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Dear Parents / Guardian,

Full Home-Based Learning (HBL) - Week 5 and Revised Academic Calendar for 2020

Well done, parents! You have persevered in partnership with our teachers in supporting your child/ ward in their learning for close to 3 weeks now! Most of you even supported your child/ ward in dressing up during Stories Come Alive! This is so precious to us as we continue to monitor the mental well-being of our students and keeping to the rhythm of school during this period of Full HBL. Stay tuned for a special coverage on Stories Come Alive! during my Assembly Talk this week, you may even spot your child/ward!

Revised Academic Calendar for 2020

With the announcement of the extended Circuit Breaker, MOE has announced that the June School Holidays will be brought forward to 5 May 2020. Term 3 will hence start on **2 June 2020** (Tue). Term 3 will last for 14 weeks, ending on 6 September 2020 (Fri). Schools will also have an additional Mid-Term Break from 20 July to 26 July.

	Start Date	End Date
Full Home-Based Learning	7 April (Tue)	4 May (Mon)
Mid-Year School Holidays	5 May (Tue)	1 June (Mon)
Term 3	2 June (Tue)	6 September (Sun)
Mid-Term 3 Break	20 July (Mon)	26 July (Sun)
September Holidays	7 September (Mon)	13 September (Sun)

Support for our Graduating Cohort

To provide targeted support for our P6 students, our teachers have started conducting “live” remedial sessions last week on different days of the week. We will look to phase in more consultations for them, and explore more face-to-face lessons, when the national situation improves.

We will also be sharing the P6 Parent Engagement Session slides on 28 April 2020 with the focus on upcoming Direct School Admission in May 2020 for the P6 parents.

Parents as Active Supporters

Thank you for tuning in to last week’s assembly talk with your child/ ward on Cyber-Wellness. For this week’s assembly, the focus will be on **Peer Support** where our students will be encouraged to support one another through providing appropriate help, alerting a trusted adult if they are worried about their friends’ well-being. We will also be equipping our students with ways to seek help, especially during this HBL period.

School's Advisory on Video Calls among Students

We understand that during this HBL period, students will still find ways to stay in contact and communicate with their friends. One of these communication platforms is video-calling, such as Zoom. As such, we will like to advise all parents/guardian to take note of the following when your child/ward is using a video-calling platform to contact his/her friends:

- Make sure your child/ward gets permission from you before he/she does a video call.
- Your child/ward should do the video call in your presence.
- Remind your child/ward to practice good cyber-wellness habits when video-calling (eg: protecting their Zoom password)

HBL - Catch You Doing Good (CYDG)

Catch You Doing Good (CYDG) movement is still going on during this HBL period. We are partnering all parents/guardian to catch your child/ward doing good at home and online too (eg: helping you do some household chores or being very diligent and self-directed when doing his/her online work).

You can share all these CYDG stories onto the various Level CYDG Padlet Boards via these links:

P1 – <https://padlet.com/dzpsofficial/P1CYDG>

P2 – <https://padlet.com/dzpsofficial/P2CYDG>

P3 – <https://padlet.com/dzpsofficial/P3CYDG>

P4 – <https://padlet.com/dzpsofficial/P4CYDG>

P5 – <https://padlet.com/dzpsofficial/P5CYDG>

P6 – <https://padlet.com/dzpsofficial/P6CYDG>

We are counting on your support for the success of the CYDG online movement and to motivate our students to be gracious and practise self-leadership during this season!

If you have any further enquiries, please email us at dazhong_ps@moe.edu.sg or through your child/ ward via their form teachers.

Yours sincerely,

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