

Primary 3 and 4 Parent Engagement 2023 - Frequent Asked Questions

GEP matters

Q:What is GEP? How does it work?

A:

The Gifted Education Programme (GEP) is a programme that caters for the needs of intellectually gifted students. Students are identified for the GEP through a 2-stage exercise in P3. Selected students will be invited to join the programme in P4.

The screening exercise will be based on the Primary 1 to Primary 3 English Language and Mathematics syllabuses.

Stage 1: Screening

- Your child can take part in the GEP screening on **17 August 2023**
- Your child will take the following papers: English Language and Mathematics
- The school will be informed in early October if your child is shortlisted for the next stage of the GEP identification exercise.

Stage 2: Selection

- The second round of the exercise will be held on **17 and 18 October 2023**
- Your child will take the following papers: English Language, Mathematics and General Ability @ an external venue

For more information on GEP, please visit: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/education-in-sg/our-programmes/gifted-education>

SBB matters

Q: How are P4 results important for the students to move up to P5? What is SBB?

A:

Subject-based banding (SBB) gives your child the opportunity to take a combination of subjects at standard and foundation levels based on their strengths.

SBB provides greater flexibility for students by offering them the option of Standard and Foundation Subjects, depending on their strengths. This will allow students to focus on and stretch their potential in the subjects they are strong in while building up the fundamentals in the subject they need more support in.

How does SBB work?

At P4:

- School will recommend a subject combination at the end of the year based on the students' overall examination results,
 - For students who pass all 4 subjects and perform well in Mother Tongue Language, the school will recommend the student to take 4 standard subjects and one Higher Mother Tongue Language at Primary 5.

- Students who pass 3 or 4 subjects, will be recommended to take 4 standard subjects at Primary 5.
- For students who pass 2 or fewer subjects, the school will recommend the students to take subject combinations that best suit them.

At P5:

- Students sit for school-based examinations for the subject combination.
- At the end of the P5 examination,
 - For students who take 4 standard subjects and are coping well, the school will allow them to continue with the same subject combination in P6.
 - Students who take 4 standard subjects and have difficulties coping, may be allowed to take 1 or more subjects at foundation level in P6.
 - For students who take 1 or more foundation subject(s) and did very well in the subject, may be allowed to upgrade the subject to standard level, if the school believes that the child can cope or continue with the subject combination in P6.

For more information on GEP, please visit:
<https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/curriculum/subject-based-banding>

Student Leadership

Q:How are student leaders selected in Rivervale Primary School?

A:

Student leadership falls into 2 categories:

Tier 1: Classroom Leaders

Tier 2: Prefects and CCA Leaders

Student leaders in both tiers are nominated by the form teachers and subject teachers.

Communication

Q:

Why is there no Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) at the end of the year?

A:

The PTM is for the parents and teachers to communicate on the overall/ holistic development of the child so that we can better support the child in his/her development.

This year, the school will be organizing a Student-Led Conference (SLC) in Term 2 for parents and their child to meet with their form teacher. The student will lead the session by sharing his/her school experience with his/her parents and form teacher.

Parents are encouraged to communicate with the teachers throughout the year via emails or calls or meet up face-to-face on a needs basis so that the child can be supported as and when he/she needs it rather than waiting for the SLC.

