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Through: The Principal

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Dear Parent/Guardian

GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMME (GEP) 2019

The Gifted Education Branch of the Ministry of Education is carrying out the identification of pupils for the Gifted Education Programme 2019. The identification exercise is conducted in two stages – Screening and Selection. We invite all P3 pupils enrolled in Singapore government and government-aided schools to participate in the Screening exercise which will be held in the school on **Friday 24 August 2018**. Pupils will be asked to work on 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
- pupils' participation in the Screening exercise is not compulsory; however, we encourage you to allow your child to take part.
 - all results of pupils' performance at the Screening exercise are confidential and will **not** be released.
 - pupils 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 **16 and 17 October 2018**. Shortlisted pupils who are interested should make themselves available on both days.
 - 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 about this exercise or be worried if he/she cannot answer all the questions.

3 The GEP identification exercise aims to identify pupils with high intellectual potential who will benefit from the enriched curriculum provided in the programme. Test-preparation activities might inflate pupils' scores and not reflect their actual potential. Pupils 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. Pupils 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.

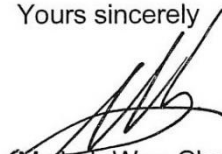
5 Please complete the reply slip and return it to the Principal of your child's school by **6 August 2018**.

6 If you would like 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 Ms Sharifa Nur at Tel: 6771 3045 or Mdm Marie Chan at Tel: 6771 3050 or moe_gebr@moe.edu.sg latest by **24 August 2018**. Approval is granted on a case-by-case basis. If your child is on medical leave, a medical certificate has to be provided. Only medical certificates issued by medical doctors who are registered with the Singapore Medical Council will be accepted.

7 Please be reminded that Friday, 24 August 2018 is a regular school day. This means that pupils who have opted not to participate in the Screening exercise are still expected to attend school.

8 Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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