

**JUNYUAN SECONDARY SCHOOL  
SEC 1 PARENT ENGAGEMENT SESSION  
(for 2025 students)**

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### Attire (Uniforms)

1. Is it recommended to buy more uniforms or do they wear more PE attires?  
It is recommended to buy one uniform top and two shorts/skirts as well as two to three sets of PE attire. On Mondays, students are required to wear their full school uniforms. For other days, students can wear PE t-shirts with school shorts/pants/skirts. More details on attire can be found in the Student Handbook.
2. Do students use nametags?  
No. Name tags will not be required.
3. Is the collection of books and uniform for FAS students during December?  
Yes, there is a window set aside for FAS students on 26-27 Dec 2024. Once the FAS letter has been collected from the school's office, books and uniforms can be collected from 26 Dec onwards.
4. When and where can we buy textbooks and uniform?  
You may visit [our school website](#) for the details. You can start placing your orders online before 21 Dec 2024. You may also walk-in to purchase based on the schedule posted on the [website](#) and during the first week of school (i.e. 2 - 3 Jan 2025).
5. What is the attire to wear for the first day? Is it uniform or pe attire?  
Students are to wear the school's PE t-shirt with school shorts/skirts for the first week of school as they undergo the Sec 1 orientation programme. Students who have not yet obtained their new school attire can wear their current primary school PE attire.
6. Do we have to use a tie on the first day of school? Is getting a tie necessary at this moment?  
School ties are only needed for selected formal school events. Students will be informed in advance for occasions that they have to wear a tie. It is not compulsory to purchase at this point in time.
7. What are the dimensions for the t-shirts size XS S M L XL requested for in the Sec 1 Registration Form?  
The t-shirt sizes requested are for the Sec 1 Orientation t-shirt that each student will be issued in the 1st week of school. You may follow the PE t-shirt sizes that you will be choosing for your child. We will also help to facilitate the exchange of sizes, if the sizes are available.

Alphabetic Size	Approximate PE-Shirt Size
XS	34-36
S	36-38
M	38-40
L	40-42
XL	42-44

8. What can we do if there is an issue with our uniform orders?  
Do contact our uniform vendor for assistance. You can find the contact details on the [school website](#).

### **Attire (Shoes/Socks)**

9. I am aware that my child can wear sports shoes to school. Does colour matter? Is it compulsory to use white colour only?  
Students can wear sports shoes to school every day. Sports shoes of plain colours are allowed but they should not be too outlandish or too bright (e.g. neon colours). Note that sports shoes are not compulsory. Students can also wear white school shoes for school.
10. Are students required to wear socks with school logo? Is it possible to buy plain socks from outside?  
The school does not sell socks with the school logo. Students must wear plain, white socks to school every day.

### **Recess / Food**

11. How long is the recess time? Is there lunch time like some schools at JYSS?  
From Mon - Thur, students will have a 40-minutes break while for Friday, a 20-minutes break is allocated. For selected days, additional breaks will be provided depending on the student's timetable.
12. How much should students bring for recess? What is the typical school pocket money?  
Pocket money would vary across students based on their dietary preferences but a budget of \$3 should be sufficient for recess.
13. What is the variety of food sold in the canteen? Are the prices reasonable?  
There are 3 halal food stalls (western, noodles, rice), 1 drinks stalls, 3 other stalls serving snacks, noodles and mixed vegetable rice dishes. Vegetarians can ask for vegetarian friendly dishes from the mixed vegetable rice stall. Prices for a typical plate of mixed rice or bowl of noodles typically start from \$2.50 to \$3.00.
14. Are students allowed to get food out of school?  
During curriculum time, students are only allowed to buy food from the canteen or bring their own food from home. For safety reasons, students will not be allowed to go out of the school to purchase food during lesson time.
15. Is there any cashless payment for recess?  
Yes, they could use their Student Smart Card.

### **First Day of School**

16. For the first day of school, do students report straight to the hall? Can the parents follow them?  
Students will report to the School Hall and will be guided by student leaders and teachers to sit according to their classes. Parents / guardians will not be allowed into the School Hall. Should there be any concerns or requests, please contact the school [directly](#).

