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COVID-19 Management at Qihua

30 March 2020

Dear parents,

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.

School Dismissal

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.

Please refer to the schedule below on the school's staggered dismissal timing (please allow for about 5 minutes for students to move from classrooms to the school gates)

Time dismissed from classroom	Classes
1.28pm	1-1, 1-3, 1-5, 2-1, 2-3, 2-5, 2-7, and all P3 classes
1.32pm	1-2, 1-4, 1-6, 2-2, 2-4, 2-6, 2-8, and all P4 classes
1.37pm	P5 & P6 students taking school buses
1.39pm	5-1, 5-3, 5-5, 6-1, 6-3, 6-5
1.43pm	All remaining classes

We appeal to all parents to maintain social distancing of at least 1 metre while waiting for your child in / outside the school. For parents waiting outside the school gates, please wait by the side of the covered walkway to allow students to be able to walk through. If your P4 – P6 child is crossing the road to go home, we appeal for parents to wait at the void decks of Blk 875 or Blk 822 across the road, instead of the walkway outside the school.

Home-Based Learning (HBL) on 1 April

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 Wednesdays from 1 Apr 2020 (Wed).** In the event that the day of HBL falls on a public holiday, your child 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.**

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Your child will be provided with instructions on how to access their HBL materials by his/her teachers.

To access the HBL Packages, students should refer to the HBL tab on the top-right corner of the school's website (<https://qihuapri.moe.edu.sg/>). Please see image below:



HBL Lesson Packages will be available from **8am**. The schedule below is an overview of the subjects covered during every Wednesday's HBL.

Subject	P1 – P2	P3 – P6
English	1 hour	1 hour
Mathematics	1 hour	1 hour
Mother Tongue	1 hour	1 hour
Science		1 hour
Social Studies	1 hour	
Total Duration	4 hours	4 hours

HBL Live Lessons

The school has been exploring Live Lessons for different levels and subjects. The levels and subjects scheduled for Live Lessons on 1 April are shown in the table below. Please follow the instructions on the HBL page to **join the Live Lesson at least 5 minutes before the start time**. Students are expected to be dressed appropriately when logging on to Live Lessons and to follow the instructions closely by the teachers.

Please note that Live Lessons require a laptop / desktop with speakers / earphones plugged into the audio output. Alternatively, students can use a handphone to access the Live Lesson.

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Live Lesson for 1 April 2020	Time
P2 MT	11.45am – 12.30pm
P4 MT	9.45am – 10.45am
P4 SC	10.45am – 11.45am
P4 MA	12.30pm – 1.30pm

Monitoring of HBL

We strongly encourage students to start the HBL by 10am and to complete the HBL by 4pm. The teachers will be monitoring participation rate and will follow up with phone calls after 4pm if students have not started on the HBL. For each HBL day, the form teacher will call some students to monitor their well-being.

Queries

Please do email the subject teachers if you have any queries or need further explanations / clarifications on the lesson content / assignments. You teachers will try to respond to you within the day. For queries received after 4pm, it will be responded on the following day.

Support for Devices

If your child 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.

Home Support for Student Well-being

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

- Working out a daily schedule/routine with your child and guiding your child in setting goals and scheduling tasks. For further tips on guiding your child in setting goals, refer to the Resilience Boosters at <https://go.gov.sg/selresforparents>.
- Establishing an agreement with your child 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's cyber wellness, please refer to: <https://ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness/for-parents>.
- Encouraging your child 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 stays at home and continues to observe good hygiene practices such as taking daily temperature and washing their hands frequently with soap. If he/she feels unwell, please seek medical attention

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promptly and inform his/her form teacher if he/she displays any fever or flu-like symptoms.

Suspension of Programmes

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. P6 Supplementary / Remedial Classes, as well as S4 Programme will be suspended too.

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 to rely on official sources of information and not to circulate any unconfirmed information.

If you have any other further queries, please contact the school's help desk at 62696250.

With school and parents in close partnership, we will be able to keep our children safe and continue to engage them in meaningful learning.

Mrs Lee Hui Feng
Principal