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Dear parents,

In light of the developing COVID-19 situation in Singapore, we have put in place strict precautionary measures over the past two months to keep our school a safe environment for our students, and to allow our students to continue learning.

Home-Based Learning

From April 2020, all MOE schools will implement one day of Home-Based Learning (HBL) a week. This will help us prepare for an extended period of HBL should the need arise, so that our students can continue with their learning. **Our school will be conducting HBL on Thursdays, starting from 2 Apr.** In the event that the day of HBL falls on a public holiday, your child will not need to make up for HBL on another day. **Classroom lessons will still proceed as usual on the other days of the week.**

Your child will be provided with instructions on how to access their HBL materials by his/her teachers. Most lessons will be based on the existing timetable, with certain practical lessons rescheduled on other days as necessary. If your child requires additional support for HBL such as access to digital devices or internet connection, please alert his/her form teacher, who will be able to advise on alternative arrangements.

For technical queries, students should contact the school-based helpline during school operating hours, and the SLS helpdesk outside of school operating hours.

- School-based helpline: 6594 9026 during school hours (Mon – Fri, 8am – 4pm)
- SLS helpdesk: 6702 6513 or helpdesk@sls.ufinity.com outside of school hours (4pm to 9pm from Mon to Fri, 9am to 3pm on Sat, closed on Sun/PH)

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.

On the day 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.

Suspension of Co-Curricular Activities

Co-Curricular Activities will remain suspended for the rest of Term 2. External activities and those that involve mingling of students across schools – Learning Journeys, outdoor learning activities at the Outdoor Adventure Learning Centres and the National School Games – will also remain suspended for the rest of Term 2. The Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation will be cancelled.

MOE is monitoring the situation closely and we will update you should there be any changes to the precautionary measures that we are implementing. We urge parents to rely on official sources of information and not to circulate any unconfirmed information. If you have any further queries, please contact Mr Ong Boon Siong (Year Head, Lower Sec) or Ms Peggy Ng (Year Head, Upper Sec) at 6758 5384 or aiss@moe.edu.sg.

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