

## BGPS P1 Curriculum and Assessment Talk – Q & A

Category	Questions	Response
Curriculum related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What happens if a child is slightly ahead of the rest of the class? Are there any differentiated classes in Math or English?</li> <li>● Some kids will be slightly ahead while others might be slightly behind in different subjects. How do you keep each child engaged and challenged?</li> <li>● Is child encouraged to proceed to P2 math if she has completed P1 practices in KooBits?</li> </ul>	<p>We recognise that all our students are different in terms of their abilities, talents and interests. As a school, we will differentiate our efforts to cater to their needs. For students who may require more support, they will have the benefit of smaller pull-out groups in English Language, Mother Tongue Language and Mathematics for teachers to work with them in a more targeted manner. For students who can be stretched, teachers will also make efforts to enrich and deepen their learning. At P1, it is important for students to find joy and meaning in coming to school and teachers will focus on scaffolding learning appropriately according to their needs. It is also important for students to pace themselves and deepen their learning through age-appropriate practices to avoid being unduly stressed in undertaking above-level content.</p>
Curriculum related	What sports do you introduce to children in P1?	<p>The Physical Education syllabus focuses on introducing basic fundamentals of manipulative skills from Primary 1 to 3, instead of focusing on specific sports. For example, these skills could include throwing, catching, rolling, dribbling skills etc.</p> <p>P1 students will also go through other content areas which include gymnastics and dance. Students who eventually exhibit interest in any of the sports CCAs that the school offers i.e. basketball, football, badminton and rugby (boys only) may join them when they are in P3.</p>
Curriculum related	How often is homework? Is there a specific schedule, like every Friday, etc?	<p>We have a mandatory homework policy to ensure that homework issued across all subjects during the term is manageable each day. To reinforce your child's learning at home, occasional homework assignments will be given, and as a rough guide, total homework per day should not exceed one hour. There is no specific schedule as it is dependent on each subject teacher's planning. Please be assured that the teachers will be mindful of students' workload and ensure that each task can be completed within 30 minutes. Similarly, we control the amount of homework that can be given across all subjects during the school holidays to ensure that it is manageable for students. We may also provide enjoyable parent-child activities</p>

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		aimed at fostering stronger bonds between families during the school holidays.
Curriculum related	Do you publish what the learning outcomes/ milestones are for each term?	At the beginning of each semester, the YH/AYH will share the curriculum information for all subjects with the parents via Parents Gateway. It will include the units/topics covered as well as the learning outcomes assessed for each subject.
Co-curriculum related	Under what circumstances and how can we approach the school counsellor?	<p>The counselling services in school are organised in a tiered system, beginning with first level intervention by teachers. Parents are encouraged to approach your child's form teachers for the first level of support. If you and your child are comfortable sharing about what is going on at home with your child's form teachers, this can help the teachers to be more attuned to your child's needs.</p> <p>Students who need further specialised attention or intervention will be referred to a school counsellor. The school counsellor may assist in referring your child for other support, where necessary. Receiving support from parents and teachers in both the home and school settings will help your child cope better with the transition.</p> <p>Our school counsellors' email addresses can also be found in the Allied Educators section on the school website.</p>
Co-curriculum related	Any CCA available for P1 students? What is the choice? How to register?	CCA is not available for P1 students. The CCA Programme is introduced at P3, and currently BGPS has a total of 14 CCAs in four categories (Sports & Games, Performing Arts, Uniformed Groups, Clubs) for students to choose from. More information about this can be found on our school website.
ICT- related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● For the gadgets, do we need to purchase it now or school will have some common units for share use in school?</li> <li>● Are there recommended tech gadgets that we should get for HBL?</li> </ul>	<p>There are some devices existing for shared use in school currently, but those are for in-school teaching and learning. While gadgets are available for loan during home-based learning (HBL), there are limited sets. Parents are encouraged to purchase a device if they would like their child to be equipped with a device for learning and HBL.</p> <p>Please refer to the curriculum briefing slides for the gadgets used in school for reference on possible (but not restricted to only those) tech gadgets to purchase.</p>

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Home-school partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Is PTC only once a year?</li> <li>● Are PTCs held virtually or in person?</li> </ul>	<p>Our Parent-Teacher-Child conference (PCTC) takes place once a year in Term 2. However, this will not be the only touchpoint that parents will have with our teachers as we have also scheduled termly Parent-Teacher Meetings via Zoom or phone calls in the school calendar for selected students on a needs-basis. Teachers will also communicate with parents in support of our students through Parents Gateway and Class Dojo, which allows for two-way communication between teachers and parents.</p> <p>Our annual PCTC is held in person, however, if you are not able to make it physically, we will also be able to make alternative arrangements.</p>
Administrative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The school smart card, as announced in Parent's gateway today, can it be used for the school canteen in addition to libraries &amp; concession bus travel?</li> <li>● Is posb buddy used in the canteen?</li> </ul>	<p>Yes, the POSB Smart Buddy Smart Buddy watch or card can be used in the school canteen and school bookshop to make contactless payments.</p> <p>If you prefer for your child to use their School Smartcard or EZ-Link card, you can link it to the Smart Buddy mobile app and track their in-school spending as the school Smartcard and EZ-Link card are compatible with the app. However, applying for Smart Buddy watch/card will allow your child to enjoy the full suite of benefits while learning good money habits.</p>
Administrative	Where is the lost and found place?	<p>The school's Lost and Found is located at the back of the General Office. Students should approach our staff in the General Office to claim their lost item(s).</p>