

(Appendix 4: Sample letter to parents, for school's reference and amendment)

“School-based Gifted Development Programmes”

_____ (Student's name) has been admitted to the “School-based Gifted Development Programmes”, and he/she is invited to join the “Exploratory/Enrichment Activities” Group. The aim of this Group is to provide high-ability school students with training in thinking ability, creativity and personal and social skills that will enable them to develop their potential to a greater degree.

There will be 15 Primary Three and Four students in the Group, which will meet on Fridays from October 2001 onwards. The meetings will start at 2:00 pm, and there will be approximately 20 meetings in a year. Most will be held on school premises. There will also be additional activities, such as site visits and excursions, and arrangements for these will be made in accordance with the actual needs of the Group.

The “Exploratory/Enrichment Activities” Group places great emphasis on fostering students' spirit of self-learning. Therefore, its members are encouraged to take the initiative to participate in all its activities. Please discuss this subject with your child to explore whether he or she is willing to join the group, and his or her areas of interest. The reply slip attached should be returned to the School General Office, on or before 10th June 2001.

The Principal

“School-based Gifted Development Programmes”

I _____ (Student's name) am willing/ not willing to join the “Exploratory/Enriching Activities” Group of the “School-based Gifted Development Programmes”. If I participate, I agree to take an active part in all its activities.

Student's name: _____

Class _____

Date: _____

I _____ (Parent's Name) am willing/not willing to support _____ (Student's name)'s participation in the “Exploratory/Enriching Activities” Group of the “School-based Gifted Development Programmes”.

Parent's signature: _____

Date: _____