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Dear Parents/Guardians,

RE: THE MONTESSORI NORMALISATION PROCESS FOR NEW STUDENTS

A warm welcome to our before/after school BRMCK Montessori Based Enrichment Class!

At our BRMCK Montessori Based Enrichment, we endeavour to adapt what we deem to be the best of Dr. Maria Montessori’s philosophy and teaching pedagogies to bring out the best potential in our students. Please be informed that as our Montessori based enrichment curriculum was drafted by our principal, Ms. Leong Sau Ling to specifically complement our mainstream curriculum, there will be **some inevitable adaptations in the manner** in which certain concepts and subject areas are presented.

In addition to our senior Montessori English Language Directress, we are pleased to inform you that every BRMCK Montessori based enrichment class has a Chinese Language Montessori Directress as well.

Chinese Language Arts (speaking, reading , listening and writing) will be introduced in accordance with basic Montessori philosophy and teaching methodologies; albeit with some adjustments in areas as Ms. Leong deemed fit.

As your child is new to the programme, please be informed that he/she will be first introduced to our Montessori Based Enrichment Programme via **Montessori’s standard ‘Normalisation Process’**.

The Montessori Normalisation Process:

During the normalisation process, the Directresses will be gently modelling as well as guiding the behavioural patterns and responses of the new students within our Montessori Based Environment in preparation to harness the ‘sensitive period’ for Montessori learning activities and tasks upon successful ‘normalisation’.

We seek parents’ patience and full co operation during this critical period. The time taken for Montessori’s ‘Normalisation Process’ may vary from child to child depending on the character and individual personality of each child.

We fully understand that this can be a mystery to; and at times, may even appear to be a trifle daunting to parents who may not be familiar with the Montessori approach to education. We are happy to meet with you to address your concerns should you have any.

We **strongly encourage parents to refrain** from focusing on initial settling down / ‘Normalisation’ challenges(if any) but to **stay focused** on the great rewards upon the successful ‘normalisation’ of your child within our Montessori based environment.

We seek parents’ patience and understanding that **there will be inevitable settling down challenges for all** in any new environment be it Montessori or otherwise . Parents’ positivity and support in the child’s initial days within our Montessori based environment is essential and vital for the successful settling down and ‘normalisation’ of your child into our Montessori based programme.

Thank you for your kind understanding and support in helping us nurture the best in your child.

GOD BLESS

Ms. Leong Sau Ling
BRMCK Principal and BRMCK Montessori Based Teaching Team

ACKNOWLEDEMENT BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

My spouse and I have been duly informed and are in full agreement with the above :

_____ (Name of student) _____ (Class) _____ (parent/guardian)

Signature

Date