

Sec 1 Parents Engagement Session Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
I would like to know more about the progress for my child/ward.	Please contact the school through the General Office at 6572 9100 or email the school at aes@moe.edu.sg to make an appointment with your child's form teachers.
Would the school be able to provide a list of all my child's subject teachers' names, the subjects they teach and their email addresses so that I may be able to contact his subject teachers when needed?	The subject teachers for each class or teaching group can be found in the timetable put up on the school website. Parents can also contact the school for clarification at 6572 9100. Appointments should be made prior to meeting up with the teachers.
Is there any group chat for parents & teachers?	There are currently no plans to create whatsapp groups between parents and teachers. Parents who wish to contact the teachers can contact them through the school at 6572 9100.
Would teachers inform parents of a student's progress during term time? It's helpful to receive feedback during rather than after term ends so that we may closely monitor student's progress and plug the gap while the student is learning.	Organised Parent-Teacher Conferences are held twice a year in May and October at the end of each semester. Our teachers also contact the parents during the term to provide feedback on their child when we require parental support to journey with the child.
Will there be Higher Chinese offered at Sec 1 level?	In Chinese language classes, lessons are infused with Higher Chinese elements in the Express syllabus first to (1) give the students time to adapt to secondary school syllabus and (2) develop their competencies in a progressive manner according to their readiness. When students are ready, the school will offer students to take up Higher Chinese based on subject teacher recommendations.

<p>How does the school cultivate students' reading habit for the languages besides the daily silent reading in the morning?</p>	<p>Students will be able to access National Library Board's Libby app once they receive their Personal Learning Devices (PLDs). The app will be installed in their PLDs which gives students access to some 294,000 e-titles and also audio books.</p> <p>Students can also borrow hard copy books from the school's library which has an up-to-date collection as well.</p> <p>In addition, students are provided with weekly articles in relation to the Sciences and Humanities via the school's Science Read and Humanities Read programme.</p>
<p>Is there a platform for parents to know my son's assignments deadlines and class tests?</p>	<p>Schedules for Weighted Assessments and examinations will be put up on Parents Gateway and made available on the school website. A hard copy will also be given to students.</p> <p>For daily assignments, students are encouraged to note down their daily assignments in their own planners/organisers. Through taking ownership of their own learning and of their actions, they will be able to develop their sense of responsibility.</p>
<p>My child shared with me that he was unable to participate in online quizzes conducted in class as he/she did not have any personal mobile devices with him. I would like to ask if it is essential for students to bring personal mobile devices to school for the purpose of learning, conduct online research, participate in online quizzes and etc. If there is a need, will the school be able to provide the mobile device to students that do not have their personal mobile devices?</p>	<p>It is not essential for students to bring personal mobile devices. Under the National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP), every secondary school student will own a school-prescribed personal learning device (PLD). The school will be disseminating the letter to parents for consent for purchase and edusave withdrawal on 28 Jan 2022.</p>
<p>How do you handle students with Autism?</p>	<p>Depending on the student's needs, observations and collation of feedback from teachers will be done. The student will have 1-1 sessions with our AED(LBS) to work on the necessary skills like social skills, anger management and other behavioural skills.</p>

For the catholic feast days, are there masses celebrated in school?	We celebrate three masses a year: the start of the year mass, Montfort's Feast Day on 28 Apr and at the end of the year.
Does the school allow students to go outside for lunch if there are lessons or activities in the afternoon?	In view of safety, the school does not permit the movement of students out of school premises, prior to any after-school programmes.
How does the school deal with bullying and what are the avenues for victims of bullies or other persons to report bullying without fear of reprisal.	Bullying is an offence that is strictly not tolerated in the AES. Students who commit the offence will be dealt with accordingly. A student who is a victim of bullying should inform any teachers and the school's discipline committee will be informed and will take over the investigations of the incident. Victims should not have to deal with the issue by themselves.
During this COVID period, instead of 4 days wearing uniform, can the school consider to let the students wear half uniform on the days students are having PE and CCA. Reason being, wearing uniform with mask on is very uncomfortable and nowadays the weather is so hot. It also adds on load to carry additional attire to school, especially for students joining uniform group CCA.	<p>Formal school uniform helps imbue a strong sense of belonging to the school in students and fosters the identity and pride over the years of study in the school. The school has previously allowed students wearing the half-uniform during the onset years of COVID, with the resumption to full formal uniform commencing this year.</p> <p>There may be adjustments made depending on the fluid COVID situation.</p>
When PE is the first class of the day, is it necessary for the kids to wear their school uniform over their school PE attire? Or can they just come to school in their PE attire?	Wearing of the formal school uniform over the PE attire is not necessary as students will be given time to change into their PE attire during the PE lesson.

Will NA students be given a chance to play a role in student council or be a student leader? Heard that mostly Express students are given the chance but very few NA students get to do it.	The Sec 1 students are selected towards the end of the year to join the Student Council. Nominations can be put up by themselves, their peers or their teachers. The students will then undergo an interview process before the selection is finalised. Our student councillors come from Express, N(A) and N(T) streams across all levels.
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