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Dear Parents/Guardian

Updates to SG Covid-19 Measures – Moving to full Home-based Learning (FHBL)

The well-being of our students is our utmost priority. As the situation continues to evolve in Singapore, starting from Wed, 19 May 2021, all primary, secondary, junior college and Millennia Institute students, including students from Special Education schools, will shift to full Home-Based Learning (HBL) till the end of term on 28 May 2021.

The move to full HBL allows us to maintain as much normalcy as we can in terms of teaching and learning and, to keep everyone safe by staying home.

Safe Management Measures (SMM) for Students

For the day before the implementation of full HBL (Tue, 18 May 2021), the school continues with enforcing SMM for the term according to guidelines provided by MOE and MOH.

Students exhibiting fever, flu-like symptoms (sore-throat, running nose, cough and, loss of smell) or are staying with household members who are unwell with flu-like symptoms are advised not to come to school. Parents/guardian should instead inform the school and must take their child/ward to see the family doctor.

Students who have family members on HQO, SHN, LOA or MC (for flu-like symptoms) must not report to school and they must inform their form teachers of this.

Strengthening of COVID-19 Measures in Schools

- With the tightened measures recently imposed, students must adhere strictly to the wearing of masks at all times except when eating or drinking in the canteen. Students should not talk when their masks are off.
- Seating in the canteen will be re-configured to ensure the necessary social distancing. Students can only remove their masks while eating; they should refrain from talking with their masks off and put on their masks immediately after they have consumed their meal.
- All students must leave the school compound after their last period. All unstructured play is prohibited.
- Only those involved in Educational Support programme and consultation (graduating students) can remain in school.

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The Conduct of full Home-Based Learning (FHBL) in YSS

The schedule for full HBL will be as follows:

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
T2 W9 (17 to 21 May)	Lessons in School		FHBL	FHBL	e-PTM
T2 W10 (24 to 28 May)	FHBL	FHBL	Public Holiday – Vesak Day	FHBL	FHBL

Over the period of full 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 7:50 am on all days except for Tue, 25 May, when lessons will start at 8:50 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 an English Language lesson from 7:50 am to 8:50 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 within the period
- 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.

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.

Conduct of CCAs

CCAs will continue but they will be conducted via a virtual platform.

ICT Support for HBL

The school has loaned out learning devices for students who need support in this area. If, during the full HBL period, students encounter problems when using the learning devices, they are requested to inform their form teachers of this.

School Operations during full HBL

The school will continue to remain open in order to assist students who need additional learning support. Students who are in this category have been identified and informed.

For contact tracing purposes, students who return to school during the full HBL period will be required to do the necessary check-in via SafeEntry TraceTogether Token/App. They are to carry it with them at all times.

Learning Support at Home

There will be a balance between synchronous and asynchronous activities planned during the period of full HBL. 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.
- Establishing an agreement with your child on managing screen time. We will assign a maximum of 2 hours of online learning every day.
- 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 full HBL.

Suspension of Activities involving External Vendors

With the implementation of the new restrictions, no external vendors/agencies will be allowed in schools for all activities except for essential IT support/maintenance/infrastructural work. Hence the following programmes are suspended:

- General Leadership Programme
- EM/AEM
- ASE programmes/StAR
- Code for FUN
- Mother Tongue Language Broadcasting Workshop

The remaining sessions of the NAC-AISS Secondary One Storyteller Showcase will be carried out via zoom as scheduled during the Secondary One English Language lessons.

Secondary 1-5 e-PTM

The e-PTM will continue on 21 May 2021. Students are not to report to school. Please refer to the letter dated 7 May 2021 for information regarding booking of slots.

Academic Matters

Support for our Graduating Cohort

Extra Lessons during the June school holiday

Please note that only Science Practical lessons and GCE O-Level and N-Level Coursework Supplementary Lessons will continue during Week 1 of the June school holiday. GCE O-Level and N-Level Coursework Supplementary Lessons will also take place during Week 4 of the June school holiday.

Consultations can carry on via an online platform during that week for other subjects.

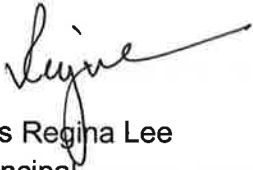
Use of the SPACE (YSS Library) for study during the June school holiday

As new restrictions prevent the mixing of students from different classes, plans to open The SPACE and the Instructional Room during the June school holidays for the graduating cohort to do their own

self-study have been cancelled.

Once again, let's continue working in partnership to provide meaningful learning experiences for our students.

Thank you. Keep well and Stay Safe during this period.



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