



Clementi Primary School

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Dear Parents / Guardian,

1. Since the implementation of full Home-Based Learning (FHBL) on 8 April 2020, our school has been working hard to ensure that students are able to continue with meaningful learning and to provide greater support to those who are not able to learn from home. Our Clementians have adapted to learning from home and demonstrated resilience during this challenging time. Parents have also learned how to guide their children, while giving their children the space to learn for themselves and be more self-directed. It has been a period of learning and growth for everyone. Teachers, Clementians and parents have all risen admirably to the challenge.

Revised Academic Calendar for 2020

2. Due to developments in the COVID-19 situation, MOE has brought forward the Mid-Year School Holidays from June to May. The May school holidays will be from 5 May 2020 to 1 June 2020.
3. The intent of this move is to provide some respite for the hard work and adjustment that all our parents, Clementians and teachers have gone through during FHBL. Moving the holidays forward to May would also support the national move to extend Circuit Breaker (CB) measures for another month as we work together to combat the transmission of COVID-19 in Singapore.
4. Term 3 will hence start on 2 June 2020. It will last for 13 weeks, ending on 6 September 2020. Schools will also have an additional Mid-Term Break from 20 July to 26 July 2020.

	Start Date	End Date
Full Home-Based Learning	8 April (Wed)	4 May (Mon)
Mid-Year School Holidays	5 May (Tue)	1 June (Mon)
Term 3 (Part I)	2 June (Tue)	19 July (Sun)
July Holidays	20 July (Mon)	26 July (Sun)
Term 3 (Part II)	27 July (Mon)	6 September (Sun)
September Holidays	7 September (Mon)	13 September (Sun)

Assessment Matters

5. On 3 April 2020, MOE announced that with the shift to FHBL, all school-based Mid-Year Examinations will be cancelled. However, national examinations, including the Primary School Leaving Examinations (PSLE) will proceed as planned and with the necessary precautionary measures in place.
6. MOE further announced on 21 April 2020, the removal of the Common Last Topics (CLTs) from Year 2020 National Examinations. The arrangements for graduating and non-graduating students are provided below.

(a) Graduating Students

For the graduating cohort, CLTs will be removed from the school-based assessment (SBA). This enables schools to adjust curriculum coverage to a more comfortable pace for students prior to PSLE. You may refer to <https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/psle/psle-formats-examined-in-2020> for details.

While CLTs are non-examinable this year, our teachers will still teach the topics after the national examination so that your child/ward will be ready for the next stage of learning in secondary school.

(b) Non-Graduating Students

For non-graduating cohorts, the school will identify about three weeks' worth of syllabus content to be removed from the scope of the Year-End Assessment (YEA). This applies to content-based subjects. These contents, while non-examinable, will be taught in school after the YEA.

Clementians' Learning Portfolio

7. With the cancellation of the mid-year examinations, the school would like to encourage Clementians to make use of the May school holidays to prepare their learning portfolios. This is in line with ongoing efforts to develop them as **Active Learners**. Clementians will consolidate their learning in Semester 1 by collating pieces of work which they consider as their best works, in digital or physical form, for their learning portfolio.
8. As this is the first time Clementians are doing so, they may seek advice from their teachers via email or by posting comments on Google Classroom during the May holidays. They can also discuss what they want to collect for their learning portfolio and how they can improve their learning with you in your free time. For more bonding tips and activities with your child, you may wish to refer to the Holiday Care Package on our school's Facebook page.
9. The Form Teachers had earlier shared the details with your child during the FTGP Google Meet sessions.

Child-Teacher-Parent (CTP) e-Conference 2020

10. The CTP Conference mentioned in our Term 2 notification will be re-scheduled and re-designed. The session will allow our teachers to conference with you and your child/ward with regard to his/her learning progress. In view of the COVID-19 situation, this year's CTP Conference will be held remotely using the Google Meet platform. It will be held at a later time in term 3 and details will be shared at a later date.

Travel and Safety Matters

11. Ministry of Health (MOH) had earlier advised for all Singaporeans to defer all travel abroad in an advisory dated 18 March 2020. As the MOH advisory is still in force, you would not be required to submit travel declarations for the May school holidays.

