HAIG GIRLS' SCHOOL
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Primary 1 Students (2027)

Dear Parents/Guardians,
We have prepared these FAQs to address some questions you may have as you prepare your child to enter Primary 1 at Haig Girls' School (HGS) next year.

We hope these FAQs will help ease your child's transition to Primary 1. More information and tips on supporting your child can be found in the Orientation slides and Orientation Handbook, which are also uploaded to the HGS school website.

1. School Schedule

- ***When is the first day of school?***
- ***What time does school start?***
- ***What time does school end?***
- ***What time are recess and snack break?***

The first day of school is **Monday, 4 January 2027**. As only Primary 1 students will report to school that day, there will be a special induction programme for Primary 1 students and parents. School will start at 7.30 a.m. More details will be shared by the end of December.

Primary 2 to 6 students will start school on Tuesday, 5 January 2027. All Primary 1 to 6 students will attend school from that day.

School will start at 7.30 a.m. and end at 1.30 p.m. from Monday to Thursday, and at 1.00 p.m. on Friday. Students must be at the assembly point by 7.30 a.m. for the flag-raising ceremony. More information on school hours can be found in the Orientation Handbook.

Any changes will be shared with you and your child through school notifications sent in late December, before the school term starts on 4 January 2027.

- **Will a termly calendar of events and programmes be shared with parents?**

The school will share the calendar of events with parents through Parents Gateway (PG) before each term commences.

2. School Attire & General Appearance

- ***When can students wear PE attire?***
- ***Must students wear white shoes?***

Students are to wear the prescribed HGS school blouse and pinafore. Only white shoes (without coloured lines or logos) and white ankle socks may be worn. High-cut shoes are not permitted.

For PE or PAL lessons, students are to wear the prescribed HGS PE attire: PE T-shirt and brown shorts.

Only Primary 1 students may wear their PE attire throughout the day on days when they have PE lessons. On days without PE lessons, students are to wear the prescribed school blouse and pinafore. Modifications to the uniform are not allowed.

Parents are advised to purchase at least 3–4 sets of PE attire, as students will have PE lessons at least three times a week.

Parents are also advised to purchase at least 2 sets of white blouses and pinafores.

- ***Can students wear earrings?***

Students can only wear a pair of small, plain ear studs. No other types of jewellery or ornaments are allowed.

- ***Can my child bring a smartphone or wear a smartwatch with GPS functions?***

Students must not bring unauthorised electronic, communication, entertainment or gaming devices that can capture, store, display or transmit visual, audio or verbal communication.

Students who bring mobile phones or watches must switch them off and keep them in their school bags upon arrival at school.

Students are responsible for the safekeeping of their own mobile phones or watches. The school will not be held responsible for any loss or damage.

Students may use their mobile phones or smartwatches to contact their parents/guardians only after school hours (including CCAs and after-school programmes), and only in the canteen, foyer or at the school gates.

Students may wear non-smart watches or POSB Smart Buddy watches. Watches should be plain, simple and small so that they do not cause inconvenience during PE or PAL lessons.

3. Recess and Canteen Matters

- ***What types of food are sold at the canteen stalls?***
- ***Are halal and vegetarian food available?***

The school canteen sells a range of food, including rice, noodles and snacks. There are halal and non-halal stalls. Currently, there are no vegetarian stalls. There is a stall selling packaged drinks, and drink vending machines are available in the canteen. However, all students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles. More information on the types of food sold in the school canteen will be shared during the Primary 1 Orientation, and the slides will be uploaded to the school website.

- ***Can students buy food during snack break?***

As the snack break lasts only 10 minutes, students will not have sufficient time to purchase food. Students are advised to bring food from home or buy food during recess for their snack break. Snack break is from 12.05 p.m. to 12.15 p.m., Monday to Thursday. There is no snack break on Friday.

- ***How much money should I give my child?***

While we do not specify how much pocket money to give your child, $3 to $4 should be sufficient for your child to purchase food from the stalls. Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles and may refill them at the water coolers available in the school.

During the first week, teachers will guide your child in purchasing food from the stalls. Primary 5 buddies will be assigned to support your child during the first two weeks of school.

Alternatively, you may consider a POSB Smart Buddy watch, which students can use to scan and pay for food or stationery. More information on the POSB Smart Buddy watch will be shared with you through email or a notification on Parents Gateway.

4. Class Allocation and Form Teachers

- ***How many classes are there in Primary 1?***
- ***What is the number of students per class?***

There are 6 Primary 1 classes. Each class has 30–32 students.

- ***Will I know which class my daughter is assigned to?***
- ***Will I know who my child's Form Teachers are this year?***

Parents will be informed of your child's class through Parents Gateway by the end of November. Once you receive this information, **please remember to write your child's class on her Identity Tag**.

Your child will meet her Form Teachers on the first day of school. There are at least 2 Form Teachers in each class.

Form Teachers will introduce themselves and share their contact details through a personal letter sent via Parents Gateway during the first week of school. You will also be informed of your child's Subject Teachers and their email addresses for ease of contact.

In the meantime, you may email the school at haiggirlssch@moe.edu.sg should you have any queries.

5. Transition into School

- ***How will students be supported in their transition from kindergarten to primary school?***

There are at least 2 Form Teachers in each class. They will guide Primary 1 students through school routines and gradually help them adjust to primary school life. Curriculum teaching will not begin immediately at the start of the school year, as the priority is to help students settle into the school environment and get to know their teachers and peers. Activities will be planned to help students get to know their classmates and understand what to expect in Primary 1.

There is a buddy programme in which a Primary 5 student will be paired with a Primary 1 Haig girl to support her during the first 2 weeks of school.

If you have further queries, please contact Mdm Tng Shoo Ling, Year Head (Lower Primary), at tng_shoo_ling@moe.edu.sg for clarification.

