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## THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER OF PIPS KOWLOON

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# HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

### A WELCOME LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL, GAZEL RAZAVI

Dear Parents,

Another school year is beginning, and we are excited about all the great teaching and learning (and of course fun activities) that is going to happen.

The first week of August has been a busy time for all our teachers, attending Professional Developments, participating in planning and preparing the school environment. Teachers' profiles have been updated on the website (staff profile) with a short biography. Please take a moment and read about our teachers' background and experiences.

[www.pips.edu.hk](http://www.pips.edu.hk)

As mentioned previously, this year, we are working closely with different organizations who run parental courses. Our first "Parents Workshop" will be "Foster School Readiness and Emotional Residency in Young Children". For more information please see page two.



### IMPORTANT DATES:

**21st of August**

School Readiness parents  
workshop

**6th of September**

Primary School Application  
Workshop

**13th of September**

Mid-Autumn Festival

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# SCHOOL READINESS

School readiness means each child enters school ready to engage in and benefit from early learning experiences that best promote a child's success. Ms. Veronica Chan, Senior Speech & Language Therapist, will demonstrate practical strategies for parents to build stronger bonds and develop the following areas including:

- Attention - to sustain attention on all kinds of tasks which play a key role in helping children learn and improve
- Emotional and behavioural regulation - to recognise our feelings and use emotional regulation strategies to cope with difficult situations
- Language and communication skills - to stimulate language learning and development
- Social skills - to play in groups and maintain positive friendships with peers

A warm welcome for you to join us for an interactive presentation which helps your child get ready to grow, learn and succeed.

## **Veronica Chan**

### *Senior Speech and Language Therapist*



Veronica completed her Master of Speech Pathology at La Trobe University, following receipt of her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Melbourne, with double major in Linguistics and Spanish. Prior to relocating to Hong Kong in 2019, she developed rich experience managing a variety of complex cases in different settings in Melbourne. These include serving as clinical supervisor at Australian Catholic University, a school-based therapist in both local government and private schools, and a clinic-based professional. She was also involved in a multilingual study at the University of Hong Kong (Faculty of Speech and Hearing Sciences) as a research assistant. Veronica is a passionate therapist and devotes maximum energy to succeed. She believes in the importance of using a child's unique talents and interests to bring out the best potential within every child. Veronica is comfortable with both spoken and written English, Cantonese and Mandarin (Putonghua).

## **Friendly Reminders**

### School Hours

The main door will be opened at 8:40am for the morning session and 12:55pm in the afternoon. Please do not send your children to school too early. We would like to remind parents and helpers who collect their children after school to wait outside the school's main door. The door will not open until 11:45am for the morning session and 4:00pm for the afternoon session. Please try to encourage your child to be on time when coming to school. Punctuality is an important lesson for us to learn for life! A punctual start also conveys to the child that school is important and is valued by you.

### Student Card

To ensure the security and safety of your child, parents or guardians must present the student card before picking a child up from school. In the absence of this, the parent or guardian will be required to show his or her ID card and sign a collection form from the office.

### Typhoon and Rainstorm Arrangement

The weather in Hong Kong is quite unpredictable. In case of bad weather conditions such as typhoons and rainstorm warnings in force, please listen to the announcements from the Education Bureau or the weather Observatory of Hong Kong.

### Car Park

There are parents who drive their child to school. Please kindly note that the car park is only for PIPS parents to drop off and pick up their child/children. To avoid traffic jams, we would like to ask for your cooperation to leave the car park as soon as you drop off or pick up your child/children. Thank you for your understanding.

### Stroller Safety

We have noticed quite a number of strollers being parked outside the school. Please ensure that you do not leave any valuable items in them, as the school does not take responsibility for the safety of the strollers or the items stored in them. Should anyone bring a stroller to school please ensure that they are parked in an orderly manner so as not to block any entrance or exit of the school.

As informed by the management of Elements, scooters and tricycles are not allowed to be parked outside the school. We advise parents to leave the scooter or tricycle at home.

### Extra Curricular Activities

Our school offers a wide range of extra curricular activities on weekdays or Saturday. Applications for classes starting at the beginning of September are now open. Please collect a leaflet from our front office. All applications will be accepted on a "first-come, first-served" basis. We suggest that you apply as soon as possible while spaces are still available.