12. However, should there be any exceptional travel by students/household members/staff, please note the consequences of travelling. Besides risking being infected overseas and transmitting to others locally, the following would apply:

- (a) The requirement to apply for and obtain an entrance permit from MOE/ICA prior to your return to Singapore for foreigners holding ICA-issued long-term passes (including those holding Student's Pass);
- (b) 14-day Stay-Home Notice (SHN) issued upon your return to Singapore;
- (c) 14-day Leave of Absence (LOA) for students staying in the same household with someone on SHN; and
- (d) Unsubsidised healthcare if you come down with COVID-19 upon your return.

13. Please refer to the following websites for the latest policies and guidelines pertaining to COVID-19:

- <https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19/advisories-for-various-sectors>
- <https://www.ica.gov.sg/covid-19>
- <https://www.moe.gov.sg/faqs-covid-19-infection>

Important dates for Term 3 2020

Date (Day)	Activity	Remarks
6 Jul (Mon)	Day after Youth Day	School Holiday
31 July (Fri)	Hari Raya Haji	Public Holiday
7 Aug (Fri)	National Day Celebration	All Clementians will be dismissed at 10.30 a.m.
9 Aug (Sun)	National Day	Public Holiday
10 Aug (Mon)	Day after National Day	School Holiday
13 & 14 Aug (Thu & Fri)	PSLE Oral Examination*	Only P6 Clementians are required to be in school.
4 Sep (Fri)	Teachers' Day	School Holiday

* During school closure for the PSLE Oral Examination, P1 to P5 Clementians will be engaged in asynchronous HBL. We would appreciate it if you could make the necessary childcare/transport arrangements in view of the mentioned dates.

Conclusion

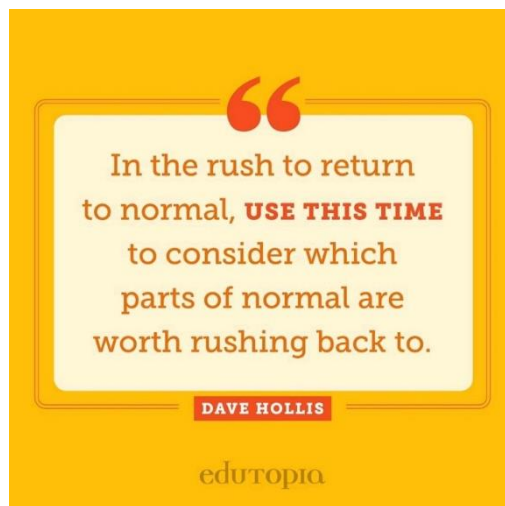
14. MOE will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely. Our school will continue to take guidance from MOE as the situation evolves. We strongly encouraged to keep your child at home during the May school holidays. Please ensure that your child continues to observe good hygiene practices such 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.
15. As the May holidays still fall within the CB period, law enforcement authorities urge students to stay home and comply with safe distancing measures. The school has also observed that a small number of upper primary students have gone online to meet strangers during the FHBL period. To prevent them from becoming victims of crime, please refer to [Annex A](#) for more information.
16. Subject to further guidance from MOE, school will resume on 2 June. Meanwhile, let us continue to keep our children safe by being socially responsible, both at home and in school. We will get through this together and emerge stronger as a community. Keep safe and healthy.

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Yours sincerely,



Mr Chia See Chew Albert
Principal





Dear Students,

ADVISORY FOR THE COMING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Following the Multi-Ministry Taskforce's decision to extend the COVID-19 circuit breaker period till 1 June 2020, the Ministry of Education had brought forward the June school holidays to 5 May 2020. With this, the Singapore Police Force (SPF), Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB), National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) and National Council Against Drug Abuse (NCADA) would like to take this opportunity to remind students of the dire consequences of committing crime and drug/inhalant abuse, as well as to take measures to avoid being victims of crime.

Stay Home, Stay Safe

1 The Police would like to urge students to take the circuit breaker measures seriously. Stay at home and comply with safe distancing measures. Do not loiter in public or hang out with your friends or classmates. Students are also reminded to cooperate with, and comply with the instructions of enforcement officers (EOs), and SG Clean and Safe Distancing Ambassadors. The Police will not tolerate any verbal or physical abuse of them.