## Communication Matters

17. Do you use Class dojo for communications? Are there parents' chat groups for each class?  
Key information will be disseminated via Parents Gateway. Parents who require clarification on school matters should use the official channels such as the school telephone number, school email and staff email to communicate with staff. Refer to this [link](#) for the details.

## Subject Matters (Books)

18. If my child attains AL7 for Maths but is taking the G2 course, do we get books for G1 or G2?  
Do purchase books for the specific subject level offered to your child. A student who is taking a subject at the G2 level should purchase books for the G2 level and need not purchase books for the G1 level. You may refer to the booklist [here](#).
19. How do we buy textbooks in view of the SBB as the students may have different subject banding?  
Do purchase textbooks for the specific subject level offered to your child. For a child who is taking English Language at G3 level and all other subjects at G2 level, he should purchase books for G3 EL. For the other subjects, books for G2 level should be bought.
20. If I had ordered books for G1 and would like to exchange books for the SBB subjects at G2, is it possible?  
Yes. As long as the books are still new, it is possible to approach our bookshop vendor to request to change.

## Subject Matters (SBB / More Demanding Subjects)

21. Does the new system allow students of different courses to learn together in one class?  
Students from different Posting Groups will be in mixed form classes to study subjects such as PE, Music, Art, Character and Citizenship Education (CCE), D&T and FCE. Students will attend English Language, Mathematics, Science, Mother Tongue Languages and Humanities in G1, G2 and G3 groupings.
22. Why does the subject based banding (SBB) system only apply for selected subjects only and assume students can cope equally for other subjects?  
Students are allocated a suitable level of study for the subjects such as English, Mathematics, Science, Mother Tongue Languages which they have been assessed at PSLE. For subjects such as Art, D&T, FCE, Music, PE and CCE with no prior assessment, students would learn alongside with their classmates in the mixed form classes.
23. Does the school offer triple pure science combination at secondary 3?  
The school does not have the triple pure science combination at Sec 3. Students can opt for the double pure science (G3) combination instead as it offers ample opportunities for post-secondary progression.
24. With the new banding system, form teachers have to liaise with more teachers to get feedback for their class. How are they coping to ensure that they can follow up?  
Our teachers will work closely to share their understanding of students' progress and support each other within each mixed form class. Our student development team will also provide further support if necessary.

25. How does the school ensure that students will attend class and not sit out somewhere in the school when they are moving in between classrooms?

We have positioned the Sec 1 classrooms to locate them on the same level, to minimise movement in between lessons. Teachers will work with students to develop positive habits and routines, including being punctual for lessons.

26. At which point can the student decide which level of subject to take up?

At the start of Secondary One, all students will be offered English Language, Mother Tongue Languages, Mathematics and Science at a more demanding level based on their PSLE AL score for each subject. Specific criteria that determine the level of difficulty for various subjects at the start of Secondary One can be found [here](#). Beyond the start of Secondary One, students may also offer these subjects at a more demanding level at the end of semesters 1 and 2, depending on their academic performance.

### **Subject Matters (Mother Tongue)**

27. What are the arrangements for students taking Tamil Language (TL)?

As Tamil Language is not offered in Junyuan Sec, the designated centre is Changkat Changi Sec. Students offering TL will report to Changkat Changi for their lessons. The details for the arrangement will be sent to parents via Parents Gateway notifications.

28. What are the criteria for students to apply for 3rd Language?

In addition to students who obtained an overall AL score of 8 or better, those with an overall AL score of 9 to 14 (inclusive) and attained AL1/AL2 in Mother Tongue Language (MTL) or Distinction/Merit in Higher Chinese/Higher Malay/Higher Tamil at PSLE are also eligible to study Higher Chinese/Higher Malay/Higher Tamil at secondary school level. For more information, click [here](#).

### **Class allocation / Timetable**

29. When can we know which class my child is in?

A Parents Gateway (PG) letter will be sent to you, by 27 Dec 2024, 3pm, with details of your child's class and the Zoom details to join their Form Teachers for an online interactive welcome session on 30 Dec 2024, 8am.

