# TO SCHOOL SCHOOL

#### NorthLight School

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31 March 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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. Hence, all Year 1 and 2 students will be dismissed 10 minutes earlier with effect from Tuesday, 31 March. There is no change to the dismissal time for Year 3 and 4 students. Table 1 below shows the dismissal time during this period.

Table 1: School Dismissal Time

| Levels     | Monday    | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday    |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Year 1 and | 7:45am to | 7:45am to | 7:45am to | *HBL Day | 7:45am to |
| Year 2     | 2:50pm    | 2:50pm    | 3:20pm    |          | 12:20pm   |
|            |           |           |           |          |           |
| Year 3 and | 7:45am to | 7:45am to | 7:45am to | *HBL Day | 7:45am to |
| Year 4     | 3:00pm    | 3:00pm    | 3:30pm    |          | 12:30pm   |
|            |           |           |           |          |           |

<sup>\*</sup>Students need not report to school on Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days. Otherwise, dismissal time for Thursdays will be at 1:20pm for Year 1s and 2s, 1:30pm for Year 3s and 4s.

- 3. 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. All secondary schools will be conducting HBL on Thursdays starting 2 April. 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. In view of this, the originally scheduled school based HBL on 3 April will be cancelled and students are to report to school for normal lessons.
- 4. The school will continue to support the learning of your child/ward at home through the use of the Student Learning Space (SLS). Subject teachers will assign online learning resources in SLS and/or hardcopy learning materials for the period which your child/ward is away from school. Your child/ward can access SLS via <a href="https://learning.moe.edu.sg">https://learning.moe.edu.sg</a>. Please see Annex A for the HBL schedule.
- 5. In the event that your child/ward face difficulties in accessing SLS, he/she can
  - contact the Form Teachers OR
  - call or email the following helplines

| School-based Helpline                | SLS Central Helpline                |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Tel: (65) 6590 2933                  | Tel: (65) 6702 6513                 |
|                                      |                                     |
| Operating Hours                      | Operating Hours                     |
| Monday to Friday: 8am – 4pm          | Monday to Friday: 4pm – 9pm         |
| *Closed on Saturday, Sunday & Public | Saturday: 9am – 9pm                 |
| Holidays                             | *Closed on Sunday & Public Holidays |
|                                      |                                     |
| Email: Northlight@ite.edu.sg         | Email: helpdesk@sls.ufinity.com     |
|                                      |                                     |

- 6. 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.
- 7. 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:
- 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.
- 8. On the day of HBL, please ensure that your child <u>stays at home</u> 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.
- 9. 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 Centers and the National School Games will also remain suspended for the rest of Term 2. The Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation will be cancelled.
- 10. 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 further queries, please contact Miss Elaine (Manager, Student Affairs Unit) at 65806490.

| Best | Regards, |
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### **Home-Based Learning Day**

#### Year 1 & 2

|               | Subjects    |             |   |             |             |             |  |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
|               | Online W    | ork (SLS)   | Off-Screen Work<br>(Instructions via SLS) |             |             |             |  |
| Thursday      | 0800 – 0900 | 0900 – 1000 | 1000 – 1030                               | 1030 – 1130 | 1130 – 1230 | 1230 – 1330 |  |
| 2 April 2020  | ICT         | NLP         | Break Time<br>(Eye Rest)                  | Math        | EL          | AES         |  |
| 9 April 2020  | EL          | AES         |   | SW          | Math        | NLP         |  |
| 16 April 2020 | Math        | ICT         |   | EL          | NLP         | AES         |  |
| 23 April 2020 | SW          | EL          |   | NLP         | ICT         | Math        |  |

EL(4) Math(4) NLP(4) ICT(3) AES(3) SW(2)

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# **Home-Based Learning Day**

#### Year 3

|               | Subjects                               |             |             |                   |             |             |
|---------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
|               | Off-Screen Work (Instructions via SLS) |             |             | Online Work (SLS) |             |             |
| Thursday      | 0800 – 0900                            | 0900 – 1000 | 1000 - 1100 | 1100 – 1130       | 1130 – 1230 | 1230 – 1330 |
| 2 April 2020  | Math                                   | VE          | VE          | Break Time        | NLP         | EL          |
| 9 April 2020  | EL                                     | VE          | SW          |                   | Math        | ICT         |
| 16 April 2020 | Math                                   | VE          | EL          | (Eye Rest)        | VE          | VE          |
| 23 April 2020 | NLP                                    | VE          | VE          |                   | EL          | Math        |

VE(8), EL(4), Math(4), NLP(2), ICT(1), SW(1)

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# **Home-Based Learning Day**

#### Year 4

|               | Subjects    |                        |                   |             |             |  |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|--|
|               |             | en Work<br>ns via SLS) | Online Work (SLS) |             |             |  |
| Thursday      | 0800 – 0900 | 0900 – 1000            | 1000 – 1030       | 1030 – 1130 | 1130 – 1230 |  |
| 2 April 2020  | NLP         | VE                     |                   | Math        | Math        |  |
| 9 April 2020  | EL          | EL                     | Break Time        | NLP         | VE          |  |
| 16 April 2020 | Math        | Math                   | (Eye Rest)        | EL          | EL          |  |
| 23 April 2020 | EL          | Math                   |                   | SW          | ICT         |  |

EL(5), Math(5), VE(2), NLP(2), ICT(1), SW(1)