**WHAT WE DON’T DO**

- We do not prohibit or discourage the use of other languages at school.
- We do not punish our students for using their home languages at school.
- We do not prohibit or discourage parents to use their own languages at school.
- We do not advise parents to use a different language at home with their children.
- We do not allow exclusion or bullying around languages, dialects or accents.

**WHAT WE DO AS LANGUAGE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS**

### As a school

- We develop a language friendly plan together.
- We regularly evaluate our language friendly plan and adapt when necessary.
- We have a Language Coordinator who monitors the implementation of our language friendly plan.
- We encourage making a systematic inventory of students’ home languages.
- We give visual representation to students’ home languages at school.
- We use language buddies for children who speak the same languages.
- We pay attention to exclusion or bullying around languages, dialects or accents.

### In the classroom

- We inform the whole school community about the importance of home languages.
- We facilitate meetings where parents can use their home languages.
- We facilitate multilingual communication with parents.
- We ensure that there are books available in various languages.
- Our teachers and staff are aware of language and learning difficulties in relation to multilingualism.

**The Language Friendly School**

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