You would also be able to check your child's class via the "contacts" tab within the Parents Gateway app when it is updated.

30. How many classes are there in JYSS next year (2025)?

In 2025, we will have eight Sec 1 form classes.

31. How many students are there in a class/teaching group?

Our class sizes range from 35 to 40 students.

32. Is timetable revised at every new school term?

The timetable may change at the start of each semester.

33. What time does school end on Fridays?

Lessons end by 12.40pm on Fridays.

## Home-Based Learning

34. Does the school have alternate Fridays Home Base Learning (HBL)?

Dates for Home-Based Learning will be updated on the [school website](#) when ready.

## CCA Matters

35. Is it a must to have a CCA?

Yes. CCA is a key learning experience in secondary school which is compulsory for all students.

36. Is Junyuan considering introducing bowling or other sport CCAs?

Not at this point in time as we have 6 existing Sports CCAs and other CCAs which cater to diverse interests. The school may support students' requests to participate in competitions (e.g. Swimming, Taekwondo) on a case-by-case basis. Students are still required to choose 1 CCA in school, as part of their student development experience and to help them better integrate into the school.

37. When is CCA selection? When does CCA start?

There will be CCA Engagement Sessions conducted in Term 1, usually from week 3 onwards (Jan to Feb). More details will be shared with students and parents in weeks 1 and 2 when the term starts. CCA will commence near the end of Term 1 after students have been allocated with their CCAs.

## Handphones / Lockers

38. Are students allowed to use handphones during recess or breaks?

To maintain a conducive and respectful learning environment, students are required to switch off their mobile devices (including handphones and smartwatches) and lock them up in their personal lockers before morning assembly. They will be able to retrieve them after the end of their lessons. For urgent matters, parents can contact your child via the school telephone number during office hours. Click [here](#) for more details from the student handbook.

39. Are there lockers for students?

Yes. All students will be provided with a personal locker to lock their personal belongings such as their mobile devices and PLD (laptops). Locks will be provided for each student and students will be guided by their Form Teachers on how to use the lockers.

## Laptops / Personal Devices

40. Do we need to buy a laptop/ipad?

As part of the Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDL), students would require a learning device for their lessons in school as well as at home. The school would assist your child to purchase a device at a subsidised rate. More information on this would be shared during our Jan briefing on 16 Jan 2025.

41. If my child already has a laptop, does he need to purchase another one? Can he use his own laptop for his digital learning?

For home usage, your child may use his personal device. For learning in school, we strongly encourage your child to purchase the PLD (Chromebook) selected by the school for seamless use in learning. The PLD is heavily subsidized and can be purchased using the Edusave fund. More details will be provided in Jan.

## Others

42. Which hairstyles are not allowed?

Hairstyles such as side-shaven, undercut, long fringes etc are not allowed. Fancy hair styling, tinting, dyeing, highlighting and bleaching of hair are strictly not allowed for all students. For more details on acceptable hairstyles, please refer to the [Student Handbook](#) for the details.

43. Is there any aircon in class?

Our classrooms are naturally ventilated.

44. What time does the gates close in the morning?

Information of the opening hours of our school gates can be found [here](#).

Do note that students should enter through the school gate before the reporting time for each day. For Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays, the closing time for the gates will be 7.50 a.m. and for Wednesdays and Fridays the closing time will be 8.30 a.m. (Wed and Fri) so that students can get to the assembly grounds on time.

45. Can parents visit the school compound?

Yes, parents can visit the school compound during this Dec period when they are purchasing books for their children.

46. Will there be a zoom sharing by the Parents Support Group (PSG)?

More details on PSG will be sent out in Term 1 via Parents Gateway notifications and during our Parents Engagement Session in January (16 Jan 2025). More details about PSG can be found [here](#).

47. For those students whose FAS application has been approved, what is the next step to take?

Parents can bring the approved form to the school's office to be advised on the collection of uniforms and books and other necessary information.

48. International students are required to have a student pass. Who shall we contact?

You may contact our office directly during the operating hours - 65873683 or email [junyuan\\_ss@moe.edu.sg](mailto:junyuan_ss@moe.edu.sg)

**THANK YOU.**