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Dear Parents / Guardian,

Full Home-Based Learning (HBL) Term 2 Week 4

It has been a most exciting week of learning for all, right? Thank you, parents for your support and many appreciation notes which strongly encouraged our teachers to persevere in their efforts to engage your child via SLS! We started with 450 SLS packages in March and right now, up to 1500 SLS packages have been designed and will be delivered in the next two weeks to your child. Get ready for more exciting and joyful learning ahead!

Review of Home Based Learning conducted on 8 to 12 April 2020

As part of full HBL, our form teachers have used applications such as Zoom and Google Meet to conduct the **Form teacher interaction time** last week. When using such applications, we understand the importance of ensuring the **safety and security** of our students.

Both teachers and students reflected that through this platform and session, they feel connected to each other during this time. You may wish to note that we have the following guidelines in place:

- meeting codes are only available via SLS log-in to students of the class
- file sharing as well as screen sharing function for all participants are disabled
- waiting room is enabled to host and authenticate the participants
- private chat during the meeting will be disabled
- strong password will be used for the meeting

Guidelines for your child to follow before and during Video Conferencing session

- **Do not share** the meeting details with others
- Use your real name to log in, not a pseudonym, e.g. Index Number + Full Name
- Wait for your teacher to verify you and your classmates
- Switch on your camera to allow your teacher to identify you
- **Observe cyber wellness**, e.g. respect others by using appropriate language and not sending inappropriate content to your peers

We are pleased to share some of the positive findings on HBL Preparedness and Learning:

- Close to 91% of our students has expressed confidence in managing online learning.
- Majority of our students, 90% of them found the SLS lesson designs engaging.
- The students' ability to use Zoom has also gone up from 69.6% to 91.6%.

Congratulations to our P3 Science teachers who were awarded a "Designer badge" on the SG Learning Designers Circle (LDC). The SG LDC is a platform created by MOE for educators across Singapore to share their technology-enabled experiences. The lesson designed centred on Animals sparked curiosity through the controversial Platypus, then scaffolded students to form conclusions using evidence. It was a package which helped the other Science teachers in Singapore learn quickly how to help their students become better Science learners!

Parents as Active Supporters

Please help your child focus on **Cyberwellness**. Catch the Principal's time every Wednesday at 8p.m. to support us in strengthening our school values and student outcome for the term-

Integrity and Graciousness. Let's stay positive though the news of Covid 19 cases grow more dreadful during this period of Full HBL. We are growing concerned with our students' reflections of their fear of Covid 19 affecting someone they love- their family member, their friend and teacher. You can join us to educate your child to **stay clean**- wash hands frequently, don't touch face unnecessarily and wear a mask when outdoors. **Role model** social distancing and follow Circuit Breaker period laws and advice.

Dazhong Care Pack for FAS Recipients during FHBL 2020

We have informed on the distribution of Dazhong Care Packs to DZPS's FAS recipients in our letter dated 6 Apr (Ref: DZPS/2020/0257). The Care Packs were prepared to ensure that your child/ ward takes breakfast and lunch regularly during the Full HBL period. The 1st Care Pack has been distributed to you since.

On 13 Apr 20, MOE announced that the school meal subsidies will be extended to needy students who do not return to school during home-based learning period. The school meal subsidies will be disbursed via **two top-ups** to MOE FAS students' school Smartcard and can be redeemed at any Transitlink Add Value Machine (AVM) once every two weeks starting from 14 Apr 20. The second top-up can be redeemed from 27 Apr 20.

The School Smartcard can be used to purchase food and essential groceries at some hawker centres, food courts, minimarts, convenience stores and supermarkets. You may refer to the school website (<https://dazhongpri.moe.edu.sg/partnerships/school-information-n-letters>) and facebook (https://www.facebook.com/dzpsofficial/?modal=admin_todo_tour) for the redemption process of the top-ups at the AVMS and the list of merchandise where you can purchase the food and essential groceries.

In view of the school meal subsidies extended by MOE to all MOE FAS recipients for the 4 weeks of FHBL period, we would like to inform that we will not be providing the 2nd Care Pack to them. ***Students who are school-based FAS recipients will continue to receive the 2nd DZPS Care Pack. The collection date is on 20 Apr 2020 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.***

We appeal to you not to bring your child to top up your child's/ ward's Smartcard at the Transitlink AVMS (for MOE FAS recipients) or to the school to collect the 2nd Care Pack (for School-Based FAS recipients) and practise social distancing. Let's make sure your child **'Stay Home, Stay Safe, Stay Curious!**

Minister Ong Ye Kung's Visit on 15th April 2020

Minister Ong Ye Kung visited our school and interacted with our students and staff this morning. He appreciated our efforts we have given to the small group of students who are still reporting to school. He is glad that our teachers, students and their parents have scaled up their ability to learn in online classrooms and stay engaged in the last week. Do catch his Instagram and Facebook postings about his visit to Dazhong. Dazhong soar!

If you have any further enquiries, please email us at dazhong_ps@moe.edu.sg or through your child/ ward via their form teachers.

Yours sincerely,

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