

## FAQ FOR PUBLIC TALK

<b>CURRICULUM</b>	
Q1	Does my child need to take any exam?
	<p>Our students do not need to sit for National Examinations (e.g. PSLE, 'N' levels). At 16 years old, they will sit for the Workplace Literacy and Numeracy (WPLN) assessment which is required for admissions to the post-secondary vocational education institutions.</p> <p>Teachers will conduct school-based assessment regularly to monitor your child's learning progress, and adjust pace of teaching to provide necessary support.</p>
Q2	Does my child need to learn Mother Tongue?
	All students attending Special Education (SPED) schools in Singapore are exempted from learning Mother Tongue (MT) language. Hence the school does not have this subject in the curriculum.
Q3	Are the teachers trained?
	Teachers have to go through a one-year training at National Institute of Education (NIE) to be a trained SPED teacher.
Q4	How many students are there in the class?
	On the average, we have about 8 to 12 students in a class. For students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) who may require more support, they will be placed in smaller class size of about 4 students. A teacher aide may be deployed to the class depending on the needs of the students.
Q5	Can we be in school when my child starts school?
	On the first day of school, you can send your child to the class if you feel that your child needs your presence in an unfamiliar setting. Once the teachers start lesson, you can leave your child with the teacher. The teachers will communicate with you regularly to update on your child's progress.
Q6	My child needs help in his speech. Can the school help?
	The school has a team of Allied Professionals (APs) who will work with teachers to support the students. Teachers will refer students to the APs if they find that the students will benefit from the AP support.
Q7	Do we get to meet the teachers to discuss about my child's progress?
	The school conducts Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) 3 times a year for teachers and parents to discuss the child's Individual Education Plan (IEP). The first meeting is to formulate common goals in the IEP that the teachers will be working on your child. Teachers will then update you the progress at the second meeting. At the last meeting, you will be presented the overall progress that your child has made at the end of the year.

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Q8	What are the subjects taught in Katong School? What will my child learn in Katong School?
	Students in the Primary levels are taught Functional Academics, Social Emotional, Daily Living Skills, Physical Education and Sports, as well as Visual and Performing Arts. When they reach the Secondary levels, Vocational Education will be included in the timetable. Character and Citizenship Education is also embedded across the subjects.
Q9	What happens after my child completes Secondary 4?
	After completing Secondary 4, you may consider sending your child to APSN Delta Senior School or Metta School for post-secondary vocational education.
Q10	Can my child go to ITE after Sec 4?
	After completing Secondary 4, students may join a post-secondary vocational education institution and will continue to take the WPLN assessment. At the end of their post-secondary vocational education, they may use the WPLN scores to apply for NITEC courses in ITE.

<b>ADMISSION MATTERS</b>	
Q1	What is the admission criteria for Katong School?
	Katong School caters to children with Mild Intellectual Disability (MID) and mild Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) between 7 and 16 years old.
Q2	How do I know if Katong School is suitable for my child?
	You may refer to the “Which School for My Child? A Parent’s guide for children with Special Education Needs” by MOE. It can be found at <a href="https://www.moe.gov.sg/docs/default-source/document/education/special-education/files/parents-guide-children-special-educational-needs.pdf">https://www.moe.gov.sg/docs/default-source/document/education/special-education/files/parents-guide-children-special-educational-needs.pdf</a> . The document contains information about the different special education schools in Singapore and serves a guide to help you understand how to identify a school that best supports your child.
Q3	Can I still apply to Katong School if my child does not meet admission criteria?
	The screening psychologist would have recommended the most appropriate learning setting for your child after completing the psychological assessment. If you still wish to apply for Katong School after the discussion with the psychologist, Katong School will consider the applications on a case-by-case basis.
Q4	How do I apply to Katong School?
	<p>Please submit the completed SPED school application form together with all the relevant documents (as listed in Page 2 of the application form) to Katong School. The SPED school application form consists of 4 portions and can be downloaded from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <a href="https://www.apsn.org.sg/admission-procedures/">https://www.apsn.org.sg/admission-procedures/</a></li> <li>2) <a href="https://www.moe.gov.sg/education/special-education/how-do-i-apply-for-a-place-in-the-school-for-my-child">https://www.moe.gov.sg/education/special-education/how-do-i-apply-for-a-place-in-the-school-for-my-child</a></li> </ol> <p>Once we have verified that documents are in order, we will arrange for an admission screening for your child. The results of the admission screening will be made known to you 2 to 6 months from the date of the screening.</p>
Q5	Where can I get the psychological report done?
	The psychological report must be completed by a qualified psychologist. It can be done at the public hospitals or a private psychology clinic. A list of registered psychologists can be found at <a href="https://singaporepsychologicalsociety.org/srp-membership-directory/">https://singaporepsychologicalsociety.org/srp-membership-directory/</a> .
Q6	Which doctor can complete the medical report section?
	The medical report section (Section 3) of the SPED school application form should be completed by a Medical Specialist or General Practitioner (e.g. Family doctor). To aid the process, please bring along your child’s health booklet.

