Primary One Admission 2026 (for parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students)



What we will cover today?

 Types of primary schools and how to get admitted through the Primary One Admission System

2. Education support for non-Chinese speaking (NCS) students

Different Types of Primary Schools in Hong Kong

- 1. Government Primary Schools
- 2. Aided Primary Schools
- 3. Direct Subsidy Scheme Primary Schools
- 4. Private Primary Schools

Government & Aided Primary Schools

- No school fee will be charged
- Their primary one places are allocated under the POA System

Direct Subsidy Scheme Primary Schools, Private Primary Schools and International Schools

- School fees will be charged
- These schools do NOT join the POA System
- Parents need to apply to them direct (i.e. not under the POA System)

How to get admitted through the POA System?

Eligibility

To join POA 2026, the applicant child must

- reach the age of 5 years 8 months when he/she is enrolled in P1 in September 2026;
 (i.e. born on or before 31 December 2020);
- be a Hong Kong resident;
- NOT attending any primary school; and
- have NEVER been allocated a P1 place

POA School Net

- POA system is net based
- The whole territory is divided into 36 POA School Nets

Primary One Admission

2 stages:

- Discretionary Places (DP) Admission stage (take up about 50% of a school's P1 places)
- Central Allocation (CA) stage (take up about 50% of a school's P1 places)

Discretionary Places (DP) Admission Stage

Discretionary Places Admission Stage

- Parents can apply to ONLY ONE government or aided school in ANY DISTRICT (i.e. any POA school net)
- If more than one application to government or aided school is submitted, all your applications for discretionary place will be forfeited
- Refer to "Primary School Lists by School Net for Discretionary Places Admission Stage"

小一學校網 POA School Net

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灣仔、銅鑼灣、掃桿埔、跑馬地、大坑、渣甸山 WAN CHAI, CAUSEWAY BAY, SOO KUN PO, HAPPY VALLEY, TAI HANG, JARDINE'S LOOKOUT

學校 編號 School No.	學 校 名 稱 Name of School (備註) (Remarks)	授課 時間 Session	學校 類別 School Type	資助 類別 Finance Type	宗教 Religion	自行分配 學位學額 Discretionary Places Quota	學 校 地 址 (電話號碼) School Address (Telephone Number)
123456	呂祺小學 Lui Kee Primary School	全日 whole-day	男女 co-ed	資助 aided		25	香港灣仔皇后大道東 269號 (2832 7700) 269 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, HK

The Education Bureau is reviewing the information provided above, related layout is subject to update.

Discretionary Places

Type A

- Reserve about 30% of P1 places
- For admission of applicant children with sibling(s) studying or parent(s) working in the school
- All applicant children of this category will be admitted by the school

Discretionary Places

Type B

- Reserve about 20% of P1 places
- If the number of applications for discretionary places in Type B received by a school exceeds its quota, the school should admit the applicant children according to the Points System

The Points System

Parent(s) teaching or working full-time in the kindergarten or secondary section if it is of the same address as the primary school (20 points) Sibling(s) studying in the secondary section if it is of the same address as the primary school (20 points) Parent(s) being a school manager of the primary school (20 points) Parent(s) or sibling(s) being a graduate of the primary school (10 points) (5 points) First-born child (the eldest child in the family irrespective of sex) (Applicant children may claim only one of the relationships from 1 to 5) Same religious affiliation as the sponsoring body which operates the primary school [See Note] (5 points) Parent(s) being a member of the same organisation which sponsors the operation (5 points) of the primary school [See Note] (Applicant children may claim only one of the relationships from 6 to 7) Applicant child of the right age (5 years 8 months to 7 years old) (10 points)

[Note: Parents are advised to consult the school direct about the definition of "same religious affiliation"/ "a member of the same organisation" before submitting the application form.]

Discretionary Places Admission Stage

- Submit paper application form to the school direct from 22 to 26 September 2025 or via the e-POA from 18 to 26 September 2025 (till 11:59 p.m.)
- Results will be released by schools on 24 November 2025. Parent can also check results via e-POA on 24 November 2025 (from 10:00 a.m.)
- Register with allocated school on 26 to 27 November 2025 (If parents cannot register their child with the school within the specified period and time, they would deemed to have given up the school place allocated.)

