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Dear parent,

Thank you for choosing our school, Mater-Dei.

Dutch is the teaching language at our school.

Not all parents raise their child in Dutch and not all children have the same knowledge of Dutch when they start in primary school.

We would like to make some engagements with you as to our language policy when enrolling your child.

	Topic	Language policy at school	Your contact
	Enrollment	In case you feel you're not fluent enough in Dutch at time of enrollment we will gladly help you in your native language as much as possible. To us it is important that we, the school as well as the parents, have a common understanding of all practical arrangements in order to make the start at our school as smoothly as possible.	The management office team and secretariat
	School communications	Information about school activities or communications are sent electronically as much as possible. This offers the possibility to use translation tools, for example, www.deepl.com . Is anything unclear? Don't hesitate to contact us.	The management office team, secretariat, fellow parents and your child's teacher
	Parent consultation	During the parent contacts meetings, the default language is Dutch (as much as possible). We strongly advise to arrange for an interpreter to make sure everything is well understood. Don't know anyone who can help you translate? The school will try to find someone who can assist you.	The support tutor





	<p>Dutch at school</p>	<p>We expect parents to have a positive attitude towards the language of instruction, Dutch, and the initiatives we take as a school to encourage language development (e.g. language integration programs for children who still need to improve their Dutch language skills).</p>	<p>The child's teacher and the support tutor</p>
	<p>Dutch in the classroom</p>	<p>In the classroom, the instructional language is Dutch. Our educational staff encourage the use of the Dutch language in the classroom and group activities. However, during the first few weeks, if needed we will try to use your child's native language if that would help to fully understand an assignment.</p>	<p>The child's teacher and the support tutor</p>
	<p>Dutch at the playground</p>	<p>To increase your child's well-being, your child is occasionally allowed to use his native language on the playground as long as it does not pose a problem with social interaction with other classmates.</p>	<p>The child's teacher and the support tutor</p>
	<p>Dutch during free time</p>	<p>We would like to ask you as parents to encourage your children to practice Dutch in their spare time.</p>	<p>The child's teacher and the support tutor</p>
	<p>Parents' support</p>	<p>Supporting and encouraging your children while they are learning Dutch contributes to their overall development. Feel free to ask us for information on local initiatives that can help support you in this regard.</p>	<p>The management office team and secretariat</p>

