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Information on Full Home-Based Learning

Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the sharp increase in the number of community cases, including the spike in unlinked cases today, there is a need to reduce interactions and avoid the risk of large clusters. As such, the Ministry of Education (MOE) will be stepping up precautionary measures to safeguard the well-being of all students and staff.

All primary, secondary, junior college (JC) and Millennia Institute (MI) students will shift to Full Home-Based Learning (FHBL) from Wednesday, 19 May till end of the term on Friday, 28 May.

Schools will remain open for students who require additional support. During the FHBL phase, we will continue to provide instructions and support for students to access a range of both online and hardcopy HBL materials, so that learning continues uninterrupted.

The Singapore Student Learning Space (SLS) platform will continue to be accessible to students during this period. Throughout this period of FHBL, your daughters/wards can rely on the ongoing support of their teachers who will continue to work from home or from school.

During the June holidays, schools will allow graduating cohorts to come back in small groups where necessary. More details have been outlined in this letter.

I would like to encourage parents/guardians to support your daughter/ward in her FHBL. Parents/guardians are encouraged to keep their daughters/wards at home during this period where possible.

Students are to bring their **TraceTogether (TT) tokens** when they return to school and to carry it with them at all times where possible. We seek the help of parents/guardians to remind your daughters/wards to ensure that their tokens are in proper working condition.

Please ensure that she continues to observe good hygiene practices such as washing her hands frequently with soap. If she feels unwell, please consult the doctor promptly and inform her Form Teacher if she displays any fever or flu-like symptoms.

For All Students

1. Reporting of Attendance during the FHBL Period

As we embark on FHBL, we would like to continue to connect and check in on the well-being of your daughters/wards. Students are required to report their temperature via <https://go.gov.sg/smsshbl-attendance>, latest by 9am, Monday to Friday.

2. Timetable, Access to Learning Materials and Student Learning Site

(a) Timetable for FHBL

To facilitate FHBL, the school will run the current timetable until Friday, 28 May. Guidelines for students on FHBL can be found in Annex A.



(b) Student Learning Site

Students are required to access the SMSS Student Learning Site at <https://go.gov.sg/smsstudentsportal> or via the QR code shown on the right for instructions and technical guides related to full Home-Based Learning. Students would need to sign in to the site using their stmargs account.



3. Social-emotional Support during the FHBL Period

The school will continue to look out for the girls during the HFBL period. For students who need social-emotional support during this period, they can get in touch with our School Counsellor or the Helplines via the following link or QR code.

During Office Hours (7.30am-4.00pm)	Outside Office Hours
	
https://tinyurl.com/drop-INN-at-SMSS	https://sites.google.com/a/moe.edu.sg/useful-numbers/

4. Term 2/ Mid-Year Results Slip and Parent-Teacher Meeting

For those who have registered, please be reminded that the Mid-Year Parent-Teacher meeting (PTM) for all students will be conducted online via Zoom on Friday, 28 May from 8.30am to 4.30pm. If you have yet to register for the PTM, you may email your daughter's/ward's FT so that they can arrange for an available zoom slot.

The printed copy of the results slip will only be issued in Term 3 Week 1.

5. CCA Matters

All CCA-related activities will be suspended from Wednesday, 19 May to Sunday, 27 June.

For Secondary 4 and 5 Students

6. Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Intensive Programme

To prepare the graduating students for the Mid-Year GCE-O Level Mother Tongue Language (MTL) examinations, the Intensive Programme will be brought online via Zoom as follows:

Date	Time
Wednesday, 19 May to Friday, 21 May	3.00pm – 5.00pm
Monday, 24 May to Tuesday, 25 May & Thursday, 27 May	

More details will be made known to your daughter/wards by the subject teachers.

7. June GCE-O Level MTL Examinations 2021

(a) Dates

The 2021 GCE-O Level MTL examinations will be held in school on Monday, 31 May and Tuesday, 1 June.

Students are strongly advised to bring their thermometer and TT-token to school for the examinations.

(b) Briefing by Presiding Examiner

The briefing for the examinations will be held on Tuesday, 25 May from 8.00am to 8.55am via Zoom. Important updates from SEAB and information on the examination will be shared at this meeting. Attendance for this briefing is compulsory. Zoom codes will be shared with the students by the Form Teachers nearing the session.

8. Coursework Preparation during the June Holidays

Graduating students doing Art and Food & Nutrition are required to prepare for their coursework component from Monday, 7 June to Wednesday, 9 June. More information will be provided to the students by their subject teachers.

Students returning to school are reminded again that they must bring their thermometer and TraceTogether (TT) token.

9. Study Week for Graduating Students

Subjected to the national posture on the prevailing safe measures at that point in time, there are plans for a study week for the Secondary 4 and 5 students from Monday, 21 June to Friday, 25 June. We will reach out to you and the students should there be any changes to the study week programme as shown below:

Activity	Dates	Classes	Time
Timetabled lessons (to be conducted online)	Monday, 21 June to Friday, 25 June	S4-1 to S4-8 & S5-1	8.00am – 1.45pm
	Wednesday, 23 June to Friday, 25 June	S4-9	
English Language Graded Oral Practice	Monday, 21 June to Friday, 25 June	S4-1 to S4-5 & S5-1	Schedule will be given out by the English Language subject teachers

Yours faithfully,

Ms Linda Lim
Principal

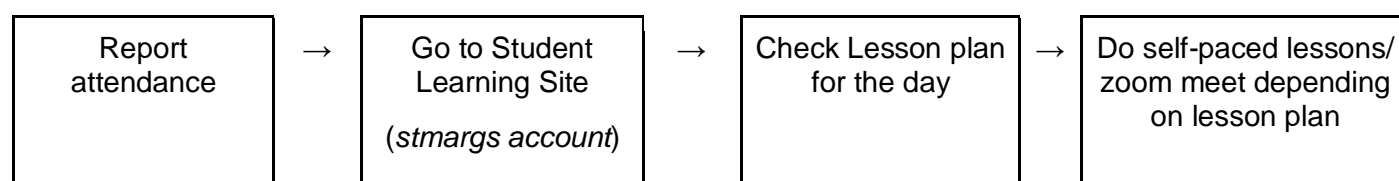
Annex A

Information for Full Home-Based Learning (HBL)

Guidelines for Students

Standard Procedure for Students on Full HBL

Overall procedure



Report Attendance : <https://go.gov.sg/smsshbl-attendance>

Students are required to report their attendance by 9 am during FHBL.

Go to the SMSS Student Learning Site : <https://sites.google.com/moe.edu.sg/smsstudentsportal/home>

Students are required to sign in to the site using their stmargs account.

All instructions, links for lesson plans and technical guides are found on this student learning site.

Password Matters and Technical Difficulties

Password Matters	Have it reset via this link : https://go.gov.sg/stmargs-password-reset Remember to take note of your new password
Technical Difficulties	1) Refer to guides uploaded on the SMSS Student Learning Site 2) Contact helpdesk Telephone: 82001676 Email: stmargsadmin@stmargs.edu.sg (Mon - Fri, 7.30 am to 4.00 pm)