



# 毅勤小学

## ENDEAVOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Letter from the Principal (Part 1)

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Dear Parents

This edition of "Letter from the Principal" focuses on some important details regarding the resumption of classes in school and curriculum matters. There will be two parts to the May letter so as not to overwhelm you with too much information at any one time. The second part will focus on safety and social responsibilities of students/parents/staff.

#### 1. Resumption of Classes in School

For the first four weeks of Term 3, Primary 6 students will attend school daily from Mondays to Fridays, while Primary 1 to 5 students will have alternate weeks of in-school and home-based learning. Both In-School and HBL (Home Based Learning) lessons will follow the existing school timetable. Please refer to the table below for the weekly schedule:

Week	Dates	In-School	HBL
Term 3 Week 1	2 June to 5 June	Primary 4, 5, 6	Primary 1, 2, 3
Term 3 Week 2	8 June to 12 June	Primary 1, 2, 3, 6	Primary 4, 5
Term 3 Week 3	15 June to 19 June	Primary 4, 5, 6	Primary 1, 2, 3
Term 3 Week 4	22 June to 26 June	Primary 1, 2, 3, 6	Primary 4, 5

#### 2. After-school programmes

Below is some information of the after-school programmes. A consent form with details for each after-school programme will be given to your child, where applicable.

<b>P6 HMT/FEL/FMA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To begin in Term 3 Week 1</li><li>Will be conducted in school</li></ul>
<b>SDR &amp; RRP P5 HMT/FEL/FMA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To begin in Term 3 Week 1</li><li>During HBL weeks, students will learn from home via e-learning and/or assigned offline work.</li></ul>
<b>P6 Supplementary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To begin in Term 3 Week 3</li><li>Will be conducted in school</li></ul>
<b>Remedial for P3 to P5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Week 1 to 4: Remedial for P3 to P5 are <u>suspended</u>.</li><li>We will keep you informed again, should there be any resumption of remedial lessons after Week 4.</li></ul>
<b>CCA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Week 1 to 4: All CCAs are <u>suspended</u>.</li><li>NSG/SYF/All other competitions are cancelled</li><li>From Week 5 onwards: The school is exploring the possibility of having some e-CCAs. School-based CCAs will continue to be suspended.</li></ul>

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### 3. HBL Structure for Term 3

<b>Duration of HBL per day</b>	Approximately 4 hours (with not more than 2 hours of online learning)
<b>Duration for each subject</b>	30-60 minutes per subject
<b>Platform(s) for Learning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>E-learning platforms</b> <u>Student Learning Space (SLS)</u> is the key platform for e-learning. Links to other online platforms for learning, if any, will be provided via SLS.</li> <li>• <b>Offline platforms</b> for learning may include: Worksheets/Workbook/Learning Package/Readings etc</li> </ul>
<b>Summary of daily HBL activities (Google link to an Individual Class Template)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your child will continue to refer to the same Individual Google Class Template for information on daily HBL activities during HBL weeks.</li> </ul>
<b>Helpdesk Hotline [For Technical Assistance]</b>	<p><b>For resetting SLS password:</b> 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.</p> <p>For further assistance with SLS password or other technical assistance, you may call</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school helpline 6482 4650, Monday to Friday from <b>0800 – 1600 hrs</b> OR</li> <li>• The SLS helpline after school hours at 6702 6513, Monday to Friday from <b>1600 – 2100hrs</b> OR</li> <li>• You may also email the SLS Central Helpdesk at <a href="mailto:helpdesk@sls.ufinity.com">helpdesk@sls.ufinity.com</a> at any time for assistance.</li> </ul>

### 4. P1 to P5 HBL Timetable & Learning Activities

- HBL Timetable will follow the existing school timetable. This is to minimize any confusion. However, please note that the duration of each lesson will be shorter than that of in-school learning. This is recommended to ensure students' well-being during HBL.
- Assembly periods will be time for Form Teachers to connect with individual or small groups of students online.
- There will be no PAL lessons during HBL weeks.
- As P1 to P5 students will alternate between In-school and Home-Based Learning, below are the learning objectives and some suggested learning activities the teachers may plan for your child.

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In-school (synchronous learning)	HBL (asynchronous learning)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of T2 work</li> <li>• Face-to-face learning of new topic</li> <li>• Face-to-face consultations with teacher</li> <li>• Hands-on activities that cannot be replicated by HBL</li> <li>• Review of offline work assigned for HBL weeks</li> <li>• Submission of offline work for teacher's marking</li> <li>• Receive feedback from teachers (e.g. marked assignments)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preview of in-school learning – activating students' prior knowledge</li> <li>• Reinforce in-school learning – post-lesson HBL activities</li> <li>• Blended learning modes for asynchronous learning:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLS lessons/assignments with automated marking/feedback by teachers</li> <li>- Offline assignments</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Self-marking by students for offline assignments (where applicable)</li> <li>• Lessons for the day follow school timetable but duration spent on each subject will be reduced. Learning activities given for HBL should thus be spread out for the week.</li> </ul>

- (e) 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.
- (f) Beyond the timetabled lessons, Students/Parents may continue to contact teachers for further assistance using the preferred modes of communication teachers had shared with you. Our school, however, seeks the understanding of parents to contact teachers only during school working hours, i.e. from 7.30 am to 5 pm.
- (g) Students need to get ready their learning materials (e.g. textbook, workbook, learning package etc) and SLS login details and password for their HBL.
- (h) 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.
- (i) On marking and giving feedback to students during HBL:
- Some e-learning assignments have auto-marking features that provide immediate feedback to your child.
  - For some offline assignments, students may do self-marking using teachers' model answers.
  - For assignments that will be marked by teachers, students are to submit these in the following week that they report to school for lessons.
- (j) On doing corrections for assignments:

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- Students are to write down their corrections for offline work. Parents are strongly encouraged not to print out corrections for students as writing down corrections is one way to help our students to learn from their mistakes.

### 5. Assessment

Due to COVID-19, all students had one month of HBL in April and for P1-P5 students, they will be having alternate weeks of in-school and home-based learning for the first four weeks of Term 3. We have informed you earlier that there will be no mid-year examinations for this year. In addition, there will be some adjustments to the weighted assessments in Term 3 so that we can better evaluate our students' learning. We will inform you in a separate letter details of the weighted assessments at a later date.

### 6. Physical Education (PE) Lessons

To ensure that our students remain active and keep healthy, Physical Education (PE) lessons will resume when they return to school, with strict adherence to safe management measures. During PE lessons, students and PE teachers will not be required to wear masks/face shields when engaged in strenuous physical activities such as running and workouts. They will also ensure further safe distancing while carrying out the exercises. Please help to remind your child on how to keep his/her mask in a hygienic manner when he/she is not wearing it during PE lessons or meal times. You can prepare a ziplock bag, labelled with your child's name and class, for your child to store his/her mask. This ziplock bag will also be useful for storing your child's mask during recess/lunch when he/she is having her meals.

### 7. External Activities

All external activities, including learning journeys, will continue to be suspended. There would also be no NE show for the P5 students this year.

### 8. Overseas Trips

All planned overseas trips for P4 students (Melaka) and P5 students (Vietnam) for this year are suspended.

### 9. Mass Assembly Programmes

All mass assembly programmes will continue to be suspended and this includes Rainbow Day 3 (Racial Harmony Day).

*Together we endeavour all the way!*

Thomas Koh  
Principal

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