be placed above the school crest, as illustrated below.



Students will receive a plastic name tag with a lanyard during Orientation Day. Please ensure that your child/ward wears this lanyard for the first two weeks of school until he/she becomes familiar with the dismissal routine.

My name is UNNATI REDDY
I am in 1D

OPERA

My dismissal arrangement (please tick one):

<input type="checkbox"/>	School Bus Number _____ (e.g. Bus 6A)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Main Gate (Bus Stop @ Fidelio Street)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Back Gate (Canteen Gate via Swan Lake)
<input type="checkbox"/>	After School Care (Knowledge Park SCC)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Going home with sibling*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Others (please specify: _____)

*Sibling's Name: _____ Class: _____



8. School Bookshop

The school bookshop operates from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday.

During school term, parents/guardians are permitted to visit the bookshop only after school dismissal. Please refer to the timing schedule in the table below if you wish to make purchases from the school bookshop.

Day(s)	Timing
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday	1 p.m. to 2 p.m.



9. Recess

Recess timings for the first day of school will be staggered as follows:

Day & Date	Recess Timing
Thursday, 2 Jan	1C, 1D & 1G: 8.30 a.m. to 9.15 a.m. 1H & 1I: 9.30 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.
Friday, 3 Jan onwards	All P1 Classes: 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Parents/Guardians are welcome to observe their child/ward during the first day of recess. To help students adjust to the school routine, we strongly encourage parents/guardians to pack food for their child/ward to enjoy during recess until he/she feels comfortable managing purchases with their pocket money.

Teachers will supervise the students to ensure their safety during recess. Additionally, students will be assigned P4 recess buddies from January 8 to January 17 to assist them in settling into the recess routine.



Snack Break

Students will have a 10-minute snack break daily, between 12 p.m. to 12.30 p.m. (except Wednesdays at 11 a.m.) Do pack some healthy, light snacks that your child/ward can eat in the classroom.



10. Absence from School

Please inform the General Office staff or your child's/ward's Form Teacher if he/she is unwell and will be absent from school.

A medical certificate or a letter of excuse must be submitted to the Form Teacher when your child/ward returns to school.

Please note that the school allows up to **5 letters of absence per semester**.



11. Student Handbook

Please complete the 'Personal Particulars' page in the Student Handbook. Students should bring their Student Handbook to school daily to record notes and homework.

The Student Handbook also serves as a communication tool between parents/guardians and teachers.

Please go through the school rules in the Student Handbook with your child/ward. The school seeks your partnership in ensuring that students observe these rules at all times.

Student Locker

Every student will be assigned a personal locker. The locker is intended for storing their Art bag and materials, as well as their mini whiteboards.

Please ensure that your child/ward brings a lock, preferably a combination padlock, to avoid the risk of losing a key. Additionally, remind your child/ward not to store textbooks or workbooks in the locker



12. Additional Resources

The Parent-Child Activity e-Book (PCAB) is available on Parents Gateway and the P1 webpage.

The PCAB contains useful tips and engaging activities that parents/guardians can use to prepare their child/ward for the upcoming Primary 1 journey.

Enjoy bonding with your child/ward through these activities!





For further information, you may refer to
[P1 Orientation for 2025 intake](#) on our OEPS website.



Wishing your child/ward
a happy loving learning
experience in OEPS!

