

31 March 2020

Dear parents/quardians,

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 college a safe environment for our students, and to allow our students to continue 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 college will be conducting HBL on Fridays, starting from Friday, 3 April. 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. Lessons will proceed as usual on the other days of the week.

Your child will be provided with instructions on how to carry out HBL by his/her tutors. 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. One way is to encourage 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. If your child requires additional support for HBL such as access to digital devices or internet connection, please alert his/her Civics Tutor, who will advise on alternative arrangements.

On the day of HBL, please ensure that your child stays at home and continues to observe good hygiene practices. If he/she feels unwell, please seek medical attention promptly and inform his/her Civics Tutor if he/she displays any fever or flu-like symptoms.

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.

The college has also made the following changes to the timetable to further enhance our social distancing measures as well as to facilitate the HBL arrangement:

- 1. We have removed the NYReach hour from the timetable to minimise students gathering in big groups.
- 2. There are many classes with science practical sessions scheduled on Friday B. Since 3 April is a Friday B, many students will be missing their practical sessions because the sessions cannot be conducted online. Hence, the college has decided to run Friday A timetable for HBL on 3 April instead. We will then run Friday A timetable on Tuesday, 7 April. This arrangement helps in minimising disruption to students' learning.

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 queries, please contact the college at <a href="mailto:nyjc@moe.edu.sg">nyjc@moe.edu.sg</a> or 6284 2281.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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