

Cedar Primary School
2024 P1 & P2 Parents Engagement Webinars
Frequently Asked Questions

1. When can students start taking Higher Mother Tongue?

Higher Mother Tongue for CL/ML/TL is offered from P3. This will allow more students to deepen their knowledge and appreciation for these languages and their cultures from an early age.

Selection will be based on student's performance and progress in areas such as reading, writing and speaking throughout the year. Tasks assigned in class may be included as part of the students' holistic assessment. Students' attitude towards learning the language is also part of the consideration.

2. Can my child take a Foreign Language or Asian Language in lieu of an official Mother Tongue Language (MTL)?

A student may only take a Foreign Language or Asian Language in lieu of an official MTL if he/she has:

- lived overseas for a long period of time;
- not kept up with the learning of their MTL; and
- had formal learning in the Foreign Language or Asian Language.

Approved Foreign Languages: French, German, Japanese

Approved Asian Languages: Arabic, Burmese and Thai

For more information, please go to:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/curriculum/mother-tongue-languages/learning-in-school>

3. What is the Programme for Active Learning (PAL)?

PAL is part of the curriculum for all P1 and P2 students. In PAL, students are exposed to varied and fun learning experiences in four domains: Sports and Games, Outdoor Education, Performing Arts and Visual Arts. Students also learn socio-emotional competencies such as respecting others and responsible decision making. PAL nurtures confidence, curiosity and cooperation skills in students.

4. What is the purpose of the Physical and Education (PE) Journal?

The PE Journal is the required textbook for delivering the learning outcomes for the learning area of Physical Health and Safety. It is used during the planned periods under PE lessons by the PE teachers. Different classes may differ in pace and timing of lessons conducted.

5. When will students start swimming lessons?

Swimming is one of the key learning areas in the Physical Education syllabus and all primary schools leverage the SwimSafer programme by SportSG to equip students with basic swimming and water survival skills.

The Swimsafer Programme is meant to be implemented within the P3 syllabus. However, due to the COVID-19 disruption, the school is still in the processing of resuming the programme for the 2022 and 2023 cohorts. More information about the programme will be given to parents in due course.

6. Is there a recommended reading list for parents to read to their child for leisure?

The school will share the NLB curated list with parents once it receives the collaterals.

7. How can parents help their child be less distracted while doing assignments at home?

Parents can consider the following:

- Create a Distraction-free Environment
 - Designate a quiet, well-lit area specifically for homework.
 - Remove potential distractions such as toys and electronic devices.

- Establish a Consistent Routine
 - Establish a consistent daily routine that includes dedicated homework time.

- Break Tasks into Manageable Parts
 - Break homework tasks into smaller, more manageable parts.
 - Use a time to work for short periods followed by brief breaks to maintain focus.

- Offer Positive Reinforcement
 - Praise the child for effort made in staying focused and completing tasks.

8. How do teachers provide feedback to parents regarding how the students are in school?

Parents can learn about their children's learning progress through formal platforms such as the mid-year Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) and through the Holistic Development Profile (HDP) reports, also known as 'result slips'. Other than this, parents can also find out about their children's progress through their daily written work in the subject files. Parents may also contact their child's Subject Teachers for updates on the child's learning progress in the various subjects.

9. When will there be a covered walkway from Gate H to the nearby HDB blocks?

The provision of external sheltered walkways is within the purview of LTA/HDB/Town Council. The school understands that LTA/HDB/Town Council have received the feedback from the residents and the review is currently ongoing.