

# Cohort Briefing for P2 Parents 2023

## Partnering Parents

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# Shared Beliefs



- **We value every student**

- Each student is unique individual with intrinsic worth. He/She has strengths, interests, passion and preferred learning styles.

- **All can learn**

- Educators are key to enabling students' learning. We learn to be more effective and role model the desire to learn and the process of learning.



- **Every student wants to succeed**

- Each student has hopes and dreams. We are committed to opening vistas and finding pathways that energise him/her to live a purposeful life.

Anchored in Values  
and Purpose

- MOE Corporate Values
- CCE Core Values
- MOE Mission



### ▪ Strong Fundamentals

- Literacy and Numeracy as foundation
- Intrinsic motivation to learn
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Competencies



### ▪ Holistic Development

- Developing physically, cognitively, emotionally, socially and aesthetically
- Exposure, Experience, Experiment

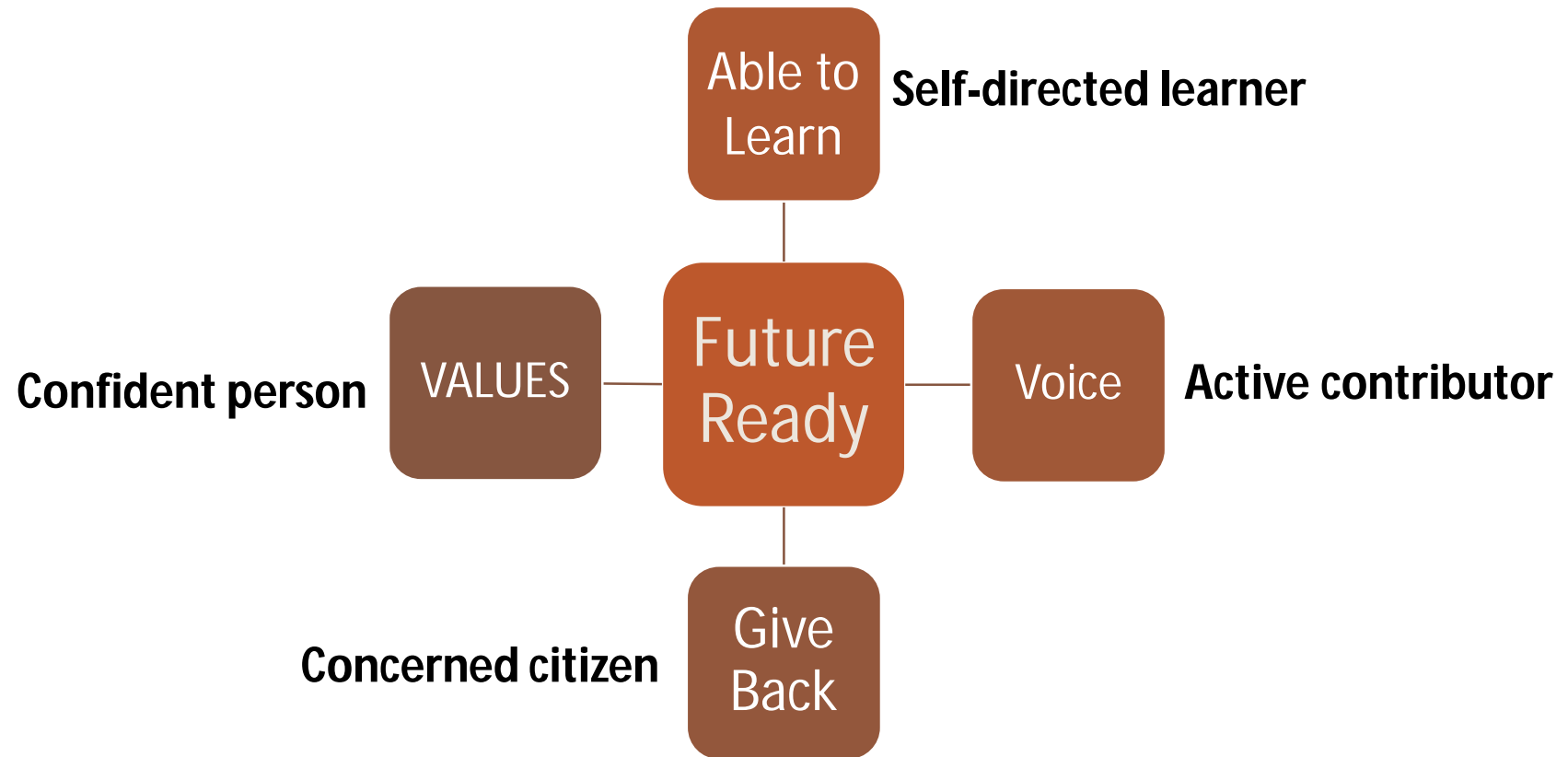


### ▪ Enhance Student Well-being

- While every child is an individual, they must also manage self and relationships with others.
- Rules and consistent expectations create collective well-being.

