

# CANOSSIAN SCHOOL REACH

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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**June 2020**

### From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

We are happy to welcome some classes back to school. It is lovely for children to be able to learn, play and interact with their schoolmates after many weeks away. While we welcome them, we have had to put in place measures to ensure their safety and well-being while they are in school.

Here are some measures that parents should take note of:

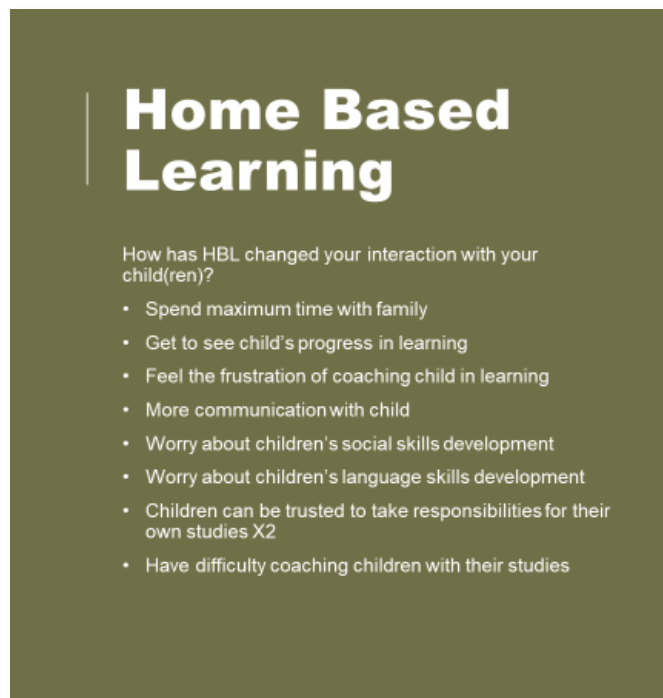
1. If there are family members within the same household who are experiencing flu-like symptoms, students should inform the school and stay home until the adult is fine.
2. Ensure that your child leaves home with a clean mask and a ziplock bag for the mask. While your child is in school, he / she will wear a personalised face shield provided by the school. The face mask should be kept in the ziplock bag until dismissal when the shield is left in the classroom and your child returns home with the face mask.
3. For the entire month of June, students who are in school, will have PE lessons every day. They are allowed to come in their PE attire for the 2 weeks when they are in school. It is advisable that children have a sweat band with them every day.
4. As we are in Phase 1 of post-CB, afternoon support lessons and CCAs will be suspended until further notice. However, we will continue the afternoon support lessons via HBL for certain levels. Tele-therapy sessions will also continue during this period so as to minimise disruption in services.
5. Do take note of reminders or notifications that Form Teachers send out via Remind as this would be the most efficient means of communication during this period.
6. The school will operate on curtailed hours for the month of June. The Office will be open from 6.30am to 3.30pm from Monday to Friday every week.

We thank you for your support during this challenging period and look forward to your continued partnership.

Regards,  
Christina Michael (Ms)



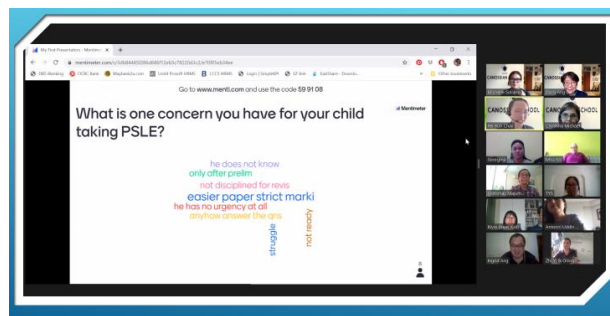
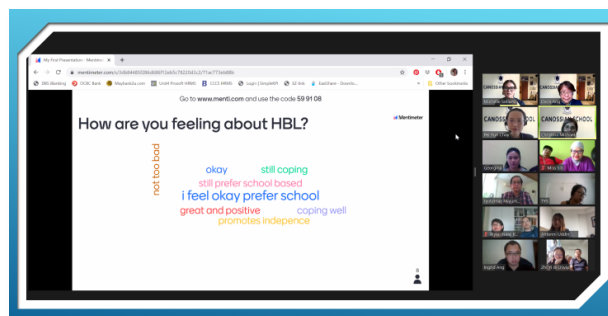
## “Ketchup Session” with parents of graduating cohort



