

# French in lieu of Mother Tongue for Secondary (FIMT Sec: 1 Child)

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## FRENCH IN LIEU OF MOTHER TONGUE PROGRAM

- The French in lieu of Mother Tongue (FIMT) is a special program for secondary school students in Singapore.
- It is meant for students who have been exempted from the Mother Tongue Language (MTL: Mandarin, Malay, Tamil).
- We have been providing the French in lieu of Mother Tongue program **since 2007**.
- In 2016, 350+ students enrolled in our French in lieu of Mandarin/Mother Tongue program.
- Our FIMT Secondary course is accepted by all local secondary schools and the MOE (Ministry of Education) in Singapore.
- Our FIMT Secondary course is an adequate preparation for the Cambridge GCE O Level exam in Sec 4.
- **According to MOE Singapore, our FIMT program falls under the category of French Tuition with a private tutor.**

## CLASS DAYS, TIME AND DURATION

- Classes are usually delivered once a week, from Monday-Sunday, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.
- Students can choose their preferred day/time for the classes, and the duration of each class is **1 hour 25 minutes**.
- We recommend a **REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE** and all class dates can be confirmed in advance between parent and tutor.
- This program runs through the whole year. It follows the Singapore school system (4 Terms in a year).

## MOTHER (OR FATHER) AND CHILD CAN ATTEND

- Either the mother OR the father can also attend this program together with the child.
- There is no extra cost for the parent to attend. Parental attendance is **optional**.
- You can follow your child's progress and learn French as well, for free!

## FACE-TO-FACE LESSON ON SKYPE WITH A PRIVATE TUTOR

- The program is delivered **online** through Skype with a private tutor.
- It is not pre-recorded video lessons. You can interact with your teacher as in face-to-face.
- To take this class, you need: a computer, a good internet connection, a speaker and a webcam/microphone.
- Skype is free and easy to install and use. To download SKYPE into your computer: [www.skype.com/download](http://www.skype.com/download)
- We can assist you to install Skype if you need any technical assistance.

## ADVANTAGES OF OUR FRENCH ONLINE COURSE

- Your child can study in the comfort of home.
- You and your child don't waste time commuting to the school.
- For a private one-to-one class, the course is very cheap; you can't get this price anywhere!
- Your child have the full, undivided attention of the teacher, with maximum opportunity to speak French!

## OUR FRENCH LANGUAGE TEACHERS

- All our teachers are **qualified native French speakers** who are bilingual in French and English.
- They have good experience teaching French as a Foreign Language to children.
- They are well trained to teach using our Accelerated Learning method for faster progress.

## FREE LEARNING MATERIALS

- We provide all learning materials (Lesson Notes) for this course.
- Fees for learning materials as soft copies are waived in 2017.
- The Lesson Notes are sent to you (as email attachments) a few days ahead of your scheduled class.
- Our learning materials are interactive and they are specifically designed for online learning.
- You need to print out the Lesson Notes since your child need to write in the blank spaces on the sheets.

## TUITION FEES

- Payment is made on a term basis. For 1 term = S\$375 (10 classes of 1h 25min each, or 15 classes of 55min each).
- There are a minimum 10 classes (1h25min each) per Term and 4 terms per year. (Minimum hours will be about 60 hours in a year.)
- You can take extra classes at a discounted rate of S\$20/hour after completing the minimum hours for the year.
- ALL classes must be prepaid and ALL classes (dates/time) must be booked in advance between parent and tutor.

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## FREE TRIAL LESSON

- If you wish to try our service, you can take our **free 25-min trial lesson**.
- We need a minimum 2-3 days advance notice to set up a trial lesson.
- To book a free trial lesson, send us the details requested in the Registration Procedures below.

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

1. We accept student registration anytime throughout the year.
2. To register your child, send us the following details (\* means necessary item):

- (a) Child full name (with family name in CAPITAL)\*:
- (b) Passport number or Singapore NRIC:
- (c) Primary level & School Name\*:
- (d) Date of Birth\*:
- (e) Available day/time for trial lesson\*:
- (f) Preferred day/time for regular classes (3 options)\*:
- (g) Parent contact details (Email/Mobile/Home Tel/Skype ID)\*:
- (h) Skype ID & Skype name for the class\*:
- (i) If one of the parents will join the lesson (parent's name in this case):

3. Make first payment of S\$375 for one Term to our bank account:

**Account Name: Nageeb Gounjaria**

**Bank Name: PosBank/DBS (Singapore)**

**Savings Account Number: 056-634-21-5 | Branch code: 081 | Bank code: 7171**

4. Send us the proof of payment.

- (a) **For direct deposit at ATM:** Send us as email attachment the transaction receipt EITHER as a scanned document or as a phone camera photo. Write the student's FULL name on the receipt, or in your email subject line.
- (b) **For online banking:** Send us a screenshot as email attachment and write the student's FULL name (family name is essential if there isn't enough space) when you make the transfer, or put the student's FULL name in your email subject line.

## COURSE REGISTRATION LETTER

After you have completed your registration through PAYMENT, we will issue you a **Course Registration Letter**. This letter is what you need to submit to MOE and your child's school as a proof that your child is enrolled in an MOE-Approved French language program.

If you want us to send you the **Course Registration Letter to submit to MOE urgently**, you can first register and make payment for the course BEFORE taking the free Trial Lesson.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

For details of our Terms and Conditions of service, please refer to our website: <http://www.frenchfaster.com/terms>

## COMMUNICATION & TROUBLESHOOTING

- (a) We prefer all communication in this order: (1<sup>st</sup>) Email, (2<sup>nd</sup>) Skype chat, (3<sup>rd</sup>) Phone Call to FRENCHFASTER, (4<sup>th</sup>) Skype call.
- (b) For class registration, booking, cancellation, rescheduling and replacement, we only deal with the PARENT (not with the CHILD).
- (c) To communicate efficiently and get help promptly whenever needed, get in touch with our HELPDESK:

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