## Focus Areas

# Fueling the Heart and Mind of the BTPS student to be Future Ready



# Focus at Lower Primary

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## **Learning dispositions and values – attitude and skills to learn**

Listening and paying  
attention  
Following instructions  
Questioning respectfully  
Curiosity about the  
world



## **Fundamentals in literacy and numeracy**



## **Self Management**

Learning about their  
strengths and interests  
Discovering areas of  
growth



## **Getting along with others**

Respecting differences  
Resolving  
disagreements

# Level Motto & Outcome

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Level  
Motto

Start It Right!

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Level  
Outcome

Students are independent individuals  
who uphold graciousness and respect.

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# For our P2 students

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## P2 Friendship Day

- End of Term 2
- Activities among the P2 cohort to build friendship

## Lower Primary Games Day

- 21 July 2023

## Children's Day Excursion with Social Studies Learning Journey

- 5 October 2023



# BTPS Approach to Learning



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**APPLIED LEARNING PROGRAMME: Inquiry-based learning – Thinking Routines**  
**I STRIVE FOR THE BEST. I TAKE CHARGE OF MY LEARNING!**

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**PHASES  
of INQUIRY**

**ENGAGE**

**EXPLORE**

**EXPLAIN**

**ELABORATE**

**EVALUATE**

**Learning  
BEHAVIOURS**

**I Pose  
Questions**

**I Actively Look for  
Answers**

**I Explain my Thinking**

**I Link What I Learn to  
Life**

**I Reflect on My  
Learning**

**THINKING  
ROUTINES**

**Question Starts •**

- Think Pair Share
- I See, I Think, I Wonder
- Think Puzzle Explore

- What Makes You Say That
- Claim Support Question
- I Explain my Thinking

- Connect Extend Challenge
- Mind Maps
- Step Inside

- I Used to Think, Now I Think
- Ladder of Feedback



BTPS IBL-TR Framework

## GUIDING QUESTIONS

### **Who is Thinking?**

Who is posing questions?  
Who is collecting evidence?  
Who is 'doing' the explaining?

How do we plan learning sequences that emphasise understanding?

What behaviors must we develop to enable thinking?

How do we motivate our learners to think?

**NO Weighted Assessments**

**NO End of Year Examination**

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# Holistic Assessment

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- Building child's confidence and desire to learn
- Assessment focus more on information on learning progress
- Richer feedback on your child's development

# Allocation of Pupils after P2 (P3 2024)

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Random mix into 6 classes

For MT classes, mixed-ability based:

- Offer of Higher Mother Tongue (CL, ML & TL)
- Mother Tongue Support Programme (CL, ML & TL)

# Revised PSLE Scoring System



# What the NEW PSLE aims to do . . .

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Reduce fine differentiation of students at a young age based on exam scores.

Recognise a student's level of achievement in each subject, regardless of how his peers have done.



## Students with the similar scores in each subject will be grouped into the same Achievement Level

There will be 8 Achievement Levels (ALs), with AL1 being the best.

A student's AL for each subject will reflect his level of achievement, rather than how he has performed relative to his peers.

PER SUBJECT
AL 1 (BEST)
AL 2
AL 3
AL 4
AL 5
AL 6
AL 7
AL 8 (UNGRADED)



# Why 8 Achievement Levels?

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This offers a good balance.

It reduces fine differentiation between students while still giving parents and educators a gauge of a student's progress at the end of primary school.

Students can then be matched to suitable academic programmes in secondary schools.

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AL1
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# 4 subjects added to form PSLE Score

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The PSLE Score replaces the T-score Aggregate.

The PSLE Score ranges from 4 to 32, with 4 being the best.

Compared to the T-score Aggregate, students are less finely differentiated.