On 22 May, parents of our graduating cohort were invited to a “Ketchup Session”, a virtual meeting hosted by Canossian School and the Clinical Heads of Canossian Child Development Unit. The session comprised 2 segments:

(a) An information dissemination segment covering adjustments of PSLE topics, examination dates, secondary school options and shared decision-making on managing afternoon support lessons.

(b) An emotional dip stick segment for parents to voice their concerns and thoughts on Home-Based Learning and the PSLE. The information shared would be used to help the school make HBL more effective and work towards how we could continue to support the emotional well-being of the students as they prepare themselves for the PSLE.



## Additional Safety measures in Canossian School

In addition to the existing safety measures, Canossian School has stepped up with the following:

- **Disinfection of classrooms**



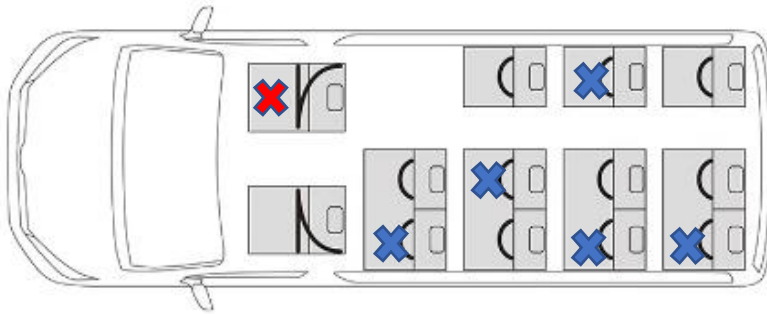
- Classrooms being disinfected before students come back in term 3
- Seating arrangement changed to ensure there's 1m spacing

- **Safe distancing during dismissal**

- Parents picking up children by vehicle  
Parents are to stay in their vehicles. Teachers will lead students to their parents in their vehicles
- Parents taking public buses / walking  
Parents to wait outside gate 1 where lined markers are indicated along the pathway



- In school buses



- Students are assigned seats to avoid crowding
- Cameras in buses help to monitor students' behavior during the bus journey

## Back to School – Resource for Families

Please click on the poster to enlarge.

### Resource for Families

#### Practise 'Ready for School' Routines

These could include going to bed and waking up at the same time as a school day, packing the school bag according to the timetable and taking out and preparing the school uniforms.

- How about starting a countdown to the first day of school?
- Use Visual Schedules and Social Stories!
- Consider contacting your child's teachers or allied professionals if your child needs extra support.

**USEFUL RESOURCES**

- ['Back to School' Guide](#)
- ['Getting Ready for School' Schedule](#)
- [Printable Countdown Calendar](#)

#### Help your child understand the changes in the community

Help your child understand the safe distancing measures at public facilities like playgrounds, buses and MRT trains.

Help your child be comfortable with seeing people in masks.

- Understanding COVID-19 is not easy so APSN Tanglin School has a social story to help!
- AWWA School has a visual support to show how pictures and photographs can be used to explain the changes to your child.
- MINDS Towner Gardens School has a social story on Using Public Transport to go to School.
- Share how there are Everyday Heroes amongst us who wear masks too!

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#### Help your child stay safe in school

There may be new school routines and measures to keep your child safe. Find out from your child's teachers what they are.

You can help your child understand and practice them at home.

- Here's a social story by MINDS Towner Gardens School on [Getting Ready for School](#).

**USEFUL RESOURCES**

- [Stay Safe when School Starts](#)
- [Stay Safe on the School Bus](#)
- [Get Comfortable with Wearing Masks](#)
- [Social Distancing Song](#)
- [Explaining Social Distancing](#)