**BECOMING A LANGUAGE FRIENDLY SCHOOL**

The Roadmap to welcoming all languages

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**School level**

- We do not prohibit, discourage or punish the use of other 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 nominate a Language Friendly School Coordinator.
- We develop a Language Friendly School plan together.
- We do not allow exclusion or bullying around languages, dialects or accents.

- Let's make a Language Friendly School plan together. Be inspired by the examples below from other Language Friendly Schools.

- Draft an anti-bullying plan that includes languages, dialects and accents.
- Discover all the languages spoken within the school community.
- Inform the whole school community about the importance of home languages.
- Facilitate communication in different languages with parents.
- Facilitate meetings where parents can use their home languages.
- Facilitate after-school language activities.

- Encourage students to become language ambassadors.
- Create awareness of multilingual language acquisition and development.
- Create a language friendly library.
- Make each of the languages visible.
- Promote written, oral, gestural, and graphic students’ communication.

- Make each of the languages visible in the classroom.
- Make room for students’ home languages as part of the learning process.

**Classroom level**

- Encourage all students to develop their whole language repertoire, including dialects and accents.
- Find ways to provide instruction in the various languages present in school.

- Offer regular training and professional development to improve language friendly classroom strategies.
- Reflect as a team on our own norms, values and attitudes towards language, cultural, and ethnic diversity.

- Share and regularly update our approaches and the materials we use.
- Inform teachers on the role of home languages in learning additional languages.

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**Biographies**

- Bon Bini
- Yōkoso
- Welkom
- Bienvenue
- Privet
- Huānyíng
- Khush Amdeed
- Bine ati venit
- Witajcie
- Willkommen
- Bienvenido
- Khush Amdeed
- Huānyíng
- Welcome
- Bine ati venit
- Willkommen

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