For submission of paper / electronic application form, parent is required to bring along / upload via e-POA:

- Parent's identity card, passport or other identity documents (only applicable to paper application form)
- Copy of applicant child's birth certificate and (if necessary) passport
- Copy of valid proof of residential address (e.g. including stamped tenancy agreement, water/ electricity/ town gas / residential telephone bills)
- 4. Copy of the Birth Certificate and school handbook of the applicant child's sibling, if claiming the applicant child's sibling is studying in the school or the secondary section of the school of the same address applied for

For submission of paper / electronic application form, parent is required to bring along / upload via e-POA:

- 5. Copy of the birth certificate of the applicant child's sibling and graduate certificate of the applicant child's sibling / parent, if claiming the applicant child's sibling or parent's graduate relationship
- Copy of the Baptism Certificate of the applicant child, if claiming the applicant child's same religious affiliation with the school
- 7. Copy of the parent's membership document, if the parent claims that he / she is a member of the same organisation which sponsors the operation of the primary school

Submission of Paper Application Form

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街道名稱及號數 123 CHUNG MEI ROAD	
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居住地址 RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	
(如與通訊地址相同,則不須填寫) (Leave blank if same as correspondence address)	

乙部 : 家長 / 監護人資料 PART B:PARENT'S / GUARDIAN'S PARTICULARS			
9 姓名〔中文〕	10 證件編號 D23XXX HIKA	X(3)	證件類別 DOCUMENT TYPE [O]
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電郵地址 khatri@goog	le. c om		
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[甲]兄/姊在 <u>該小學</u> 就讀或父/母在 <u>該小學</u> 就職 (A) SIBLING(S) STUDYING OR PARENT(S) WORKING IN <u>THE</u> PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLIED FOR	16 是		
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1 父/母全職在與該小學同一校址的幼稚園 PARENT(S) TEACHING OR WORKING FULL-TIME IN THE KIN SECONDARY SECTION IF IT IS OF THE SAME ADDRESS AS T	或中學部工作 [二十分] NDERGARTEN OR	父/母或兄/姊姓名* NAME OF PARENT / STELLAND	
2 兄/姊在與該小學同一校址的中學部就讀 SIBLING(S) STUDYING IN THE SECONDARY SECTION IF IT I ADDRESS AS THE PRIMARY SCHOOL	(二十分) IS OF THE SAME	Khatri Radhika	
3 父/母為該小學的校董 PARENT(S) BEING A SCHOOL MANAGER OF THE PRIMARY S	(二十分) SCHOOL (20 POINTS)	4 畢業年份/現讀班級*	,,,=-,,
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7 父/母為該小學主辦社團的成員 PARENT(S) BEING A MEMBER OF THE SAME ORGANISATION THE OPERATION OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL	〔五分〕		No.
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Application through e-POA

- In line with the "Smart Government" strategy, the EDB has fully implemented digitalisation of POA.
- Parents / Guardians can submit applications for discretionary places and central allocation, as well as check results of discretionary places admission and central allocation via ePOA. (URL:

https://epoa.edb.gov.hk/login?lang=en or scan the

QR code at the bottom)

- Parents should NOT submit duplicate applications via ePOA and in paper form for the same child.
- Parents are allowed to apply for a discretionary place of only ONE government or aided primary school in any POA School Net for each applicant child.
- Irrespective of whether the application is submitted via ePOA or in paper form, if parents have applied to more than one government or aided primary school, their applications for discretionary place will be rendered void.

- If parents wish to use the above electronic services, they have to register as users of POA e-Platform and bind their accounts to "iAM Smart". Parents may refer to the "iAM Smart" website (URL: https://www.iamsmart.gov.hk/en) or scan the QR code at the bottom for the registration methods of "iAM Smart".
- Parents who have bound their accounts to "iAM Smart" can check the results through the e-Platform.
- Parents who have bound their accounts to "iAM Smart+" can submit primary one applications and check the results of discretionary places admission and central allocation through e-Platform.

The permissions of the user are based on the account type.

