



Letter from the Principal

31 March 2020

Dear Parents

GUIDE TO HOME-BASED LEARNING (HBL)

1. Objectives of HBL

- Keep students engaged in learning during days when schools are closed for official reasons such as PSLE Oral Exam Days, PSLE Listening Comprehension Exam & PSLE Marking Days.
- Keep students engaged in learning when they are unable to attend schools (e.g. School closure or students on LOA/SHN etc.)
- Mitigate the loss in curriculum time in the event of prolonged school closure

In our approach to HBL, we will ensure learning continues to develop our students holistically in both academic and student development domains, and both examinable and non-examinable subjects. HBL is not e-learning. It can be in the form of e-learning via SLS (mainly) or other platforms. It can also include readings or assignments to be done offline.

2. HBL Structure

Duration of HBL per day	4 hours (with not more than 2 hours of online learning)
Duration for each subject	30-60 minutes per subject
Platform(s) for Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Learning Space This is the key platform for your child to view lesson instructions for all subjects, whether for e-learning or attempting offline tasks. Links to other online platforms for learning, if any, will be provided via SLS.• Offline platforms for learning may include: Worksheets/Workbook/Learning Package/Readings etc
Modes of Communication with Subject Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Subject Teachers will share their modes of communication on SLS and these <u>may</u> include SLS (to address students' questions in learning), official school email (also available on School Website) or Class Dojo.



Helpdesk Hotline
[For Technical Assistance]

For resetting SLS password:

Students or parents may try to reset passwords by clicking on 'forget password'. Once you have successfully answered the security questions, a new password will be sent to the email address as registered in the SLS.

For further assistance with SLS password or other technical assistance, you may call

- The school helpline 6482 4650, Monday to Friday from **0800 – 1600 hrs** OR
- The SLS helpline after school hours at 6702 6513, Monday to Friday from **1600 – 2100hrs** OR
- Email the SLS Central Helpdesk at helpdesk@sls.ufinity.com at any time for assistance.

3. HBL Timetable for Wednesdays

HBL TIMETABLE FOR 1 APRIL					
P1		P2		P3	
Time	Subjects	Time	Subjects	Time	Subjects
0800 - 0830	MATH	0800 - 0830	EL	0800 - 0830	MATH
0830 - 0900		0830 - 0900		0830 - 0900	
0900 - 0930	PAL	0900 - 0930	MT	0900 - 0930	EL
0930 - 1000		0930 - 1000		0930 - 1000	
1000 - 1030	BREAK	1000 - 1030	BREAK	1000 - 1030	BREAK
1030 - 1100	EL	1030 - 1100	MATH	1030 - 1100	MT
1100 - 1130		1100 - 1130		1100 - 1130	
1130 - 1200	MT	1130 - 1200	PE/ART/MUSIC	1130 - 1200	SCIENCE
1200 - 1230		1200 - 1230		1200 - 1230	
P4		P5		P6	
Time	Subjects	Time	Subjects	Time	Subjects
0800 - 0845	SCIENCE	0800 - 0845	EL	0800 - 0845	MATH
0845 - 0930	MATH	0845 - 0930	MT	0845 - 0930	SCIENCE
0930 - 1000	BREAK	0930 - 1000	BREAK	0930 - 1000	BREAK
1000 - 1045	EL	1000 - 1045	SCIENCE	1000 - 1045	MT
1045 - 1130	MT	1045 - 1130	MATH	1045 - 1130	EL
1130 - 1230	PE/ART/MUSIC	1130 - 1230	PE/ART/MUSIC	1130 - 1230	PE/ART/MUSIC

- The timetable serves as a guide for students to gauge the time needed for their HBL activities.
- Where 'PE/Art/Music' is indicated in the timetable, your child will be assigned the relevant PE, Art or Music subjects based on his/her usual Wednesday timetable.
- Students are encouraged to follow the timetable given when attempting the HBL activities as the relevant Subject Teachers will be more readily available to address students' questions during their timetabled lessons.



- (d) Households with multiple school-going children should take turns to complete their online learning using the device they own. Students are encouraged to share the device with their siblings. As HBL is a combination of seat work and online learning, one child can complete online learning while the other completes his/ her seat work.
- (e) Beyond the timetabled lessons, Students/Parents may continue to contact teachers for further assistance using the preferred modes of communication teachers share on SLS. Our school, however, seeks the understanding of parents to contact teachers only during school working hours, i.e. from 7.30a.m. to 5p.m.
- (f) Students need to get ready their learning materials (e.g. textbook, workbook, learning package etc) and SLS login details and password for their HBL.
- (g) The deadline for completion of assignments, whether online or offline, will be given by the respective Subject Teachers as this depends on the nature of the tasks assigned.

FAQs for HBL

1. *What is the address / URL for SLS?*

Please go to <https://learning.moe.edu.sg>

2. *Can my child use mobile phones to access the learning resources and materials on SLS?*

Yes, your child is able to access the learning resources and materials on SLS. However, SLS may not be fully optimised on mobile phones. We will encourage students to use a bigger device such as minimally a 7-inch tablet or iPad for better user experience. Also, please note that there might be some features that may not work on tablets due to missing plugins. The recommended specifications are as follows:

Operating System	Browser
Microsoft Windows 7 SP1 and Windows 8.1	Google Chrome 64 and later
Microsoft Windows 10	Google Chrome 64 and later Microsoft Edge 17 and later
Mac OS X 10.9 and later	Safari 11 and later Google Chrome 64 and later
iOS 11 and later	Safari 11 and later
Android 5 and later	Google Chrome 64 and later
ChromeOS	Google Chrome 64 and later



3. What is the duration given for students to complete their HBL assignments? I am working and my child can only use the internet in the evening when I am home. Can we still access the learning resources and homework in the evening?

Students may refer to the timetable to complete their assignment. Students are encouraged to follow the timetable given when attempting the HBL activities as the relevant Subject Teachers will be more readily available to address students' questions during their timetabled lessons.

However, if for some reasons your child is unable to follow the scheduled timetable to attempt HBL, the learning resources will still be available online for the day.

4. How do I know what are the learning tasks or homework my child needs to complete?

All Subject Teachers will upload lesson instructions on the SLS. This is the key platform for your child to view lesson instructions for all subjects, whether for e-learning or attempting offline tasks.

5. My child does not know where to access the assignments in SLS. Who can I approach for help?

Please refer to the school website for a step-by-step guide in accessing online learning materials and homework. <https://endeavourpri.moe.edu.sg/singapore-student-learning-space-sls/>

Alternatively, you may call the school's helpline for further assistance during school hours.

6. My child has forgotten the password for SLS. How can I reset the password? My child's SLS account is locked. How can I unlock the account?

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Yours sincerely

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