

## 颜永成学校 GAN ENG SENG SCHOOL

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Dear parents/guardians,

In line with the Multi-Ministry Taskforce's latest efforts to further enhance safe distancing measures, schools will step up their safe distancing measures. From 8 April 2020, all MOE schools will shift to full Home-Based Learning (HBL) till 4 May 2020.

During the period of full HBL, schools will provide instructions and support for your child/ward to access a range of both online and hardcopy HBL resources so that learning can continue. Kindly go to the school website <a href="https://ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/">https://ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/</a> to view your child's/ward's lessons for the day and do provide a conducive environment at home for your child to be engaged in learning. Our teachers will continue to monitor the progress of your child through HBL assignments.

All school-based Mid-Year Examinations will be cancelled. However, WA2 will continue when your child/ward returns to school. National examinations, including the Mid-Year GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Language examinations in June and Year-End Examinations will proceed as planned and with the necessary precautionary measures in place.

If your child needs learning or emotional support, he/she can approach our teachers and other school personnel such as our School Counsellor, who will continue to work from home or from school. Our teachers will also be in regular contact with you and your child/ward.

Here are some helpful tips on how you can support your child/ward when they are at home doing HBL:

- Work out a daily schedule with your child/ward guide him/her in setting goals and scheduling tasks, as part of developing the valuable life skills of time management and self-discipline which your child/ward can acquire when doing Home-Based Learning (HBL). For further tips on guiding your child/ward in setting goals, refer to the Resilience Boosters at https://go.gov.sg/selresforparents.
- Have an agreement with your child on managing screen time. When it comes to using technology to support HBL, schools will assign between 2 to 3 hours of online learning every day. You can work out an agreement with your child/ward to take short breaks in between online learning, and reduce their recreational screen time, e.g. time spent on video games and social media. They can replace recreational screen time with healthy offline activities, such as reading books or playing board games with family members. For further tips and guides on reinforcing your child's cyber wellness, please refer to: https://ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness/for-parents.
- Encourage 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.

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.

Kindly remind your child/ward to take the 'Stay at Home' message seriously and to cease going out of their homes unless extremely necessary. He/she should also practice social distancing in public places and not gather in groups. Remind your child/ward that we do need to play our part in this battle against COVID-19.

We plan to resume classes on 5 May 2020. MOE will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation to assess if HBL needs to be extended. We urge you to rely on official sources of information and not to circulate any unconfirmed information. If you have any further queries, please contact Mr Clarence. Loh (Year Head) or Mr Teo Peng Kee (Year Head) at 64745594.

Thank you and keep safe!

Onward!

Ms Tan Hwee Pin

Principal