6. First Week of School

- ***Where will my child assemble in the morning on the second day of school, Tuesday, 5 January 2027?***
- ***How will the girls be guided into school on 5 January 2027 and during dismissal?***

Teachers, student leaders and parent volunteers will guide Primary 1 students to the school hall for assembly.

During dismissal, teachers will ensure that students are dismissed in an orderly manner, class by class, at the designated school gates, where parents may wait to pick up their children.

For students travelling home by school bus, teachers will ensure that they board the correct bus.

Parents may drop off their children only at Gate 2 or Gate 4 in the morning. If you are driving, you may enter through Gate 1 and drop off your child at the foyer. Parents will not be allowed to walk around the school campus.

It is important for parents to ensure that dismissal arrangements are indicated on their child's Identity Tag.

- ***Can I fetch and drop off my child at different gates on different days?***

Using different gates on different days may confuse your child and make it difficult for Form Teachers to ensure that she goes to the correct gate for drop-off and pick-up. For your child's safety, please arrange for **one** consistent drop-off and pick-up point.

- ***Will I be able to enter the school on the first day to help my daughter settle in?***

For the safety of our students, only 2 adults may accompany their child on the first day of school to help her adjust to the new environment. More details will be sent to you by late December.

7. Curriculum Matters

- ***What are the subjects taught in Primary 1?***
- ***Do you offer Higher Chinese, Malay or Tamil Language?***

All Primary 1 students will learn the following subjects:

- English Language
- Mother Tongue Language (MTL)
- Mathematics
- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Social Studies
- Character and Citizenship Education
- Programme for Active Learning (PAL)

Higher Mother Tongue Language will be offered only to students with a strong interest and aptitude in Mother Tongue Language at the Primary 5 and Primary 6 levels.

Science will be taught from Primary 3 onwards.

- ***When will I know the outcome for my application to offer a non-Tamil Indian Language (NTIL) or a non-native Mother Tongue (MT) Language?***
- ***When can I buy the MTL books?***

MOE will need time to process the applications. You are likely to hear from the school about the outcome of your application after mid-December or just before the school term starts.

You may need to purchase the other books first and buy the MTL books only after receiving the outcome of your application.

For students offering NTIL, their NTIL teachers will arrange for the purchase of books and resources during the first week of school.

- ***What books do I need to prepare for my child on the first and subsequent days of school?***

Please refer to the Primary 1 2027 Orientation Handbook provided in the Orientation file. The Orientation Handbook will also be posted on our school website.

- ***Where will the classes of NTIL students be held?***

The classes will be conducted as follows:

- Hindi – Conducted on school premises during curriculum hours.
- Gujarati – Conducted on school premises on Saturdays.
- Others – Conducted outside school premises and school hours. For more information, please visit the Board for the Teaching and Testing of South Asian Languages website (https://bttsal.com).

- ***Is it necessary for my child to own a laptop?***

All students will have access to the nationwide e-learning platform, the Student Learning Space (SLS). Teachers will guide students in accessing SLS for their learning in school.

Parents may allow their children to use shared family devices (computers, laptops or iPads). There is no need to provide your child with a personal laptop in Primary 1.

- ***Are there any Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) for Primary 1 students?***
- ***Are there after-school enrichment programmes for Primary 1 students?***

Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) are offered only to Primary 3 to Primary 6 students.

Parents are encouraged to give Primary 1 students time to settle into school. As such, it is advisable not to schedule after-school programmes, at least during Term 1, to allow students time to adjust to primary school.

8. Information on Vendor Services

School Bookshop
Vendor: Pacific Bookstores Pte Ltd
Website: https://www.pacificbookstores.com

Online textbook purchasing for Primary 1 will be available from **11 November 2026 to 12 December 2026.** More information can be found in the booklist sent to parents.

You may opt for home delivery, for which delivery charges apply. If you prefer to collect your order from the school bookshop, please note the following:

- The bookshop will pre-pack your order.
- Only 1 parent/guardian may accompany your child/ward to school at the appointed collection date and time.

The school bookshop will also be open for walk-in purchases on the dates listed in the Primary 1 Booklist.

For enquiries, you may contact the school bookshop at 9476 5125 (WhatsApp only).

School Uniform
Vendor: Asencio Pte Ltd
Website: https://www.asencio.com.sg

For online purchases, you may opt for home delivery, for which delivery charges apply. If you prefer to collect your order from the school, please note the following:

- The uniform vendor will pre-pack your order.

- Only 1 parent/guardian may accompany your child/ward to school at the appointed collection date and time.

The school uniform vendor will also be available for walk-in purchases on the dates listed in the Primary 1 Booklist.

School Bus Service

Vendor: Revolving Transport Pte Ltd

If you wish to register your child/ward for the school bus service in 2027, please submit the online form by **Friday, 27 November 2026**, using the following link: https://schoolbus.emltransport.com/.

Information on the school bus fares is available on our school website: https://www.haiggirls.moe.edu.sg/information-hub/school-bus-services.

For enquiries, you may contact the school bus vendor at 9767 9277 or via email at haiggirls.revolving@gmail.com.

School-based Student Care Centre (SCC)

Parents/guardians would have indicated their interest in registering your child/ward in the school-based SCC, operated by Commit Learning Schoolhouse, through an online link sent via Parents Gateway/email to all Primary 1 parents on 6 October 2026.

Students who are Singapore Citizens or Singapore Permanent Residents and come from family backgrounds with a greater need for support will be given priority. This ensures that no child who needs help is left without support.

Parents will be notified by the **end of November** whether their child has secured a place in the SCC. Details of the cost and programme will be provided when your child/ward is admitted to the SCC.

For enquiries, you may contact SCC via email at clshaiggirls@gmail.com.