



# PUNGGOL SECONDARY SCHOOL 培道中学

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

## Additional precautionary measures in view of the recent COVID-19 situation

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 school a safe environment for our students, and to allow our students to continue learning.

With the recent spike in imported cases and the tightening of nationwide safe distancing efforts, we are further enhancing precautionary measures by reducing transient congestion during school dismissal. Staggered dismissal time has been implemented since 30 Mar to avoid common dismissal timings for Mondays and Fridays. Dismissal timings are already staggered for Tuesdays to Thursdays.

The table below shows the dismissal timings for Mondays and Fridays:

	Mondays	Fridays
Lower Sec	3:10pm (i.e. the last period will be slightly extended)	12:20pm (as usual)
Upper Sec	3.00pm (as usual)	12:30pm (i.e. the last period will be slightly extended)

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 school will be conducting HBL on Thursdays, starting from 2 Apr 2020.** We will run the regular Thursday timetable, with the exception of certain lessons e.g. PE and music which would be cancelled as it would not be very meaningful to carry them out in a HBL manner. In the event that the day of HBL falls on a public holiday, your child/ward will not need to make up for HBL on another day. **Classroom lessons will still proceed as usual on the other days of the week.**

Your child/ward will be provided with instructions on how to access their HBL materials by his/her teachers. If your child/ward requires additional support for HBL such as access to digital devices or internet connection, please alert his/her form teacher, who will be able to advise on alternative arrangements.

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The learning activities will be designed to allow students to complete them independently. We encourage you to support your child/ward by providing a conducive environment at home. You could do this by:

- Working out a daily schedule/routine with your child/ward and guiding him/her in setting goals and scheduling tasks. For further tips on guiding your child/ward in setting goals, refer to the Resilience Boosters at <https://go.gov.sg/selresforparents>.
- Establishing an agreement with your child/ward on managing screen time. We will assign a maximum of 2 hours of online learning every day. For further tips and guides on reinforcing your child/ward's cyber wellness, please refer to: <https://ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness/for-parents>.
- Encouraging your child/ward 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.

On the day of HBL, please ensure that your child/ward stays at home and continues to observe good hygiene practices such as washing their hands frequently with soap. If he/she feels unwell, please seek medical attention promptly and inform his/her form teacher if he/she displays any fever or flu-like symptoms. HBL involves both online and offline approaches to learning. Therefore, not all HBL will require the use of digital devices.

The school will remain open for a small group of students whose parents are not able to secure alternative childcare arrangement with priority given to parents in essential services like healthcare or if students require the use of a digital device and are not equipped with one. Parents may approach the school for further details. There will be a small number of teachers in school to supervise these students and support students at home who may have SLS and HBL-related queries.

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.

MOE had switched centre-based learning <sup>1</sup> to HBL format to reduce the risk of intermingling of students from different schools. Centre-based learning will continue in the HBL format till 10 April, pending further developments.

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## Footnotes

1. Centre-based learning refers to MOE Language Centres, Umar Pulavar Tamil Language Centre, Tamil Language Centres, Higher Chinese Language Centres, Higher Malay Language Centres, Chinese Language 'B' Syllabus Centres, Malay Special Programme, Chinese Special Programme, Weekend Centres for Non-Tamil Indian Languages, Music Elective Programme, Art Elective Programme, O-level Art/Music Centres, A-level H3 offered by Autonomous Universities.

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/guardians to rely on official sources of information and not to circulate any unconfirmed information. If you have any further queries, please contact us at [punggol\\_ss@moe.edu.sg](mailto:punggol_ss@moe.edu.sg).

Thank you and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Angeline Huang  
Principal

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