



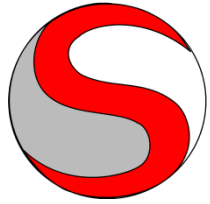
Sha Tin Junior School

**Parent Information Session:
Year 1 Intake 2011/2012**

Plan for the Information Session:

- Message about Sha Tin Junior School
- Basic facts about the school
- The Year 1 admission session
- How you can help?
- Questions and answers

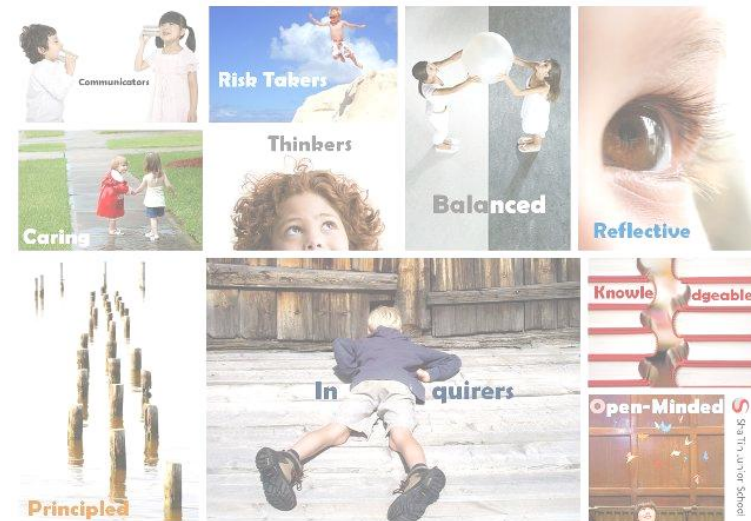




Sha Tin Junior School

Mission Statement

- Striving for excellence in education by building a respectful community of active life-long learners who care about the world





We aim to be a community of learners who are:

Knowledgeable

Thinkers

Inquirers

Communicators

Risk Takers

Caring

Reflective

Balanced

Principled

Open-minded



At Sha Tin Junior School:

- we are committed to developing good relationships within our school and the wider community**
- we work cooperatively with our families and actively encourage parental involvement in school life**
- we believe that children learn best in a safe, happy and structured learning environment**
- we nurture our children to develop confidence, a good attitude, a healthy self-esteem and a sense of responsibility**

- we are accredited by the Council of International Schools CIS**
- the curriculum is organised according to the International Baccalaureate's Primary Years Programme**
- we focus on developing a solid literacy and numeracy foundation in the early years**

Basic facts:

- 30 classes – Year 1 to Year 6
- 30 children in each class
- 30 classroom teachers
- 1 full-time education assistant in every Year 1, 2 and 3 class
- Mandarin, Physical Education, Music and Information Communication Technologies (ICT) specialists
- Student Support Services team with a teacher and education assistants
- Principal
- Vice Principals
- PYP Coordinator
- We have a library, a school hall, a computer suite, music and design technology rooms and a performing arts room
- We share a pool and a sports hall with Sha Tin College

The Y1 Admission Session:

- How it works?
- How you can help?
- What to bring?

ADMISSIONS

How it works:

- Families are greeted by staff in the foyer of the SJS main office
- Children are taken upstairs to a classroom for their admission session – this greeting process is prompt so that time with children is maximised
- 8 children per group
- Monica Chan (Office Manager) will meet with parents and verify all documentation (5 minutes)
- Parents remain in the office foyer and, in turn, meet with Vice Principals (Angela Whitaker or Paul McGuire) and discuss their child (approx 10 minutes)
- Interview with the children lasts 45 minutes to one hour

How it works:

- Children participate in oral language activities with Principal (Perry Tunesi), Special Needs Coordinator (Elise Draeger), a Year 1 teacher (Katie Keenan, Sue Cuthbertson, Lily Lam, Jo Tinlin, Sarah DeCormier) and Primary Years Programme Coordinator (Rachel Blaik)
- Parents participate in a short tour after their meeting with Vice Principals
- Parents wait for children in the foyer after their tour
- Staff reconnect the children with parents in the foyer and families depart SJS
- Staff will speak directly with parents on the day of the admission session should any further information be required about their child





How you can help

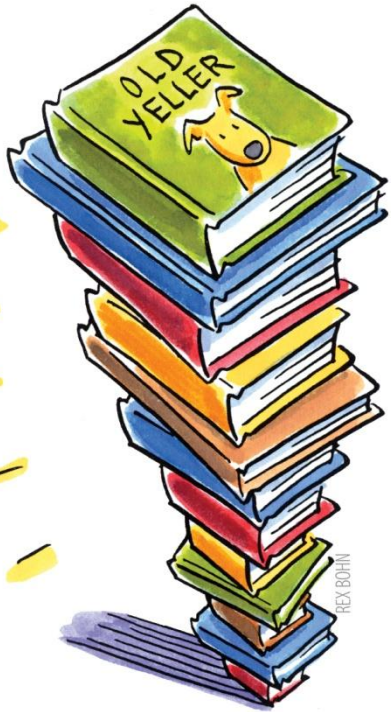
- Prepare your child to separate from you on arrival at SJS
- Talk about coming to play with staff at SJS
- Talk about having fun playing at SJS – it will be like kindergarten
- Talk about the job you need to do when your child is upstairs playing
- Tell your child you will be waiting for them when he/she finishes playing

How you can help

- Tsing Yi, Wu Ka Sha, David Exodus and Zebedee kindergartens were visited by staff
- Try not to worry him/her about what to say or do. Encourage them to talk to the staff and have fun. Your anxiety will rub off on the child. Stay calm, be relaxed and smile.
- Please be 10 minutes early for your – this assists us give your child maximum time and energy for their interview
- Please take your child to the bathroom

How you can help (*at home*)

- Encourage your child to use language spontaneously – play with Lego, share books, play pretend games and role play
- Ask your child open questions during play
- Encourage your child to use language in social situations – having a meal in a restaurant, visiting the doctor, meeting friends, play dates
- Share books together – talk about it as you read



What to Bring



- Passports (parent and child) including valid visas for non-permanent residents
- Hong Kong birth certificate if applicable
- HKID card
- 2 passport size photographs (write your child's name and DOB on the back please)
- Recent proof of address (e.g. utilities bill, lease, bank statement)
- Any reports (e.g. kindergarten reports, speech language reports, occupational therapy assessment reports or educational psychologist assessment reports or any other developmental assessment reports)



I declare that I have made one application to ESF Foundation School and understand I can submit a ESF PIS application in addition to this application on behalf of my child and that the information I have given is accurate. I understand that if any part of my submission is found to be false I will have to reapply. The ESF, or its schools, reserve the right to ask the student's previous school or kindergarten for any information regarding your child's application. Incomplete or inaccurate information may render an application null and void.

The result of the Y1 admission session:

- Will be communicated by letter from SJS - emailed on 7 February 2012
- Acceptance of offer and deposit must be returned to SJS no later than 17 February 2012
- Please take a copy of the information sheet on the Refundable Capital Levy payment options

If your child is not successful at the Y1 admission session:

- You have a choice to be placed on the SJS waitlist for a future admission session
- You may apply for another admission session after 6 months (a future admission session is dependent upon vacancies at SJS)
- You may wish to approach a non ESF school

Parking

- There is no parking available at SJS
- Please be warned that Hong Kong Police may issue traffic infringement notices for illegal parking around SJS



Finally

We look forward to seeing you and your child in January 2012.

Please do not hesitate to contact SJS staff prior to your interview if you have any questions.

Have a Merry Christmas.

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