

## HOME-BASED LEARNING (HBL)

Dear Parents/Guardians

Much has happened in the world over the last two weeks during our school holidays. We all hope that you are well and getting ready for the new school term. This morning, the Primary and Early Years staff met online and discussed our approach to HBL. Whilst we all navigate our way through this, I would like to share with you all the agreed approaches by the staff that allow for consistency in student learning and sensible approaches to learning.

- School hours remain the same; 8.00am-2.30pm (PG 8.15am-12.15pm) and attendance will be recorded as usual on Engage
- Platforms for Learning will be Google Classroom and Google Meet
- Take-home Packs will be prepared for classes Playgroup, TK, Primary Prep and Class 1. The class teachers will be online for these four classes with some activities to get on with whilst the Learning Packs are in transit. These Learning Packs will be sprayed with a disinfectant spray before they are collected from school.
- Packs to be collected from school on Monday mornings **ONLY** from 8.00am-9.30am
- Please have standard stationery items ready for your children to use; pencils, coloured pencils, textas, paper, poster paper (A3 or similar), glue, scissors, erasers
- Google Classroom will be used to explain, demonstrate, listen to, upload activities and for the submission of completed activities. If you are having trouble uploading the activities from various devices (I-Pad for instance) please look at online instructions that you can look up yourself and follow the steps
- Google Meet will be used for forums, one-on-one assistance for both students and parents. Teachers will be available on Google Meet during normal school hours. The microphone buttons are not being used wisely by the students. This is not the time that they have conversations with their friends. It is like putting your hand up. Teachers will ask students at various times for feedback and to unmute their microphone. This has been a big problem.
- Overviews, Learning Outcomes and when necessary Success Criteria will be available to you all to review and know what the children are trying to achieve. These are a normal part of everyday learning at school as all the activities are based on the Cambridge International Primary curriculum and the Indonesian National Curriculum. Essential understandings and skills for learning will follow each stage of development to prepare the student for the following class level in July 2020
- The only variation to the student timetables are that Physical Education will occur on a daily basis and will take various forms. Ibu Esther has worked hard on ensuring that physical activity take place every day and this is so important for your children to do. This will be for about 20mins each day. When there is a scheduled PE lesson, then let your children have a swim, run around, play a ball game, chase the dog, something that is active. Music and Art and Design lessons with the specialist teacher as per the timetable.

### General Information

- It is really important that everyone understand that we cannot replicate or copy exactly what happens in the classroom when students are younger. None of us should expect this to be the case.

- Children do not sit at their desks for sustained periods of time; they move around the classroom, they move from the desk to the carpet, they play games.
- Children make mistakes; we have been saying this for a long time. This is how they learn and we therefore should not expect them to get 100% of the activities completed or entirely accurate.
- Set up spaces so that the children have a technical space, a work space, an activity space, an eating and snack space
- Parents please use the Google Meet App for your own questions to the teachers as well

The coming weeks will not be without challenges and frustrations. Be assured that the staff are doing their all to ensure learning continues, children remain inquisitive, application of prior knowledge continues and importantly that children strive to do their best. Their work must be neat, colouring-in tasks should be neat, work should not be rushed.

We can all do this and we will do it together. My thoughts are with you all during this phase and I for one look forward to a new school year when the world will be different and more “normal”.

Regards from the entire EY/Primary Team

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