

Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 235/2024

From : Secretary for Education To : Heads of Kindergartens, Primary and
Secondary Schools (including Special
Schools)

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Parent Education Programmes and Parent Education Resource Booklet for Parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students

Introduction

This circular memorandum informs kindergartens, primary and secondary schools (including special schools) about the Parent Education Programmes and “Parent Education Resource Booklet for Parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students” (“Resource Booklet”) launched by the Education Bureau (EDB) in the 2024/25 school year. Parents of non-Chinese speaking (NCS) students are encouraged to actively participate in the programmes and draw reference to the “Resource Booklet”.

Background

2. The Government is committed to enhancing the Chinese proficiency of NCS students to prepare them for further studies and work, as well as integrate into the local community. In the course of learning Chinese, while it requires the continuous efforts of schools, teachers and NCS students, support from families in creating an environment conducive to the learning of Chinese is also essential. In this connection, EDB has been providing a series of parent education talks cum exhibitions and community activities for parents of NCS students since the 2020/21 school year. These activities inform parents of the multiple pathways available to their children and encourage parents to enhance the communication with schools to foster better learning support for their children. Overall, the feedback from parents of NCS students on the activities was positive.

Details

3. EDB will provide more diversified parent education programmes that cater for the needs of parents of NCS students and develop “Parent Education Resource Booklet for Parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students” with reference to the Curriculum Frameworks on Parent

Education¹ for kindergartens, primary and secondary schools. It is anticipated that parents of NCS students will be able to comprehend and understand the knowledge and skills in supporting their children’s learning and whole-person development through participating in the diversified activities and understanding of the latest resources on parent education. Details of the parent education programmes in the 2024/25 school year and the “Resource Booklet” developed are as follows:

(i) Parent Education Programmes for Parents of NCS Students

EDB has commissioned Caritas Hong Kong, under the “Academy for Parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students”, to organise thematic sharing sessions and community activities between November 2024 and July 2025, in various districts in Hong Kong. Diversified modes of activities including thematic talks, workshops, game booths and community exploration, are adopted to meet different needs of parents of NCS students.

The event calendar, topics, enrolment methods and contact information of the service provider of the “Academy for Parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students” for the 2024/25 school year are at the **Annex** of the “Sample Parent Letter” for reference. Schools are suggested to inform NCS students and their parents of the activities and proactively encourage their active participation. Enrolment methods and the information of the activities will be updated as and when appropriate. Parents may visit the EDB website (Path: <https://www.edb.gov.hk/en> > Home > Students and Parents Related > Non-Chinese speaking (NCS) students > Education Services for Non-Chinese Speaking (NCS) Students > Provision and Support > For Parents and Students > Parent Education Programmes for Non-Chinese Speaking Parents) for the latest information of the activities.

“Academy for Parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students”:



(ii) “Parent Education Resource Booklet for Parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students”

EDB launches the “Resource Booklet” to equip parents of NCS students to support the learning and whole-person development of their children. The “Resource Booklet” is composed of multiple chapters, which provides parents of NCS students with practical information to understand the development of their children, children’s potential, the physical and psychological well-being of both parents and their children, as well as home-school co-operation, thereby facilitating happy and healthy development of their children.

¹ For the Curriculum Frameworks on Parent Education, please visit:
https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/student-parents/parents-related/parent_education/index.html

The “Resource Booklet” in 10 language versions (including Chinese, English, Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Nepali, Tagalog, Thai, Urdu, Punjabi (Indian) and Vietnamese) are available on the EDB website (Path: <https://www.edb.gov.hk/en> > Home > Students and Parents Related > Non-Chinese speaking (NCS) students > Education Services for Non-Chinese Speaking (NCS) Students > Provision and Support > For Parents and Students > Parent Education Resource Booklet for Parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students). Schools are suggested to encourage parents of NCS students to download and draw reference to the “Resource Booklet”.

“Parent Education Resource Booklet for Parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students”:



4. Schools can promote the above programmes and the “Resource Booklet” to parents of NCS students in their schools through different channels, and encourage parents to actively participate in the parent education programmes and make good use of the “Resource Booklet”. A “Sample Parent Letter” is enclosed for schools’ reference.

Enquiries

5. For enquiries, please contact the Home-School Co-operation and Parent Education Section on 3698 4376.

Mrs Gloria LI
for Secretary for Education

c.c. Heads of Sections – for information

【Sample Parent Letter】

(For schools' reference only.

Schools could make revisions according to school-based circumstances.)

<Date>

Dear Parents,

**Parent Education Programmes and
Parent Education Resource Booklet for
Parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students**

EDB attaches great importance to parent education. Diversified parent education programmes specifically for parents of non-Chinese speaking (NCS) students are provided, and the “Parent Education Resource Booklet for Parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students” (“Resource Booklet”) is launched in November 2024 for parents’ reference.

