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To: All Parents of P1 Students

Dear Parents,

Engagement Session with P1 Parents

On 13 July 2016, MOE announced the changes to PSLE scoring and Secondary One (S1) 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 recognise the different considerations that students and parents have in making school choices.

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

Date: 27 Aug 2016 (Sat)

Time: 9.00am-10.30am

Venue: School Hall

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

8.50am	Registration Further questions can be placed at the Listening Point
9.00am	Briefing on Primary School Education and the changes to PSLE scoring and S1 posting
9.45am	Clarification by School Leaders and Key Personnel
10.15am	Closing Remarks
10.30am	End of Session

6. If you would like to attend the session above, please indicate your interest via the reply slip by **5 Aug 2016** and share with us some of the questions which you may have regarding changes to PSLE scoring and S1 posting. Due to the nature of the session, we appreciate that you do not bring your child/children for the session. Please enter the school by Gate 5. If you are driving, do park your vehicle at the HDB car park next to the school.

7. Alternatively, you can refer to the MOE brochure, distributed together with this letter. More details on the changes can be found at MOE's website: www.moe.gov.sg/PSLE.

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

Thank you.



Mrs Jenny Leong
Principal

-----Please return the portion below to the form teacher by 5 Aug 2016. -----

REPLY SLIP: Engagement Session with P1 Parents

Name of Child/ Ward: _____ **Class: Primary 1** _____ ()

Name of Parent/ Guardian: _____ **Contact No:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please tick the box below:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will not be attending the engagement session.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will be attending the engagement session alone.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will be attending the engagement session with my spouse.

*We appreciate that you do not bring your child/children to session due to the nature of the session.

Questions regarding changes to PSLE scoring and Secondary One posting:

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