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Year 1 Admissions at ESF Primary Schools

Information evening for Wu Kai Sha Kindergarten parents

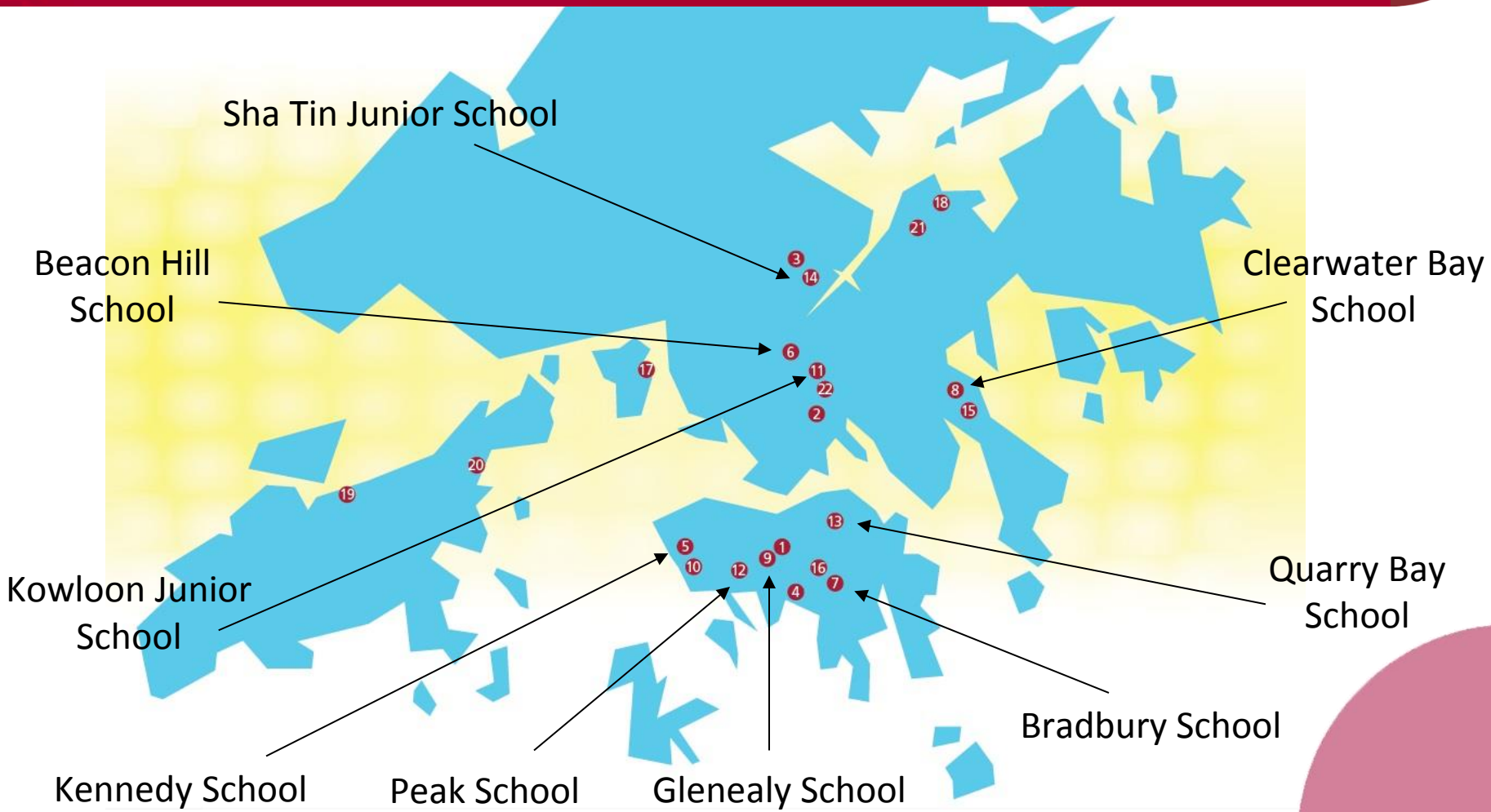
Thursday, 27th August, 2015

Christopher Coyle

Principal, Wu Kai Sha International Kindergarten

Relax.....

