

# BECOMING A LANGUAGE FRIENDLY SCHOOL



## The Roadmap to welcoming all languages



- ✓ We do not prohibit, discourage or punish the use of other languages at school
- ✓ We do not prohibit or discourage parents to use 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

### School level

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

Encourage students to become language ambassadors

Foster teacher-parent collaboration to support childrens' learning

Facilitate meetings where parents can use their home languages

Facilitate after-school language activities

Make each of the languages visible

Create awareness of multilingual language acquisition and development

Create a language friendly library

Make room for students' home languages as part of the learning process.

### Classroom level

Promote written, oral, gestural, and graphic students' communication

Make each of the students' languages visible in the classroom

Offer regular training and professional development to improve language friendly classroom strategies.

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.

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.