

## **Entrance Examination and Curricula of Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) Primary Schools**

### Entry Requirement

Since DSS primary schools may admit their own students, they are allowed greater flexibility to establish reasonable and professionally sound criteria for recruitment and admission of students which are consistent with the tradition and educational objectives of individual schools. However, DSS schools should ensure that parents are well aware of these admission criteria and weightings through channels readily accessible to parents, such as school websites or application information for student admission. In any way, DSS primary schools should not conduct any entrance tests or examinations when recruiting Primary One (P1) students.

2. DSS primary schools are expected to follow the guidelines on conducting interviews for applicant students for selection of admission in accordance with Annex C of the Education Bureau Circular No. 9/2004. In particular, any DSS primary school with a feeder or nominated school relationship to a secondary school in the public sector may lose that relationship if it fails to follow the guidelines for interviews in its recruitment of students.

3. DSS schools, in receipt of government subventions, are also required to observe the age threshold in their admission of students. DSS schools would not be entitled to receiving the respective government subsidies for any attendees not reaching the age of 5 years 8 months as at 1 September of the year of entry to P1.

### Curriculum

4. DSS primary schools are required to offer principally a curriculum targeted at local students. Within this broad parameter, DSS schools are allowed flexibility on the design and content of their curricula. Schools will offer a variety of subjects to cater for the special needs of their students. In order that parents can choose what they consider to be the right curriculum for their children, DSS primary schools will be required to give a full description of their curricula, with an indication of any new items, in their annual prospectuses.