POA 2026							
Account Type	Apply for DP (18 - 26 Sept 2025)	Release of DP result (24 Nov 2025)	CA Choice- making (19 - 25 Jan 2026)	Release of CA result (3 June 2026)			
iAM Smart+	✓	✓	✓	✓			
iAM Smart	×	✓	×	✓			

To facilitate parents to better understand the application procedures for ePOA, please make reference to the relevant <u>PowerPoint</u>, <u>videos</u> and <u>Parent's Guides</u> on the EDB website. You may scan the QR code below.



- Applicant children who have not been offered a discretionary place will participate in the Central Allocation
- A fresh application for the Central Allocation is NOT necessary.
- Each primary school earmarks about 50% of its P1 places for Central Allocation

Choices of Schools

Part A – Unrestricted School Choices

- Can choose ANY school located in ANY school net
- About 10% of P1 places are earmarked for unrestricted school choices (i.e. Part A in Central Allocation)
- Parents may make up to 3 choices of schools from any school nets (including the home net)

Choices of Schools

Part B – Restricted School Choices

- About 90% of P1 places are earmarked for restricted school choices (i.e. Part B in Central Allocation)
- Parents should select schools available in the school list for the applicant children's residing school net to avoid travelling unreasonably long distances to attend schools

Choices of Schools

 When choosing a primary school for children, parents should first identify children's characteristics, personalities, abilities and interests, and then consider various factors such as the characteristics, school motto, religion, sponsoring body, location, scale and history of a school.

Computer Processing of Central Allocation

- To ensure fairness, allocation results are based on parental choices and random numbers of applicant children
- First process the unrestricted school choices (Part A)
- Then process the restricted school choices (Part B)

- Parents will be informed in mid-Jan 2026 by EDB in writing to make school choices via e-POA or at designated Central Allocation centres on the specified dates.
- Parents should make school choices from 19 to 25 January 2026 (till 11:59 p.m.) via e-POA or go to the specified Central Allocation centre to make their choices of schools on 24 or 25 January 2026.
- If parents have not received the letter by 19 January 2026, they should contact the School Places Allocation Section.

- Allocation processed centrally by computer
- Results of Central Allocation to be sent to parents by post and SMS on 3 to 4 June 2026. Parents can also check results via e-POA on 3 June 2026 (from 10:00 a.m.)
- Registration of children allocated places through Central Allocation on 9 to 10 June 2026

- EDB will arrange to deliver the 'Primary One Registration Form' with the result of Central Allocation by post to parents' correspondence address provided in the POA application form from 3 to 4 June 2026 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.

Central Allocation Stage

If parents have not received the 'Primary One Registration Form' or the 'Mail Collection Notification Card' issued by Hongkong Post, they could collect the 'Primary One Registration Form' at the designated 'Collection Centre' from 6 to 7 June 2026

(For the latest arrangements, please refer to EDB Primary One Admission Website).

Central Allocation Stage

Apart from issuing the 'Primary One Registration Form' by post, if parents wish to receive the results of the CA for POA 2026 of their applicant children via SMS message on 3 June 2026, they may provide a mobile number which can receive SMS message on the Choice of Schools Form / e-POA and indicate their consent to receive the results of the CA via this mobile phone number.

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 A testing SMS message will be sent from the EDB to the mobile phone number provided for receiving SMS in early May 2026.

Central Allocation Stage

 Parents should register with the allocated school on 9 or 10 June 2026.



Education support for non-Chinese speaking (NCS) students

The Government

- is committed to encouraging and supporting the integration of non-Chinese speaking (NCS) students into the community, including facilitating their early adaptation to the local education system and mastery of the Chinese language
- ensures NCS children enjoy equal opportunities for admission to public sector schools and learning of Chinese on par with their Chinese-speaking counterparts

The Education Bureau (EDB)

 has been providing NCS students with allencompassing learning support from preprimary to secondary levels through diverse strategies including providing additional funding to schools, optimising the curriculum, enriching the teaching resources, enhancing teacher training and professional support and facilitating homeschool cooperation, etc., to help NCS students master the Chinese language and integrate into the community

