

Primary One Central Allocation results to be posted to parents on June 3 or June 4

The Education Bureau (EDB) reminded parents today (May 28) that the results of the Central Allocation for Primary One Admission (POA) 2020 will be sent to parents by post from next Wednesday to Thursday (June 3 to June 4).

"A total of 26 793 children took part in Primary One Central Allocation. Among them, 19 554 children were allocated to schools of their first three choices," a spokesman for the bureau said.

"Taking into account discretionary places and the number of children allocated to schools of their first three choices in the Central Allocation, the overall satisfaction rate is 85.4 per cent."

The Central Allocation of POA is composed of two parts. Ten per cent of the places for the Central Allocation, which are not restricted by school nets, are under Part A and parents may choose up to three schools in any school net. The remaining 90 per cent of the places for the Central Allocation are under Part B and parents are required to select schools in the school net/Choice of Schools List in respect of the applicant child. Of the places allocated to children in the Central Allocation, 2 834 are under Part A and 23 959 are under Part B.

Parents who completed a Choice of Schools Form for the Central Allocation on January 18 or January 19 this year will receive the Primary One Registration Form delivered by post from June 3 to June 4 through the Local CourierPost service provided by Hongkong Post. If the mail item at the time of delivery by Hongkong Post is unattended, 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. If parents have not received the Primary One Registration Form or the Mail Collection Notification Card issued by Hongkong Post by June 5, they could collect the Primary One Registration Form at the designated collection centre from June 6 to June 7.

The Primary One Registration Form will show the name and address of the school to which the children are allocated, together with the dates for registration. In light of the epidemic development of coronavirus disease 2019, the EDB will assign timeslots for parents to register with the allocated school on June 9 (Tuesday) or June 10 (Wednesday) according to the last digit of the applicant children's POA application number to reduce the gathering of people and maintain social distancing. Parents are requested to complete the registration formalities within the specified date and time as listed on the Arrangements on Registration attached to the Primary One Registration Form. Parents who cannot proceed with the registration within

the specified date and time can register on June 11 (Thursday) instead, from 9am to 12pm or 2pm to 4pm.

Parents who cannot register their child with the school on the above dates due to matters of grave importance should notify the person in charge of registration of the school concerned in advance to make alternative arrangements; otherwise, they would be deemed to have given up the school place allocated.

Upon registration, the Primary One Registration Form should be surrendered to the school. Parents should note that all places allocated are final and would not be changed.

In view of the arrangement of 14-day compulsory quarantine, parents of Cross-Boundary Students (CBS) may not be able to register with their respective allocated schools in person. In this connection, the EDB has made special arrangements for these parents. They could register with their allocated school by fax, email or post, or authorise a representative to register with the school on their behalf on the specified registration dates. The EDB has already informed all parents of CBS about the special arrangements.

Should parents decide to give up the place allocated because of special circumstances, such as moving to another school net far from the school allocated, they need not register their child with the school allocated. They are advised to go to the EDB's School Places Allocation Section, Office 2, 2/F, Manulife Financial Centre, 223 Wai Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, to make necessary arrangements. They should bring along the Primary One Registration Form, the original and copies of documents showing proof of the new address, such as a rental contract, rates demand notes, or water or electricity bills bearing the name of the parent or the guardian of the child.

Any parent who finds it necessary to transfer his/her child to another school after registration is strongly advised to obtain an assurance of acceptance from that school before retrieving the Primary One Registration Form from the original school because retrieval of the registration form means cancellation of the allocated school place.

Should the territory be affected by adverse weather or other special circumstances during the period for the announcement of results or on any day(s) designated for registration, parents should listen to announcements on radio and television for special arrangements for Central Allocation or registration.

Parents wishing to obtain general information regarding POA procedures can call the 24-hour enquiry service of the EDB at 2891 0088. Further enquiries can be made to the School Places Allocation Section at 2832 7610 (for Hong Kong Island and Islands), 2832 7620 (for Kowloon), 2832 7635 (for New Territories West), 2832 7659 (for New Territories East) and 2832 7700/2832 7740 (for general enquiries) during office hours, as well as from 9am to 4.30pm on June 6 and June 7.