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Q7	What is the admission screening? What is tested during admission screening?
	The admission screening is not a test. The admission screening consists of 2 parts - A classroom observation and a parent interview. During the classroom observation, your child will sit through a regular classroom lesson. He/ She will be observed to help us identify his/ her learning needs. The results of the admission screening would depend on whether or not we are able to support his/ her learning needs.
Q8	Who can I contact for more information about the admission process?
	You may contact our school at 6445 8027 to leave a message for our admissions team. Alternatively, you may email them at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mdm Amizah Binte Othman, Admissions/Support Officer <a href="mailto:amizah@apsn.org.sg">amizah@apsn.org.sg</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ms Chang Wei Ling, Psychologist <a href="mailto:chang.weiling@apsn.org.sg">chang.weiling@apsn.org.sg</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mr Holden Lim, Psychologist <a href="mailto:holden.lim@apsn.org.sg">holden.lim@apsn.org.sg</a></li> </ul>
Q9	Why do I only submit the SPED school application form to my first choice school?
	The SPED school application form allows parents to state their three preferred SPED schools in a single application, removing the need for multiple applications to different schools. The schools will liaise with each other if the need arises, reducing the amount of trips and communication parents have to make.
Q10	What happens when I submit the SPED school application form to more schools?
	If multiple copies of the SPED school application form is submitted, only the first choice school will process the application.
Q11	When is the deadline to submit applications for P1 intake in 2021?
	As part of the intake assessments consists of a classroom observation (subjected to changes due to the evolving COVID-19 situation), we can only do it during school term. Thus the application deadline for P1 intake in 2021 is at the end of July/ early August. Intake assessments are scheduled based on the dates the applications were received, the earlier we receive it, the earlier the intake assessment.
Q12	Can my child join Katong School in the middle of the academic year?
	Yes. Katong School admits students on a monthly basis except during June and December due to the school holidays.
Q13	What happens if the application to Katong School is not successful?
	In the event that Katong School is unable to meet your child's current learning needs, the school will seek advice from MOE's Multi-Agency Advisory Panel (MAAP) to recommend an alternative SPED school that can meet your child's learning needs.

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	<p>The school operates in two sessions. The morning session caters to secondary students from 13 to 16 years old. The afternoon session is for primary students from 7 to 12 years old. The school hours are as follows:</p> <p><b>AM SESSION</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Day</th> <th>Monday</th> <th>Tuesday</th> <th>Wednesday</th> <th>Thursday</th> <th>Friday</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>School Hours</b></td> <td>8.00am to 1.00pm</td> <td>8.00am to 1.00pm</td> <td>8.00am to 12.30pm</td> <td>8.00am to 12.30pm</td> <td>8.00am to 11.30am</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2"><b>Recess</b></td> <td colspan="5">Secondary 1 &amp; 2: 9.30am to 10.00am</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">Secondary 3 &amp; 4: 10.00am to 10.30am</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>* Students will report to school by 7.45am.</i></p> <p><b>PM SESSION</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Day</th> <th>Monday</th> <th>Tuesday</th> <th>Wednesday</th> <th>Thursday</th> <th>Friday</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>School Hours</b></td> <td>12.30pm to 5.15pm</td> <td>12.30pm to 5.15pm</td> <td>12.30pm to 5pm</td> <td>12.30pm to 5pm</td> <td>1.00pm to 5pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2"><b>Recess</b></td> <td colspan="5">Primary 1 to 4: 2.00pm to 2.30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">Primary 5 &amp; 6: 2.30pm to 3.00pm</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>* Students will report to school by 12.15pm from Mondays to Thursdays and by 12.45pm on Fridays.</i></p>	Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	<b>School Hours</b>	8.00am to 1.00pm	8.00am to 1.00pm	8.00am to 12.30pm	8.00am to 12.30pm	8.00am to 11.30am	<b>Recess</b>	Secondary 1 & 2: 9.30am to 10.00am					Secondary 3 & 4: 10.00am to 10.30am					Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	<b>School Hours</b>	12.30pm to 5.15pm	12.30pm to 5.15pm	12.30pm to 5pm	12.30pm to 5pm	1.00pm to 5pm	<b>Recess</b>	Primary 1 to 4: 2.00pm to 2.30pm					Primary 5 & 6: 2.30pm to 3.00pm				
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	School fees is \$20 for Singapore citizens and permanent residents. School fees for International students (IS) are \$4,064 a month for FY2020 (Apr 2020 to Mar 2021) (subject to changes periodically).																																														
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	School bus service is available for certain areas in Singapore. Cost of the service would vary depending on the distance between Katong School and the pickup/drop off point. You can contact the service contractor, Mr Tony Yeo, at 9858 8099 for more detail																																														
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	Your child is still required to register for NS upon receiving the NS Registration Notice. The Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) would assess whether or not your child would be fit to serve his NS during the medical screening. A letter from Katong School verifying your child has attended a SPED school can be provided to you. Please bring this letter along with all medical reports during the medical screening.																																														