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# Umno sticking to stand on English

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Umno is sticking to its stand that mathematics and science be taught in English in all schools from next year.

Prime Minister and party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Umno's stand will be conveyed to the Barisan Nasional Supreme Council meeting next week.

However, he refused to elaborate on the party's stand.

"We have discussed the matter and given our opinion about it and it is agreed that the party's stand will be conveyed to the BN meeting.

"I do not wish to comment on this further or make any explanation but the mandate is given to me to convey this stand to

BN," he said after chairing the Umno Supreme Council meeting yesterday.

Previously, Umno had announced that the party has decided that the two subjects be taught in English in Year One, Form One and Lower Six.

However, the BN Supreme Council meeting on Tuesday had reached consensus to, among others, give Chinese-based parties one week to come back with proposals on how the plan will be implemented in Chinese schools.

One idea proposed is for Chinese school pupils to study English after school hours.

Asked whether Umno's stand has changed since then, Mahathir said: "We'll inform you later."

Asked if a date has been fixed for the BN Supreme Council meeting, he said it will be held next week.