

6 April 2020



Dear Parents / Guardians,

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, including SPED schools, will shift to full Home-Based Learning (HBL) till 4 May 2020.**

The one-day-of-HBL-a-week experience has prepared students, parents and teachers for more extensive use of HBL. During the full HBL phase, schools will continue to provide instructions and support for students to access a range of both online and hardcopy HBL materials, so that learning continues uninterrupted.

The format of access for the class levels remains largely status quo as the previous HBL experience:

Class Level	Format of Access	Actions to be taken
All Glory, Victory, Kindness and Hope classes, Peace 1 – 4 and Love 1 – 7	Google Classroom	<b>For <u>Google Classroom</u></b> – Please guide your child to login to his/her Google Classroom account ( <a href="https://classroom.google.com">Classroom.google.com</a> ) to complete the activities in the labelled “HBL dd-mm-yyyy” folder for each HBL day.
All Joy classes, Peace 5 – 7 and Love 8 – 11	Google Classroom / Hardcopies**	<b>For <u>Hardcopies</u></b> – Please supervise and guide your child in completing the activities, as applicable. Parents need to collect the HBL materials from school and submit the completed work weekly as arranged by the class teacher. Please note that delivery or postage services will not be provided.

\*\* Classes are encouraged to use the online for HBL so that the students can access the varied and engaging learning materials online. Thus, some classes may progress to using the Google Classroom, instead of hardcopies, for their HBL subsequently.

Throughout this period of full HBL, our students can rely on the ongoing support of their teachers and other school personnel who will continue to work from home or from school. School staff will also keep in regular contact with them and their parents. If your child needs technical support in accessing the Google Classroom, you may WhatsApp to 8484 6749 or 8484 6490 from 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm. These helplines are solely for technical support on accessing the Google Classroom, not for the learning content or activities.


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 class teacher if he/she displays any fever or flu-like symptoms.

The HBL activities are designed to allow students to continue to learn at home. 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.
- Making a few simple rules together. Praise your child for practicing these rules and celebrate success in accomplishing the learning tasks by giving a reward like spending time on a favorite activity.
- Establishing an agreement with your child on managing screen time. HBL will be for 3 to 4 hours, with 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>.
- Being positive yourself, and 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.

Classes will resume on **5 May 2020**. MOE will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation to assess if these measures need to be prolonged. 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 GOS Office using the number **65619128** during office hours.

As your child's class teacher will be calling you during the period of Full HBL to check in with you and your child, please update the class teacher with your preferred contact number. You may also wish to discuss with them the best time for them to call.



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Principal