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Through: The Principal

Springdale Primary School

Dear Parent/Guardian

GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMME (GEP) 2018

The Gifted Education Branch of the Ministry of Education is carrying out the identification of students for the Gifted Education Programme 2018. The identification exercise is conducted in two stages - Screening and Selection. We invite all P3 students enrolled in Singapore government and government-aided schools to participate in the Screening exercise which will be held in the school on **Wednesday 23 August 2017**. Students will be asked to work on some English Language and Mathematics questions at the following times:

English Language	8.30 a.m. - 9.45 a.m. (1 hr 15 min)
Mathematics	10.30 a.m. – 12 noon (1 hr 30 min)

2 We would like to inform you that

- a) students' participation in the Screening exercise is not compulsory; however, we encourage you to allow your child to take part.
- b) all results of students' performance at the Screening exercise are confidential and will **not** be released.
- c) students who are shortlisted to participate in the Selection exercise will be informed through the school in early October. The Selection exercise will be held on **19 and 20 October 2017**. Shortlisted students who are interested should make themselves available on both days.
- d) some of the questions in the English Language and Mathematics papers may be more difficult than those usually assigned in school. This provides an opportunity for your child to work on more difficult questions and challenge himself/herself. Please advise your child not to be anxious with this exercise or be worried if he/she cannot answer all the questions.

3 The GEP identification exercise aims to identify students with high intellectual potential who will benefit from the enriched curriculum provided in the programme. Test-preparation activities might inflate students' scores and not reflect their actual potential. Students who are not ready to handle the intellectual rigour and demands of the programme will struggle with the enriched curriculum and not benefit fully from it. Students develop at different rates and we should allow them to blossom at their own pace. Thus, we urge you not to enrol your child in test-preparation activities for the identification exercise.

4 Some information on the Gifted Education Programme is enclosed.

5 Please complete the reply slip and return it to your child's Form Teacher by **Wednesday, 19 July 2017**.

6 If you want your child to participate in the Screening exercise but he/she is unable to turn up on the day of the exercise due to valid reasons, please contact Mdm Nai Li Hoon (Tel: 6771 3049) or Mdm Marie Chan Siok Eng (Tel: 6771 3050) or moe_gebr@moe.edu.sg latest by **23 August 2017**. Approval is granted on a case-by-case basis. If your child is on medical leave, a medical certificate has to be provided.

7 Please be reminded that Wednesday, 23 August 2017 is a regular school day. This means that students who have opted not to participate in the Screening exercise are still expected to attend school.

8 Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Ms Loh Wee Cheng
Director
Gifted Education Branch
Curriculum Planning & Development Division
for Permanent Secretary (Education)

SOME INFORMATION ON THE GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The Gifted Education Programme (GEP) seeks to develop the intellectually gifted to their full potential in an educational environment that is designed to stimulate intellectual growth. An equally important emphasis of the GEP is the development of social responsibility and sound moral values in the students.

Students who have been identified for the GEP will attend classes from Primary 4 to Primary 6 in one of the 9 primary schools: Anglo-Chinese School (Primary) and Catholic High (Primary) for boys; Raffles Girls' Primary for girls; Henry Park Primary, Rosyth, Nan Hua Primary, Nanyang Primary, St. Hilda's Primary, and Tao Nan for both boys and girls.

The identification exercise involves two stages:

- a. **Screening Stage:** The Screening exercise will be carried out by the school on **23 August 2017** and all Primary 3 students are invited to take part. Students will be asked to work on some English Language and Mathematics questions based on what they would have learnt from Primary 1 to Primary 3 syllabuses. Both multiple-choice and open-ended questions are included and the format is similar to Mathematics and English Language questions assigned in school.
- b. **Selection Stage:** About 10% of the students who participate in the GEP Screening exercise will be invited to participate in the GEP Selection exercise (on **19 and 20 October 2017**) which is made up of 3 papers – English Language, Mathematics and General Ability. The English Language and Mathematics papers will assess what students would have learnt from Primary 1 to Primary 3 in the English Language and Mathematics syllabuses. The General Ability paper is an assessment of logical thinking and general reasoning ability.

About 1% of the cohort will be invited to join the Primary 4 GEP classes. The outcome of the GEP Selection Exercise will be released to all students through the school in early November 2017.

The GEP is an enrichment programme pitched at the students' intellectual ability. The subjects that are enriched in the Primary GEP are English Language, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Character & Citizenship Education. Students who are proficient in their Mother Tongue language will be given the option to offer the subject at the Higher Mother Tongue level. At the end of Primary 6, GEP students sit the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) together with students in the mainstream.

At the secondary level, provisions for GEP students are made through school-based gifted education programmes in selected Integrated Programme (IP) schools. The IP schools which offer school-based gifted education programmes are: Anglo-Chinese School (Independent), Dunman High School, Raffles Institution, Raffles Girls' School (Secondary), Hwa Chong Institution, Nanyang Girls' High School and The National University of Singapore High School of Mathematics and Science. GEP students admitted to the 6-year IP in these schools will receive a school-based enriched and challenging curriculum to stretch them intellectually.

More information on the GEP can be obtained from our website:
<http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/programmes/gifted-education-programme/>

Reply Slip *(Please return this portion to the Form Teacher by **Wed, 19 Jul 17.**)*

Re: GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMME (GEP) SCREENING EXERCISE 2017

To: The Principal
Springdale Primary School

Please tick one:

- I **would like** my child/ward to participate in the GEP Screening Exercise on Wednesday, 23 August 2017.
- I **would not like** my child/ward to participate in the GEP Screening Exercise on Wednesday, 23 August 2017.

Name of Child: _____

Class: Primary 3 _____

Name of Parent / Guardian: _____ Signature: _____