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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Home-Based Learning on Wednesdays – Primary Schools

On 27 March 2020, MOE announced that primary school children will have 1 day of Home-Based Learning (HBL) per week, as schools progressively transit to a blended learning model while continuing to remain open. **Primary school children will have HBL on Wednesdays, starting from 1 April 2020.**

1 Information on HBL and access to digital devices

During the HBL day, school will remain open with a small group of staff (both teaching and non-teaching) present to supervise children without childcare arrangement (see point 2 below) and support children at home who may have SLS and HBL-related queries. All our teaching staff who work from home will also be on standby from 7.30 am to 1 pm to offer support and assistance.

Information on the HBL plan, which is customised for each level, will be provided after Monday 30 March. If your child has no access to digital devices, he/she may loan an iPad from school on Tue 31 March. Details on loaning of iPads as below:

Eligibility:

The mobile devices will be available for loan home to students who are under the Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) and have not taken advantage of the NEU PC Scheme.

How to Apply:

Please get your child to collect a Loan of iPad form and Loan of Agreement form from his/her Form Teacher. Please complete the form and submit to the Form Teacher on Tuesday 31 March. If your child is eligible, we will inform him/her on the collection details on Tuesday.

2 Children without childcare arrangement on Wednesdays

School will remain open for a small group of children whose parents are not able to secure alternative childcare arrangement. Please note that there is a maximum capacity of children which school is allowed to take, and priority is given to parents who work in essential services like healthcare. If you fall into this category, kindly inform your child's Form Teacher (through phone call through General Office, email, classdojo etc.) **by tomorrow Mon 30 March, 2 pm**. If the number of requests exceeds the maximum capacity, please note that school will select based on priority (e.g. parents' work nature, level of child etc.). Please also note that children who are placed on LOA/SHN/HQO are not allowed to enter the school on HBL days.

For children who are coming to school on Wednesdays for HBL – please note that school reporting and dismissal time is as per normal, i.e. **7.30 am (reporting time)** and **1.00 pm (dismissal time)**. The children will be placed in allocated classrooms and seats (exam-style seating).

The canteen will be open with minimal number of stalls in operation (including 1 Muslim food stall). Children should bring their own digital devices from home. If your child has no access to such devices, please alert the Form Teachers while making the request to come to school.

If your child commutes to school by school bus, the arrangement remains unchanged.

For children who are enrolled in our school-based childcare centre (Commit Learning SchoolHouse @ GSPS), please note that the SCC will be open from 7.30 am to 7 pm. Kindly refer to the letter dated 27 March, which has been sent by CLS.

3 More information on HBL

For more information, please refer to MOE's press release: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/schools-to-implement-one-day-of-home-based-learning-a-week>

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,
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Principal
(This e-letter requires no signature)