

#### 27 March 2020

This notification covers the following matters:

- 1. Strengthening Digital Literacy
- 2. Information on Student Learning Space (SLS)
- 3. School Calendar for Term 2 2020

#### Strengthening Digital Literacy

- 1. At the recent Committee of Supply (COS) Debate 2020, Minister for Education Mr Ong Ye Kung outlined plans to help our students be agile and future-ready, in preparing them for an increasingly complex, interconnected and tech-driven world. One of which is to enhance the curriculum to help students strengthen digital literacy.
- MOE will launch the National Digital Literacy Programme for our schools and Institutes of Higher Learning so that students will be able to acquire digital skills at different stages of their education journey.
- 3. At the primary level, there will be greater emphasis on cyber wellness education as part of CCE 2021. Students will also get to learn computational thinking and experience simple coding through the 'Code for Fun' programme which will be offered to all primary schools as a 10-hour enrichment programme at the upper primary.



We all know how digital literacy is important for our young... It is not a bad idea (to give every child a device), but it could do more harm than good if the device becomes another gadget that is a distraction for the child.

If we want to do this, we must do this in the right sequence - make sure that the curriculum is rightly designed and teachers are equipped with suitable pedagogies first, then use the device to enhance teaching and learning.





4. Find out more from https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/cos2020

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5. Parents play an instrumental role in how these changes impact their children. You may like to refer to Annex A for useful tips on how parents can promote cyber wellness at home, and how you can develop your child's digital literacy skills.

#### Information on SLS

- 6. As part of our commitment to nurture future-ready learners, all students in Singapore schools are supported in their learning by the Singapore Student Learning Space (SLS), an online learning platform that contains curriculum-aligned resources and learning tools.
- 7. With the SLS, students will be able to learn better through the use of technology. Students will be able to learn anytime, anywhere, and at their own pace, whether independently or with their peers. Teachers will also use the SLS to complement their classroom teaching, further enriching students' learning experience. With the provision of SLS, we want to develop self-directed and collaborative learning in our students.
- 8. For students who are on Leave of Absence (LOA) or Stay Home Notice (SHN), the school has a curriculum continuity plan to activate Home-Based Learning (HBL) via the SLS to ensure that learning continues for students at home. In such instances, these students would have received the HBL Timetable which includes assignments on SLS and/or offline assignments.
- 9. Should your child encounter login issues for SLS, the school website has information to assist your child in resolving the login issues. We will do our best to assist in resetting your child's password and unlocking account. You may access the school website with the QR code below:



10. For help beyond office hours, you may contact the **SLS Central (MOE) Helpline** at 6702 6513. Their operating hours are from 9am – 9pm on weekdays, 9am – 3pm on Saturday. Students may also email the SLS Central Helpdesk at helpdesk@sls.ufinity.com at any time for assistance.

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#### **Term 2 School Calendar**

- 11. As earlier communicated, the school has suspended all CCAs and After School Programmes (Remedial and Supplementary Classes, SDR, RRP, SYF Arts Presentation, etc) till further notice. Only Higher Mother Tongue and Foundation Mother Tongue classes, which are currently scheduled after normal school dismissal, will continue. The key events and activities in Term 2 are detailed in Annex B.
- 12. Given the rapidly evolving global COVID-19 situation, the school will take reference from MOE on resuming the activities, in the best interest of our students. We will continue to monitor the situation closely, and seek your understanding for any changes to the planned calendar. Parents may refer to the list of FAQs on MOE's responses to the COVID-19 situation with the link: https://www.moe.gov.sg/faqs-covid-19-infection

Thank you for your strong partnership in our fight against COVID-19. The school will continue with the enhanced precautionary measures to ensure a safe learning environment for all at Jiemin Primary. We hope to work closely with you in this term ahead and look forward to your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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Mr Andy Mickey Choong Principal

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#### **ANNEX A**



"How do we ensure that our young make the right choices, and survive well in the online world? (...) Schools can work with parents and make a big difference."