ENGLISH	AL3
MOTHER TONGUE	AL2
MATHEMATICS	AL1
SCIENCE	AL2

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**PSLE SCORE: 8**

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## SCORING FOR MTL-EXEMPT AND STUDENTS STUDYING AN ASIAN LANGUAGE/ FOREIGN LANGUAGE (AsL/FL) IN LIEU OF AN MTL



# SCORING FOR MTL-EXEMPT AND AsL/FL STUDENTS

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- § For students who are exempted from MTL or take an AsL/FL in lieu of an official MTL, their PSLE result slip will only reflect the three subjects they have taken.
- § However, for the purposes of Secondary 1 posting, these students will need an assigned MTL score so that they have a PSLE score comprising four subjects
  - To determine the assigned MTL score, reference is made to MTL scores of other students who have achieved similar scores in English, Mathematics, and Science.
  - This is the same approach taken in today's T-score system.



# SCORING FOR MTL-EXEMPT AND AsL/FL STUDENTS

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- In reviewing the score assignment for these students under the new PSLE scoring system, we needed to strike a balance between:
  - Acknowledging that students have valid reasons for seeking MTL exemption or taking an AsL/FL, and
  - Ensuring some parity between scoring for exemption, Foundation and Standard MTL.

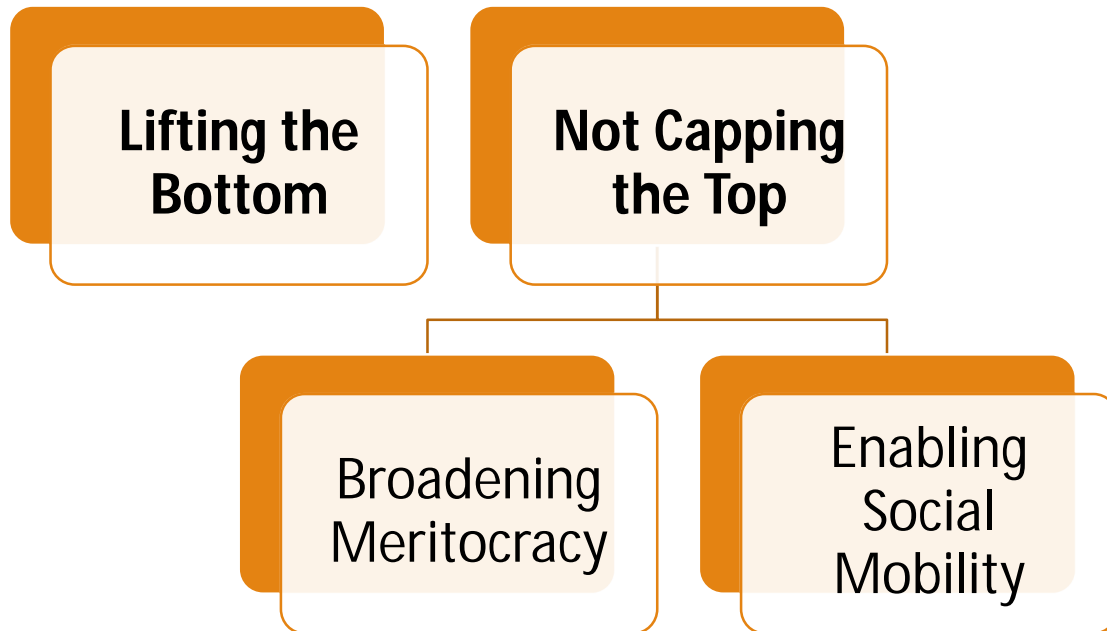
# SCORING FOR MTL-EXEMPT AND AsL/FL STUDENTS

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- Under the new scoring system, the assigned MTL score will :
  - Take reference from peers with similar scores for English, Mathematics and Science;
  - While maintaining parity of treatment with students who take Foundation MTL (who will score between AL 6 to 8).
- Hence, students will receive an assigned MTL score between AL 6 to 8 in PSLE.



# Education as an Uplifting Force



# One Sec Education, Many Subject Bands

## Different Pathways for Success

Recognising Individual Strengths  
Reducing Labelling





# Learning Languages for Life

**Harnessing Benefits of Language Learning**

Strengthening Cultural Identity

Opening Up Economic Opportunities



# Communication with Teachers


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Let us maintain a healthy home-school partnership that supports student growth.

BT Kit

Email – Available on school website

Phone call – within office hours

- Moving towards greater independence and initiative on the part of students
  - Mutual respect and support between the school and parents
  - Time and space for teachers to teach and care for your child
  - We all want the best for your child/our student
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# School Leaders' Email Addresses

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Thank You