2 **It is easy to be traced and caught for cheating others through online platforms such as Carousell, Shopee, Facebook and Instagram.** Students have been arrested for online purchase scams where victims did not receive the promised goods after making payments.

3 **Exercise caution when taking up part-time jobs online, especially those promising quick and easy money.** Youths have unknowingly been duped by scammers into becoming **money mules** by allowing their bank accounts to be used to receive monies belonging to scam victims and thereafter withdrawing them for depositing into cryptocurrency ATMs. In other instances, youths have also been recruited for **unlicensed moneylending activities** via responding to job ads online (e.g. Facebook, Carousell, Gumtree, etc.). Regardless of the role performed, whether it be being a runner or harasser, opening a bank account, distributing pamphlets, acting as look-outs, these are criminal activities that are against the law and punishable with a hefty fine, jail term and possibly even caning.

Preventing yourself from becoming a Victim of Crime

4 With the implementation of the COVID-19 circuit breaker measures, most physical shops are closed. As you spend more time at home and take to the internet more often, there is a need

to **be careful when shopping online**. Carousell and Facebook are predominant platforms used for online purchase scams, whereby scammers often entice buyers to purchase items at very low prices, without any intention of delivering the items after receiving payments. Popular items include electronic gadgets such as mobile phones, Apple AirPods and game consoles such as the Nintendo Switch. In some cases, scammers even cheated victims into making multiple payments on false claims of customs/processing fees, securing better deals with bulk purchases, etc. Always be wary of people selling items at prices that sound too good to be true. Reduce your risks by purchasing only from authorized sellers, and opting for buyer protection by using in-built payment options that release payment to the seller only upon delivery.

5 **Be very careful of who you befriend online.** Exercise caution when corresponding with strangers online. Scammers may impersonate as your friend on social networking sites by hacking their account or creating a fake account using your friend's profile picture and details. Be wary especially towards people who ask for money, personal information, or compromising photos/videos. If you receive unexpected requests or offers from your social media contacts, verify if the account is legitimate by checking with your family and friends offline. Never give out your personal and bank account details, account passwords, and One-Time Password (OTP) to anyone, including family and friends. Banks or government agencies will never ask for your OTP.

6 **Bear in mind that the party whom you are dealing with online is a stranger.** Although scammers may provide a copy of an Identification Card or Driver's license to gain your trust, it may not necessarily belong to the person that you are communicating with online. You may check the validity of the NRIC on ICA's iEnquiry portal at: <https://eservices.ica.gov.sg/ipienquiry/web/icheck/landing>.

Resources for Crime Prevention

7 The following provides more information on crime awareness and prevention:

- Sign up for the Anti-Drug Advocate (ADA) Programme to help advocate for a drug-free Singapore. For more information, follow us on CNB's social media handles @CNB.DrugFreeSG (Facebook, Instagram, Youtube) or contact us at: cnb_preventive_education_unit@cnb.gov.sg. You can also visit the CNB's website www.cnb.gov.sg for more information on the harms of drug and inhalant abuse.
- Please call the CNB hotline at 1800-325-6666 to report any cases of suspected drug and inhalant abuse.
- For anyone who wishes to seek help with addiction-related matters, please call the National Addictions Management Service (NAMS) at 6732 6837.

- For more information on crime prevention, visit the SPF's website at www.spf.gov.sg, SPF Facebook or NCPC's website at www.ncpc.org.sg. Please call the Police hotline at 1800-255-0000, or submit the information online at www.police.gov.sg/iwitness to report matters on gangs, unlicensed money lending or crimes. Please dial '999' if urgent Police assistance is required. If you are aware of any gang activities or anyone who wants to leave a gang, please advise him/her to seek assistance from the Secret Societies Branch at 6435 0000. You can also call the NCPC's X Ah Long Hotline at 1800-9-24-5664 (1800-X-AH-LONG) to report unlicensed money lending matters.
- For more information on scams, visit www.scamalert.sg. You may also call the Anti-Scam Helpline at 1800-722-6688 to seek scam-related advice. Join the 'let's fight scams' campaign at www.scamalert.sg/fight by signing up as an advocate to receive up-to-date messages and share them with your family and friends. Together, we can help stop scams and prevent our loved ones from becoming the next victim of scam.

Thank you and stay safe.