



"Success for Every Child"

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Kowloon Junior School and Year 1! It was wonderful to meet your children today. Here are some of the important process/pieces of information that you may need:

1. Soft start pick up arrangements: We would ask for all parents to please wait in the playground, the class teacher will bring the class outside to the place they line up. They will also be picked up from this area during their assessment days. There are large silver class name markers that will show where your child will be. These are outside the Y1 area on the main playground. Please remember to inform the teacher when you are taking your child. Especially in these first few days of school, we would ask you to be on time, as even a very small delay can result in a lot of upset during this settling in period.

Normal pick up arrangements for walkers – all children will normally be collected from the area outside Year 2. Parents congregate outside the school gate and are let into the area. There are teachers on duty there. We would ask that you stay in that area as the other children are being organised into their buses and this can be quite hectic. Please do not take your child without informing the teacher they are with, that they are leaving with you. This is especially important when it is other adults who are collecting your child. Please also inform us if your child is being collected by another adult as we will not release them without written confirmation.

2. Bus arrangements

The children are taken to their bus line by a teacher. They will be checked off the bus mother's list and then sit in a line until their bus has arrived. They will then walk as a group to the bus.

3. Assessment Days

As your child will be staying at school they will need to bring a packed school lunch with them. This should be inside a container that they can easily open themselves.

4. Clothes

Please write their name (first and class or first and second name) on everything using permanent marker. Even shoes and socks!

5. School Times

Children will be picked up at 11:00am from their class line if they are not staying for their assessment days until Wednesday 26th August/Thursday 27th August. The whole class will start on Friday 28th August for a normal school day. The school day ends at 2:45pm and will be collected outside the Year 2 Area from their teacher.



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6. September 2nd

The Y1 Welcome Meetings will take place on this day and not Monday, 31st August. The children will have normal classes on Monday 31st August, 2015. This is a time for you to talk to the teacher about your child, and share any information that you feel we need to know. The children are not required to attend school that day.

7. Diaries

Diaries will be handed out over the next few days to the children. These are a primary form of communication between home and school. They are checked every morning by us and should be checked by an adult at home every evening. However, if there is something urgent or important that we may need to know immediately, please email us.

8. Hats and water bottles

These are **essential** and need to be in school every day. It is extremely hot and the children may be outside several times a day, during class activities, play and lunch times, PE and sport. There are water fountains around school for them to refill their bottles.

9. Sunscreen and bug spray

Please apply both of these **BEFORE** the children come to school. Sunscreen needs to be applied at least 30 minutes before exposure. We cannot apply sunscreen to all 30 children every day, and they will spend time outside every day. There are a lot of mosquitos in the playground, and the children will benefit from spray or bracelets.

10. Birthdays

Due to dietary requirements please do not bring cakes or sweets to celebrate your child's birthday in class. However we will make sure that your child has a wonderful day!

11. Allergies

A strong reminder that KJS is a nut free school and foods such as Nutella, peanut butter and nuts are not permitted at school. Due to this requirement, the children are unable to share their food with each other at school.

Many thanks and we are looking forward to a wonderful year with your children.

Best regards,

The Year 1 Team