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Through: The Principal

_____ Coral Primary School

Dear Parent/Guardian

GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMME (GEP) 2017

The Gifted Education Branch of the Ministry of Education is carrying out the identification of pupils for the Gifted Education Programme 2017. The identification exercise is conducted in two stages - Screening and Selection. We invite all P3 pupils studying in Singapore government and government-aided schools to participate in the Screening exercise which will be held in the school on **Friday, 26 August 2016**. Pupils will be asked to work on English Language and Mathematics questions at the following times:

English Language	9.00 a.m. - 10.15 a.m. (1 hr 15 min)
Mathematics	11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. (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 **18 and 19 October 2016**. 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 with 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.

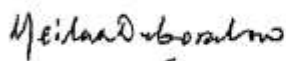
5 Please complete the reply slip and return it to the Principal of your child's school by **12 August 2016**.

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 Miss Sharifa Nur Yacoob (Tel: 67713045) or Mdm Marie Chan Siok Eng (Tel: 67713050) or moe_gebr@moe.edu.sg latest by **26 August 2016**. 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 Friday, 26 August 2016 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. Schools have been advised to arrange a programme for these pupils to attend.

8 Thank you.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Deborah Tan
Director
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Curriculum Planning & Development Division
for Permanent Secretary (Education)

REPLY SLIP

*Return the completed slip to the Principal of your child's school by **12 August 2016**.*

GEP SCREENING EXERCISE 2016

To: The Principal

_____ Coral Primary _____ School

I would like/not like* my child/ward, _____,

of Primary 3 _____, to participate in the GEP Screening exercise on **Friday, 26 August 2016**.

Parent's/Guardian's*
Name and Signature

Date

* Please delete accordingly.