- No need to write notes
- Summary on school website
- Question time at end



Application Process

- Go to ESF website at www.esf.edu.hk
- Follow 'Admissions' link
- Complete online form as directed
- Submit required documents to ESF Centre



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Years 1 & 7
Central Application
for 2016-17

1 - 30 September
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Gain interview priority for Years 1 & 7

Nomination Rights

Application starts on 2 Sept

Supporting Documents

- If you are applying under Central Applications, the items must be sent by *'registered mail'*
- Supporting documents must be received by ESF by the stated time
- An acknowledgement email will be sent to all applicants in October 2016

Supporting Documents

Year 1 (born in 2012)

- ✓ Copy of completed 'Online Application' form or the Application slip/acknowledgement email
- ✓ Copy of application fee online payment result
- ✓ Copy of child's birth certificate
- ✓ Copy of child's passport including the current visa status for Hong Kong
- ✓ Student's current and last year's school reports
- ✓ Copy of parent's passport including the current visa status for Hong Kong
- ✓ Copy of parent's and child's identity cards, if applicable as residing in Hong Kong
- ✓ Two proof of HK address documents – a stamped copy of tenancy or purchase agreement plus a utility or bank statement
- ✓ Two recent photographs of the student
- ✓ Details of parent attendance at ESF primary/secondary school (if applicable)

Timeframe

- Submit applications any time between
1 - 30 September 2016
- Submit documents by
7 October 2016
- No advantage in early submission

What happens next?

- Processing of all applications received during Year 1 central application period (August 2017 entry)
- Random numbering
- Prioritisation, ordering and listing

Priority for interview

1. Corporate Nomination Rights Nominees
2. Children of full-time staff at ESF or ESF Educational Services Ltd
3. Siblings of students already attending an ESF primary or secondary school or Jockey Club Sarah Roe School
4. Individual Nomination Rights Nominees
5. Children of former students who have attended an ESF school for a minimum of 3 years or are former ESF students returning from a period overseas
6. Children attending an ESF International Kindergarten*
7. Other applicants who can benefit from an English-medium education

** [Note: contingent upon the child studying in the kindergarten continuously until the end of term 3 prior to entry into primary school]*

And then?

- Invitation to interview (by late November)
- Visits to kindergartens
- Interviews will be held between 3th January and 10th February, 2017

Interview

- Groups for interview usually comprise of children from the same class and session
- ESF International Kindergarten children are encouraged to wear their uniform (for familiarity and conversation starters)
- At interview.....

What skills are important?

- Engage in English
- Communicate verbally and non-verbally in routine social and classroom situations
- Use acceptable social language (e.g. please, thank you, excuse me)
- Use clear pronunciation

What skills are important?

- Be prepared to participate in answering questions and give some basic personal information on request
- Extend answers to questions beyond single word responses – phrases and simple sentences
- Follow simple instructions and ask questions to clarify
- **Admissions Video**

Following interview

- Parents informed of result (*letters sent week of 16/2/17*)

Assuming success...

- Deposit payable to secure place (\$10,000)
- Payment of Non-Refundable Capital Levy (\$38,000)
- Both due 24/2/17

Dual applicants...please note

- No transfer ESF Primary <-> ESF PIS
- No transfer ESF PIS <-> ESF PIS

What if my child is not offered an interview?

- As the interview process unfolds, further interview slots become available and schools will send out more invitations
- The process continues until all available slots have been filled
- Keep options open by applying to other schools

What if my child is unsuccessful?

- Open dialogue between school and kindergarten staff
- There are rare instances where students may be asked to attend a second interview
- The final decision is made by the school
- There should be no surprises

How can I help my child?

- Play dates
- Fun clubs
- Share a book
- Visits out
- Watch DVDs together
- Take any opportunity to encourage conversation in English
- Enhance mother tongue
- Praise and encourage to build self-esteem and confidence

Key messages

- **Apply** on time – there are **1020** places in ESF primary schools. Last year we received **2066** applications, **619** from ESF Kindergartens
- **Keep** options open
- **Talk**, talk, talk
- **Relax**

1 -30 September 2016	Central application period for parents to submit application: http://www.esf.edu.hk/application-form Acknowledgement email containing applicant's reference number will be sent upon submission.
5 September 2016	Nomination Rights applications open: http://www.esf.edu.hk/esf-nomination-rights
7 October 2016	Deadline for receipt of supporting documents at ESF Centre.
21 October 2016	Acknowledgement email sent to parents to advise admission process
Week of 28 November 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents receive interview status notification letters.• Invitation to interview with guaranteed place if successful; or• Invitation to interview with reserve wait list place if successful; or• Confirmation of wait listing for possible future interview opportunity.
3 January to 10 February 2017	First round interviews conducted at primary schools
16 February 2017	Parents receive letter with interview result
24 February 2017	Deadline to confirm places offered by payment of deposit and non-refundable capital levy.
March to August 2017	Further interviews conducted by primary schools as necessary.