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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students of QSS,

We begin the 2nd week of Singapore's Circuit Breaker Measures today and it has been quite a tremendous time of adjustment for many Singaporeans. Sadly, many have not paid heed to our Government's appeal for all of us in Singapore to take social responsibility by "Staying At Home" and avoiding interactions with family members who do not live in the same household or with friends outside of our homes. The numbers of unlinked cases have been staggering and we all must take the call seriously. Take a look at the numbers below for the unlinked cases these past 12 days:

These are the unlinked cases for the last 11 days:

1 Apr	2 Apr	3 Apr	4 Apr	5 Apr	6 Apr	7 Apr	8 Apr	9 Apr	10 Apr	11 Apr	12 Apr
25	15	17	29	66	30	41	72	46	71	119	167

Other measures that have been implemented is the wearing of face masks when we leave our homes to run essential tasks like purchasing food or necessities. Likewise for those of you who come to school for your HBL sessions, please also wear your face mask when commuting to school. Every Singaporean has been provided with one of these washable face mask, so please use it.

Use of Communication Tools for HBL

Last Friday, MOE suspended the use of the communication tools like Google Meet and Zoom, to ensure there are adequate measures in place to provide greater cyber-safety in using the tools.

Our teachers worked over the long weekend to ensure that all the necessary security processes, as well as, the downloading of the software that will allow teachers to have greater control of the use of these communication tools during our synchronised lesson time and Class Mentor Time.

Revised Processes

The following processes will be put in place from today.

1. There will be no change to the timetable structure. Your child/ward will continue to log-in for their lessons during synchronised times (highlighted lesson in Yellow)
2. Students will have to log into their SLS account in order to obtain the link to the session for the lesson using Zoom.
4. Students will have to enter the "password" that is created for them.
5. They will then enter the "Waiting Room". Your child/ward should have the correct naming structure that all students are to use, that is, Class No_Index No_Name, e.g. 104_27_Roy Lee Tze Chen.
6. If the teacher does not find your child/ward using the correct name, he/she would be told to get it changed. If not, he/she would be kicked out of the lesson and marked as absent. I will describe the disciplinary consequences later.
7. Upon identifying the students, the teacher would let students into the class.
8. When all students have been admitted, the teacher will lock the class and no other intruder or student will be admitted. So, if your child/ward is late, he/she will be taken as absent.



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Processes during lessons

1. The teacher will conduct the lessons using various strategies and to facilitate learning, there will be communication with the teachers for clarification and response.
2. You would have read in news reports that obscene pictures have been flashed by intruders previously. With the security features and actions taken by our teachers, there will not be intruders and any such actions are sadly taken only by those in the class. Please strongly advise your child/ward not to be foolish or mischievous or the consequences will be severe.

Conclusion

I am confident with the technological support that MOE has put in over the weekend and the additional effort made by our teachers to follow through the processes, we will have effective lessons, forthwith. Please also stress with your child/ward that they are not to share the link and password for their lesson with people who are not from our school or in another class. Should this happen, I will not hesitate to take actions against such errant students.

With the COVID-19 situation still being strident in Singapore, my concern is that HBL might be extended if Singaporeans do not take greater social responsibility. This will then affect your child's/ward's learning if he/she has not chosen to be responsible.

Finally, I want to extend to students who are on FAS to consider coming to school to study. Aside from having teachers to guide you, you will be able to use the \$5 school pocket-money for meals in school. In addition, 2 alumni of QSS have generously agreed to also sponsor breakfast for all FAS students who arrive in school before 7.40 am each day. Many of your parents have their financial challenges to manage. Do your part to lighten their burden with your coming to school to study.

Let's work together for the benefit of our students' learning and development and also take all necessary responsible action, as long as it depends on us, to prevent the spread of the virus. If we work at it together, we will be able to make it happen.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal



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