

Dear Parent,

Ministry of Education Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Policy and Provision of MTLs in MOE Kindergarten (MK)

In Singapore schools, our MTL policy requires all students who are Singaporeans or Singapore Permanent Residents to study the respective official MTL of their race: Chinese, Malay or Tamil. Students who are Eurasian, of mixed parentage and whose MTL is not one of the three official MTLs can request to offer any of the three official MTLs. Indian students may apply to study any of our three official MTLs or a non-Tamil Indian Language (Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi or Urdu). Students will offer their respective MTLs at the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) and the GCE 'N', 'O' and 'A' level examinations.

At the MKs, we ensure the provision of the Chinese Language (CL), Malay Language (ML) and Tamil Language (TL) as long as there is demand for the provision of the respective MTLs upon the point of confirmed enrolment.

We strongly encourage your child to learn an official MTL of his/her own race, to better prepare your child for transition from Kindergarten to Primary 1. Children who are non-Chinese/Malay/Indian are highly encouraged to choose an official MTL at the MK that they can continue learning when they progress to primary school.

However, should parents make the option for your child to learn a MTL that is different from your child's ethnic race at the MK level, this does not give automatic approval to offer the same MTL at Primary One. Parents need to submit a request to MOE to do so when your child enters Primary One, which will be considered on a case-by-case basis and subject to MOE's approval.

For more information on MOE MTL policy, please visit the following website:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/curriculum/mother-tongue-languages/learning-in-school>

As such, we strongly encourage you to let your child take the MTL that they will be required to offer at Primary One.

We seek your acknowledgement of this notification through the attached reply slip.

Thank you.

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Reply slip

1) I acknowledge the content of the above notification regarding provision of MTLs in MOE Kindergarten.

2) I acknowledge that should I choose for my child to learn a MTL that is different from that of my child's race at the MK, it does not give the approval for my child to offer that MTL at Primary One. I will need to submit an appeal to MOE when my child enters Primary One, which is subject to MOE's approval.

Name of Child: _____ Race: _____ Nationality: _____

Name of Father: _____ Race: _____ Nationality: _____

Name of Mother: _____ Race: _____ Nationality: _____

MTL to be offered: _____

Reason(s) for offering a different MTL:

Name of Parent

Signature

Date

Name of Child

Class/Level