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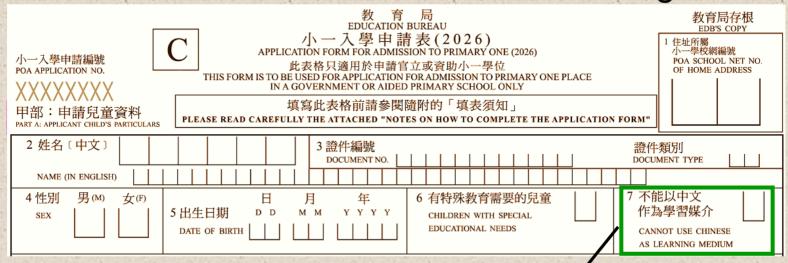
- Parents of NCS students are encouraged to arrange for their children to study in schools with an immersed Chinese language environment to facilitate them to learn the Chinese language and immerse to the society
- Most of the public sector schools including the list of schools in applicant children's 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 published by the Committee on Home-School Cooperation

http://www.chsc.hk/primary/en

Having due regard to the aforementioned, in case parents

- 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



If the applicant child cannot use Chinese as a learning medium, please put a tick in the box provided.

when filling in Part B of the Choice of Schools Forms for Central Allocation,

parents can choose from the list of schools in the applicant children's residing school nets and make reference to the list of schools traditionally admitting more NCS students (in Appendix 3 of the "Notes on How to Complete the Application Form") In addition, the Education Bureau will inform the schools to which the applicant children are allocated of the captioned information provided by parents / guardians upon the release of the Central Allocation results

Timetable for POA 2026

1 to 26 Sept 2025	Distribution of POA application form
18 to 26 Sept 2025 (via e-POA) 22 to 26 Sept 2025 (via paper form)	Application for discretionary place (Only 1 aided or government school)
24 Nov 2025	Release of discretionary places admission results by schools
26 & 27 Nov 2025	Registration of successful discretionary places applicant children
mid-Jan 2026	Parents of the applicant children who did not secure a discretionary place are invited by letter to make choices of schools for Central Allocation
19 to 25 Jan 2026 (via e-POA)	
24 & 25 Jan 2026 (at specified central allocation centres)	Make choices of schools for Central Allocation
3 & 4 June 2026	Results of Central Allocation to be sent to parents by post
9 to 10 June 2026	Registration of applicant children allocated places through CA

Latest news / school information

- Parents should pay attention to the latest press release and announcement on the EDB webpage
- The letter of authorization for submitting the application form for POA can be downloaded on EDB webpage
- School information / list of schools
 - Kindergarten / Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centre
 - Primary School Profiles (www.chsc.hk/primary/en)
 - Regional Education Offices of EDB
 - Call 2891 0088 to obtain by fax
 - Browse the EDB webpage (www.edb.gov.hk)

Translated POA Documents

- Key information in the leaflet and explanatory notes on POA have been translated into languages of different races
- POA application form has also been translated into languages of different races (for reference only)

Other Support Measures (1):

 Video of this briefing session will be uploaded onto the EDB webpage to facilitate parents of NCS students to understand the POA System in due course.

Other Support Measures (2):

- Dedicated workshops for parents of NCS students to facilitate their understanding of the procedures of choice-making of schools for Central Allocation in January 2026
- Interpretation of languages of different races will be provided

Other Support Measures (3):

- Designated centres in Kowloon, Hong Kong and the New Territories are set up for parents of NCS students to submit their Choice of Schools Forms in Central Allocation Stage
- Interpretation of languages of different races will be provided

Other Support Measures (4):

Enquiries on POA System School Places Allocation Section

General Enquiries 2832 7700

HK Island & Islands 2832 7610

Kowloon 2832 7620

New Territories West 2832 7635

New Territories East 2832 7659

POA webpage:

[Path: EDB homepage (http://www.edb.gov.hk) > Education System and Policy > Primary and Secondary Education > School Places Allocation Systems > Primary One Admission System]

Telephone Interpretation Service

8 hotlines by which telephone conferencing service is provided by the Centre for Harmony and Enhancement of Ethnic Minority Residents (CHEER) for better communication between the EDB officers and the parents of NCS students

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3755 6811 (Bahasa Indonesia)
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3755 6822 (Nepali)

3755 6833 (Urdu)

3755 6844 (Punjabi)

3755 6855 (Tagalog)

3755 6866 (Thai)

3755 6877 (Hindi)

3755 6888 (Vietnamese)

Thank you!

Q&A

Evaluation