Our school has all along been supporting and actively promoting home-school co-operation and parent education. We encourage parents of NCS students to actively participate in the related programmes and draw reference to the newly launched “Resource Booklet” in order to comprehend and understand the knowledge and skills in supporting their children’s learning and whole-person development. Details of parent education programmes in the 2024/25 school year and the above mentioned “Resource Booklet” are as follows:

(1) Parent Education Programmes for Parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students

EDB has commissioned Caritas Hong Kong, under the “Academy for Parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students”, to organise thematic sharing sessions and community activities between November 2024 and July 2025, in various districts in Hong Kong. Diversified modes of activities including thematic talks, workshops, game booths and community exploration, are adopted in organising the education programmes for parents of NCS students. The event calendar, topics, enrolment methods and contact information of the service provider of the “Academy for Parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students” for the 2024/25 school year are at **Annex 1**.

(2) “Parent Education Resource Booklet for Parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students”

The “Resource Booklet” is composed of multiple chapters, which is specifically written for parents of NCS students. This “Resource Booklet” provides parents of NCS students with practical information to understand the development of their children,

children’s potential, the physical and psychological well-being of both parents and their children, as well as home-school co-operation, thereby facilitating happy and healthy development of their children. The “Resource Booklet” in 10 language versions (including Chinese, English, Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Nepali, Tagalog, Thai, Urdu, Punjabi (Indian) and Vietnamese) are available on the EDB website (Path: <https://www.edb.gov.hk/en> > Home > Students and Parents Related > Non-Chinese speaking (NCS) students > Education Services for Non-Chinese Speaking (NCS) Students > Provision and Support > For Parents and Students > Parent Education Resource Booklet for Parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students).

“Parent Education Resource Booklet for Parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students”:



Yours faithfully,
<Principal’s signature>
< Principal’s name>
<school name>

**Event Calendar of “Academy for Parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students”
in the 2024/25 School Year**

Details of the activities below are subject to change. **Please refer to EDB website for the latest update.**

(Path: <https://www.edb.gov.hk/en> > Home > Students and Parents Related > Non-Chinese speaking (NCS) students > Education Services for Non-Chinese Speaking (NCS) Students > Provision and Support > For Parents and Students > Parent Education Programmes for Non-Chinese Speaking Parents)



Programme: “Academy for Parents of Non-Chinese Speaking Students”

Service provider: Caritas Hong Kong

Enrolment methods: Parents can scan the QR code on the right and follow the instructions to enrol

Contact person: Ms CHAN / Ms SIN

Tel: 2552 4211



Event Calendar

Event Number	Date	Topic	District	School Level
1	9/11/2024 (Saturday) Afternoon	Playful Chinese Learning	Wan Chai	Primary school
2	16/11/2024 (Saturday) Afternoon	Supporting Your Child in Learning Chinese	Kwai Tsing	Primary school
3	23/11/2024 (Saturday) Afternoon	Building Rapport with Your Child	Sham Shui Po	Secondary school
4	7/12/2024 (Saturday) Afternoon	Planning Your Child’s Education	Yuen Long	Primary school
5	14/12/2024 (Saturday) Afternoon	Appreciating and Caring for Your Child	Tsuen Wan	Primary school
6	4/1/2025 (Saturday) Afternoon	Learning Chinese with Fun	Yau Tsim Mong	Primary school

Event Number	Date	Topic	District	School Level
7	11/1/2025 (Saturday) Afternoon	Understanding Your Child's Development	Islands	Kindergarten
8	18/1/2025 (Saturday) Afternoon	Supporting Your Child's Learning	Kwun Tong	Primary school
9	25/1/2025 (Saturday) Afternoon	Joyful School Life	Wong Tai Sin	Kindergarten
10	15/2/2025 (Saturday) Afternoon	Learning Through Playing	Kowloon City	Kindergarten
11	22/2/2025 (Saturday) Afternoon	Positive Parenting	Eastern	Secondary school
12	8/3/2025 (Saturday) Afternoon	Embracing Your Child's Talent	Yau Tsim Mong	Secondary school
13	22/3/2025 (Saturday) Afternoon	Building a Positive Parent-child Relationship	Yuen Long	Kindergarten
14	5/4/2025 (Saturday) Afternoon	Helping Your Child with Future Planning	Tuen Mun	Secondary school
15	12/4/2025 (Saturday) Afternoon	Exploring Your Child's Talent	Islands	Secondary school
16	10/5/2025 (Saturday) Afternoon	Helping Your Child to Pursue Their Dreams	Kowloon City	Secondary school
17	17/5/2025 (Saturday) Afternoon	Enhancing Mental Health Awareness	Sham Shui Po	Primary school
18	24/5/2025 (Saturday) Afternoon	Be a Physically and Psychologically Healthy Parent	Central & Western	Primary school
19	14/6/2025 (Saturday) Afternoon	Chinese Learning with Fun for Kids	Kwun Tong	Kindergarten
20	28/6/2025 (Saturday) Afternoon	Learning Support for Non-Chinese Speaking Students	Sai Kung	Secondary school
21	5/7/2025 (Saturday) Afternoon	Chinese Learning with Joy	Kwai Tsing	Kindergarten
22	12/7/2025 (Saturday) Afternoon	Be A Smart Parent	Tsuen Wan	Kindergarten