- Minister Ong Ye Kung, Committee of Supply Debate 2020



#### Did you know?

MOE recently announced that:



Digital literacy will feature more strongly across the curriculum.



More time will be spent discussing Cyber Wellness during Character and Citizenship Education lessons.

Students will learn skills to navigate the online space confidently, and use technology healthily.

# How can you promote Cyber Wellness at home for your child too?

#### Tip 1: Guide your child on time spent online and online etiquette



Ask your child what he/she enjoys doing online.

Through your conversations, you can decide together how much time he/she should spend online, and teach online etiquette.

Consider drawing up a family contract (click here for sample under #12).

## Tip 2: Teach your child to stay safe online



 Remind your child not to chat with strangers online or share information that can allow strangers to locate him/her.





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- Guide your child to set strong passwords, and ignore suspicious links or files sent by strangers or in pop-up boxes.
- Check with your child about the conversations that go on in their chat groups or social media to assess if he/she is being bullied online.
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#### Tip 3: Guide your child to behave responsibly online

### CONSUMING INFORMATION ONLINE

- Encourage your child to verify information with multiple credible sources.
- Get them to check with you or a trusted adult when in doubt.

### POSTING INFORMATION ONLINE

- Co-create guidelines with your child on what he/she can post online.
- Guide him/her to use the THINK framework when creating the guidelines:

Is it True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, Kind?

# How can you develop your child's digital literacy skills?

## Engage your child in the use of technology for everyday situations

#### Get him/her to:

Research and critically evaluate online information

Create digital products

Organise schedules



Find a suitable activity for a family outing Design a digital photo collage after a family outing or celebration

Organise his/her schedule in an online calendar



Research a recipe for a family lunch/ dinner







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#### **ANNEX B**

#### School Calendar for Term 2 (23 March to 29 May 2020)

Date	Activities/ Events
23 Mar (Mon)	Term 2 2020 starts
9 Apr (Thu)	International Friendship Day Commemoration
10 Apr (Fri)	Good Friday (Public Holiday)
22 Apr (Wed) & 23 Apr (Thu)	P6 MYE Oral (EL & MTL)
27 Apr (Mon) & 28 Apr(Tue)	P5 MYE Oral (EL, MTL)
29 Apr (Wed)	P4 MYE Oral (EL, MTL)
1 May (Fri)	Labour Day (Public Holiday)
7 May (Thu)	Vesak Day (Public Holiday)
11 May (Mon)	P4 MYE Paper 1 (EL) P5 MYE Paper & Listening Compre (EL) P6 MYE Paper 1 & Listening Compre (EL)
12 May (Tue)	P4 MYE Paper 1 (MTL) P5 MYE Paper & Listening Compre (MTL) P6 MYE Paper 1 & Listening Compre (MTL)
15 May (Fri)	P5 & P6 MYE (HMT)
18 May (Mon)	P3 WA P4 MYE Paper 2 & Listening Compre (EL) P5 MYE Paper 2 (EL) P6 MYE Paper2 (EL)
19 May (Tue)	P3 WA P4 MYE (Math) P5 MYE (Math) P6 MYE (Math)
20 May (Wed)	P3 WA P4 MYE Paper 2 & Listening Compre (MTL) P5 MYE Paper 2 (MTL) P6 MYE Paper 2 (MTL)

Key

 MYE
 Mid-Year Examination
 WA
 : Weighted Assessment

 EL
 : English Language
 CL
 : Chinese Language

 MTL
 : Mother Tongue Language
 ML
 : Malay Language

 HMT
 : Higher Mother Tongue
 TL
 : Tamil Language

 HA
 : Holistic Assessment

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Date	Activities/ Events
21 May (Thu)	P3 WA
	P4 MYE (Science)
	P5 MYE (Science)
	P6 MYE (Science)
24 May (Sun)	Hari Raya Puasa
25 May (Mon)	Off-in-lieu for Hari Raya Puasa (Public Holiday)
29 May (Fri)	Parent Teacher Meeting (To be confirmed)
30 May (Sat) to 28 June (Sun)	School Holiday

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