

28 July 2016

To: All Parents/Guardians of P1 Pupils

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Engagement Session with P1 Parents

On 13 July 2016, MOE announced the proposed changes to PSLE scoring and Secondary One posting, which will be implemented for the 2021 PSLE cohort (i.e. P1 students in 2016).

2. Primary school is the start of a child's formal education journey, where students develop foundational literacy and numeracy skills. It is also a time for pupils to develop their interest in learning, grow in values and character, and explore their strengths and interests. The PSLE is a useful educational checkpoint to gauge a student's understanding of key concepts. It helps students, parents and teachers to determine where each child's academic strengths lie.

3. As part of a broader shift away from an excessive focus on academic results towards a holistic education, MOE will be making the following key changes to PSLE Scoring and S1 Posting:

- a. Replacing the T-score with **wider scoring bands known as Achievement Levels**, to **reduce the fine differentiation** of students at a young age based on exam scores;
- b. Moving towards a **scoring system that better reflects students' own level of achievement instead of comparing them to their peers** (unlike the T-score);
- c. **Academic merit remains the first criterion** for S1 posting, but **choice order is introduced as a new tie-breaker** to recognize and account for the different considerations that students and parents have in making school choices.

4. To support you in understanding the proposed changes, we would like to invite you to an engagement session for parents of P1 students. Details of this session are as follows:

Date : Friday, 12 August 2016

Time : 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Venue : School Hall

5. An overview of the programme is included for your reference.

10.45 a.m.	Registration
11.00 a.m.	Briefing on Primary School Education and PSLE scoring/S1 Posting Changes
11.40 a.m.	Break
12 noon	Breakout Discussions
12.20 p.m.	Question & Answer
12.40 p.m.	End of Session

For School's Letterhead

If you would like to attend the session above, please indicate your interest via the reply slip and return it through your child's/ward's Form Teacher on Monday, 1 August 2016.

6. Alternatively, more details on the changes can be found at MOE's website: www.moe.gov.sg/PSLE.

7. We look forward to seeing you at the engagement session.

Thank you.

Mrs Ng-Teo Sock Hua
Principal

Reply Slip – Engagement Session with P1 Parents

I, _____ parent/guardian of _____, of class
P1/____ *will / will not be attending the engagement session on Friday, 12 August 2016 at
11.00 a.m.

No of persons attending: * 1 / 2