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Dear Parents/Guardian

COVID-19 Update: Full Home-Based Learning (HBL)

In line with the Multi-Ministry Taskforce's latest efforts to further enhance safe distancing measures, schools will step up their safe distancing measures. **From 8 April 2020, all MOE schools will shift to full Home-Based Learning (HBL) until 4 May 2020.**

Conduct of HBL

Over the period of the HBL, lessons will follow the usual timetable for each day. All lessons will be conducted via Student Learning Space (SLS) for the period of the HBL and will commence at 8:00 am on all days except on Tuesdays when lessons will commence at 9:00 am.

Students are advised to log into SLS and to access the lesson materials for the relevant subject during that particular lesson.

For example, if they have English Language from 8:00 am to 9:00 am, they should:

- Go into SLS and click on the English Language lesson assigned to them for the day
- Follow the instructions in the SLS lesson and work on their English Language lesson between 8:00 am and 9:00 am
- Submit any necessary work according to the subject teacher's instructions

As the students engage in their learning, they will be expected to complete their work through a blend of online and offline activities. Subject teachers will be monitoring their work submissions at the end of the daily HBL and will be following up on non-submissions.

All students are also expected to update their form-teachers on their well-being and temperature for the day from 7:45 am to 8:00 am via Form Teacher Time on SLS.

In the event that your child/ward is unable to access the lessons at the stipulated time, the lessons can be accessed at another convenient time within the day on SLS. "Live" lessons will be recorded and can be accessed on SLS as well.

Lesson guides will not be available during the period of the HBL. You may view the content outlines for the respective subjects on the school website to get an overview of what your child/ward will be learning.

Weighted Assessment and Mid-Year Examination

Weighted assessment will be suspended during the period of HBL. Mid-Year Examinations for the Sec 4E5N, 4NA and 4NT will be cancelled.

National Examinations will carry on as scheduled. This means that the Mid-Year GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Languages examinations will continue. In order to better prepare our graduating cohort for this examination, there will be an MTL assessment for the graduating cohort. The date for this internal assessment will be made known later.

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Additional Support for HBL

If your child requires additional support for HBL such as access to personal learning devices or internet connection, please alert his/her form teacher by 8:00 am on 7 Apr 2020, so as to be advised on alternative arrangements.

The school will remain open for a small group of students ascertained to have high needs such as no access to personal learning devices. If your child/ward needs to be in school for this reason, he/she should alert his form teacher by 8:00 am on 7 Apr 2020.

Learning Support at Home

The learning activities will be designed to allow students to complete them independently. We encourage you to support your child by providing a conducive environment at home. You could do this by:

- Working out a daily schedule/routine with your child and guiding your child in setting goals and scheduling tasks. For further tips on guiding your child in setting goals, refer to the Resilience Boosters at <https://go.gov.sg/selresforparents>.
- Establishing an agreement with your child on managing screen time. We will assign a maximum of 2 hours of online learning every day. For further tips and guides on reinforcing your child's cyber wellness, please refer to <https://ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness/for-parents>.
- Encouraging your child to maintain an optimistic and positive outlook while accepting the changes and emotions that he/she has had to face as part of going through HBL.

During the period of HBL, please ensure that your child stays at home and continues to observe good hygiene practices such as washing their hands frequently with soap. If he/she feels unwell, please seek medical attention promptly and inform his/her form teacher if he/she displays any fever or flu-like symptoms.

We plan to resume lessons on **5 May 2020**. MOE will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation to assess if HBL needs to be extended. We urge you to rely on official sources of information and not to circulate any unconfirmed information. Please feel free to email us at (yishun_ss@moe.edu.sg) if you require any clarifications or additional information.

We look forward to working with you to provide meaningful learning for our students through these difficult times.

Thank you and keep safe.

Regards



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