

**FUHUA PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**Parent Engagement Session (Primary 5 and 6) 22 April 2022**  
**Questions raised during the session and the responses**

**DIRECT SCHOOL ADMISSION (DSA-SEC)**

Please refer to the following MOE website for detailed information on DSA-SEC –  
<https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/dsa/explore/eligibility>

***Question: Will results also play an important role in DSA?***

Students offered placement in a DSA-Sec school will still need a PSLE score that qualifies them for the course offered by the school

***Question: if we apply through DSA and we got selected through DSA but change our mind after that and want to apply through Sec 1 posting exercise, can we do so? Can we decline the DSA offer after knowing the PSLE score?***

If your child is admitted through DSA-Sec, he/she is not be allowed to participate in the S1 posting exercise. They are also not allowed to transfer to another secondary school after the release of the PSLE results. They must commit to their chosen school for the duration of the programme.

**POSTING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL**

***Question: How does secondary school admission work now? Will having two CCAs give the child a higher chance to get into a secondary school?***

Posting to secondary school will still be based on your child's PSLE Score (that is, your child's Achievement Levels). Your child can submit up to 6 different school choices, in order of preference. Tie-breakers are used only if there are two or more students with the same PSLE Score vying for the last available place(s) in a school.

The S1 Posting Tie-Breakers (in order of priority) are as follows:

1. Citizenship (priority given to Singapore Citizens, followed by Permanent Residents and International Students)
2. Choice order of schools [NEW]
3. Computerised balloting

To know more about the new PSLE scoring system and Achievement Levels, you can visit this MOE website: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/psle/main.html#>

If your child would like to use his/her CCA(s) to apply for a secondary school through DSA, he/she may do so. Your child should only apply to secondary schools of his/her choice in the talent areas that is offered at the school. Within the same school, your child can apply for two different talent areas. Please refer to the website on DSA for more information:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/dsa/explore/eligibility>

***Question: What is the difference between express and express Integrated Programme (IP) stream?***

The express stream is a 4- year programme, culminating in the students sitting for the GCE O Level Examination at the end of 4 years.

The express IP stream is a 6-year programme. Different schools offer different certification at the end of 6 years, including GCE A Level and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma.

For more information, you can visit this website:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/courses/express#olevel-programme>

## **OTHER QUERIES**

***Question: How is the school preparing to bridge the learning gaps identified in lower primary given that the last two years have been disrupted significantly by COVID-19 and the absence of exams last year where the child does not have a gauge on his or her academic knowledge?***

Assessment of students learning is not limited to their performance in examinations and tests. Their daily work, participation in class activities, contribution to discussions etc are also used to assess students' learning. Notwithstanding the impact of Covid-19 on learning, the school has processes in place to review students' learning and provision support where necessary to bridge the learning deficits or stretch the learning potential.

***Question: Will the parents receive customized feedback on the child in mid-year to help parents know how they can help the children in the year end exams?***

Parents will receive the report book at the end of Term 2. The report book will reflect your child's academic performance and holistic remarks on other areas of development for the 1st semester. The Parent-Child-Teacher Conference II will be held in Term 3 for further updates on the child's learning progress and development. Do not hesitate to reach out to the form or subject teachers should you have any concerns with regards to your child's learning and development.

***Question: Will there be any topics not tested for PSLE this year for Mathematics and Science? Since last year and the year before last, some topics were not taught. Also, some of children might have missed school due to Covid19.***

As of now, all topics in the syllabus will be tested at PSLE. Topics that were not covered previously have been covered in the beginning of the year. Should there be any changes to the topics coverage at PSLE, SEAB will inform schools and public.

## **USEFUL WEBSITES:**

1. New PSLE Scoring System  
<https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/psle/main.html>
2. Direct School Admission for secondary schools (DSA-Sec)  
<https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/dsa>
3. Changes to the PSLE scoring and S1 posting (Chinese subtitles)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FxoicpegHk>
4. Score Calculator  
<https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/resources/score-calculator.htm>