



Catholic Junior College

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Dear parents,

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 to access a range of both online and hardcopy HBL resources via the School Learning Space (SLS) platform so that learning can continue. The recent one day of HBL on Friday 3 April has provided valuable experience for students and teachers for more extensive use of HBL. We have collected valuable feedback from students and teachers to improve the HBL system and teaching packages.

If your child needs learning or emotional support, he/she can approach his/her Home Tutor, subject tutors and other school personnel such as the school counsellor who will continue to work from home or from school. Your child's Home Tutor will touch base with the class daily and during weekly Student Development lessons to support student's well-being.

All school-based Mid-Year Examinations will be cancelled. National examinations (eg. Mid-year Mother Tongue Language, and A-Level Examinations), internal End-of-Year examinations such as the JC1 Promotional Examination and JC2 Preliminary Examination will continue to be held with precautionary measures in place.

For JC1s, Continual Assessment 1 (CA1) will continue as planned in the form of online graded assignments during the HBL period. Your child's subject tutors will inform your child the relevant details. In view of the cancellation of the Mid-Year Examination, the weightages of subsequent CAs and End-of-Year Promotional Examination will be adjusted for JC1 students. For JC2 students, the College has carefully designed and structured their HBL learning to ensure that they are well prepared for the end-of-year national examinations. In addition we will put in place appropriate assessments in Term 3 to guide them in their learning. More information will be sent at a later date.

Please ensure that your child stays at home and continues to observe good hygiene practices such as washing their hands frequently with soap. Should he/she feel unwell, please seek medical attention promptly and inform his/her Home Tutor if he/she displays any fever or flu-like symptoms. You could also support HBL by guiding your child in setting goals and scheduling tasks, reminding your child to complete HBL assignments and encouraging your child to maintain an optimistic and positive outlook while supporting him/her in the changes faced as part of going through HBL.

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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 your child's Home Tutor or relevant subject tutors. You may also wish to contact the College at catholic_jc@moe.edu.sg or 62524083/4.

Lastly, HBL is a good opportunity to help your child develop independent learning habits. Thank you and we look forward to continued partnership with parents in making the HBL journey a smooth and enriching one for your child.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Phyllis Lim', is written over a thin horizontal line.

Mrs Phyllis Lim
Principal

