

Date: 6 Nov 2014

To : Principal of Punggol Primary School
Mr. Hanafi Asmore

Re : Commendation of School Teachers

Dear Sir,

I wish to compliment teachers from Punggol Primary School (PPS), namely the Form Teacher of class P6-4, Mrs. Lim-Yeo Ailing Christine, the Consortium Level Head for Primary 6, Mrs. Heng-Tan Siow Leng, and the School Staff Developer, Mrs. Lee Mei Chuen.

I am very touched by the teachers' kind gestures and concern shown towards my son, Jasper Chong, who has been diagnosed with autism since the age of 3, and would like to show my gratitude towards these teachers.

Jasper is blessed to be a student of PPS. I remember being very worried and indecisive on whether sending Jasper to a mainstream school would be the right choice when he was ready for Primary School Level Education, as Pathlight had already assessed him and offered him a place. On the last day of registration, I called up PPS to speak to the AED and the Admin Manager to check whether they had any AED help for autism. While they only had AED help for dyslexia at the time, both of them assured me that the school would be able to help my son when needed. That reply allowed me to be at ease and I eventually turned down the offer from Pathlight and enrolled Jasper to PPS.

The first year in PPS was very difficult for Jasper. He often cried in class, left his seat to sit at a corner when he could not understand the lesson, and ostracised himself at a quiet place during recess time. His form teacher then, Mrs. Heng, called me. After exchanging information about Jasper, she observed him closely and aided him from time to time. With her concern and encouragement, Jasper became a confident boy and started to enjoy school life. I really want to take this opportunity to salute Mrs. Heng for her kindness and the extra effort she put in.

This year was an extremely difficult year for Jasper. With the pressure from grades and puberty, he experienced anxiety and lost his confidence towards learning and school life. He had a lot of complaints and worries. He was worried that his friends would leave him if he did not do as they instructed him to. When he pointed out that the teacher had not gone through a practice paper during class, he felt that his classmates blamed him for reminding her and was too afraid to leave the school by the front gate as per normal, and ended up leaving school by the side gate. I had to constantly seek help from his current form teacher, Mrs. Lim. There were many incidents of Jasper fussing about not going to school, and I had to message Mrs. Lim during her off duty time or holidays. To my surprise, she actually called me back to discuss the problems we faced and gave us assurance that she would help to investigate, and personally counsel Jasper. I sincerely appreciate her willingness to help us during our time of need.

With Jasper completing his Primary Level Education soon, I started to worry about his Secondary Level Education. I shared my worries with Mrs. Lim and with her help, I met up with the Principal, Mr. Hanafi Asmore and the AED, Ms. Muhaini Binte Mohamed Noor. All of them gave me great advice. Ms. Muhaini went even further to assure me that she would be able to help me talk to the AED from the secondary school of choice about Jasper, so that there would be someone to help him at Secondary Level.

I am very thankful and grateful for the amount of assistance provided to us by the school and its staff, and would like to commend the teachers for their unwavering support for my son, even when things got out of hand. Thank you for helping Jasper, and allowing him to receive a meaningful and enjoyable Primary Level Education.

Sincerely,
Mdm. Lim Soh Choo

Mother of Jasper Chong P6-4 (Year : 2014)