#### Primary One Admission System (Admission to Primary One in September 2025) <u>Information Note</u>

The Primary One Admission (POA) System is divided into two stages: "Discretionary Places Admission" stage and "Central Allocation" stage.

# (I) Discretionary Places Admission Stage

- Parents could view results of discretionary places admission via POA e-Platform (ePOA) from 10 a.m., 18 November 2024. The results would also be released by all government and aided schools on the same day. Names of successful applicant children would be posted up at the schools concerned.
- Parents should register their child with the school on <u>20 or 21 November 2024</u>. Failure to register with the school within the specified period would lead to forfeiture of the discretionary place offered to them. If it happens that a school eventually does not operate any subsidised P1 class in the 2025/2026 school year, alternative P1 places will be arranged by the Education Bureau (EDB) for the pupils admitted by the school during the "Discretionary Places Admission" stage.

## (II) Central Allocation Stage

- (a) Participation
- Children who have not been offered a discretionary place will participate in the Central Allocation.
- Parents will be informed by the EDB in writing to submit the Choice of Schools Form via ePOA on 13 to 19 January 2025 (till 11:59 p.m.) or to make choices of schools on 18 to 19 January 2025 at designated Central Allocation Centre.
- Parents will make choices of schools under 2 categories:

## Part A

- > 10% of a school's P1 places for the Central Allocation are earmarked for this part.
- > Parents may choose up to 3 schools from any school nets.

## <u>Part B</u>

- > 90% of a school's P1 places for the Central Allocation are earmarked for this part.
- > Parents should choose schools in their home net\*.

(b) Results Release of Central Allocation

- Parents can view the results of Central Allocation via ePOA from <u>10 a.m., 4 June 2025</u>. Besides, the 'Primary One Registration Form' with the results of Central Allocation will be delivered by post to parents' correspondence address provided in the POA application form from <u>4 June to 5 June</u> <u>2025</u> through the 'Local CourierPost' service provided by Hongkong Post. The letter will be delivered to door. If attempt of door delivery by Hongkong Post fails, a 'Mail Collection Notification Card' will be left for parents to collect it from the designated post office starting from the afternoon of the following working day. If parents have not received the 'Primary One Registration Form' or the 'Mail Collection Notification Card' issued by Hongkong Post by 6 June 2025, they could collect the 'Primary One Registration Form' at the designated 'Collection Centre' from 7 June to 8 June 2025 (please refer to the EDB POA Website for the latest arrangements). If parents have provided a mobile phone number on the Choice of Schools Form and indicated their consent to receive the Central Allocation results via this mobile phone number, they will also receive the results via SMS message on 4 June.)
- Parents should register the child with the allocated school within the specified period.

#### (III) Enquiries

For enquiries on the POA System, please feel free to contact Mr Jimmy WAN (Tel: 2832 7640) or Ms Esther CHAN (Tel: 2832 7636) of the School Places Allocation Section, EDB.

\* Parents / Guardians of NCS applicant children are encouraged to choose schools with an immersed Chinese language environment to facilitate them to learn the Chinese language and immersed to society. Most of the public sector schools including the list of schools in applicant children's residing school nets have an immersed Chinese language environment. For school-based support measures for NCS students provided by individual schools, please refer to the column on "Education Support for NCS Students" in the Primary School Profiles (https://www.chsc.hk/primary/en) published by the Committee on Home-School Co-operation. Having due regard to the aforementioned, in case parents / guardians consider that the applicant children may still have difficulties studying in a school with an immersed Chinese language environment at this stage, and indicate on the application form that the applicant children cannot use Chinese as the learning medium, when filling in Part B of the Choice of Schools Forms for Central Allocation, they can choose from the list of schools in the applicant children's residing school nets and make reference to Appendix 3 (schools traditionally admitting more NCS students) of the Notes on How to Complete the 'Application Form for Admission to Primary One' for POA 2025.