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Dear Parents, students and guardians,

We began our third and last term of the 2019-20 academic year with online lessons. The feedback that I have received from students, teachers and parents have been hugely positive. The two main concerns from parents have been as below;

- Some families had difficulty accessing online learning classes on Google meet due to poor internet. In such situations, the work done for the day will be put up on teamie for students to access when they can.

- Concerns have also been expressed that the students are staring at the screen throughout the day. We understand they might have eye fatigue due to this. Most teachers will leave a google meet lesson a few minutes early so that students have ample time to stretch, relax their eyes and have a drink before the next lesson starts. Written work may also be set by some teachers, if they have double periods. If the younger students feel uncomfortable sitting in front of the screen for too long, they may have a short break (after informing the teacher). The work missed will be on teamie and can easily be covered later.

Teachers will apply flexibility and balance in teaching and students should attend their remote learning lessons each day, completing work to the best of their ability. It is essential that students maintain learning routines, follow the teacher guidelines, and participate actively.

The COVID – 19 pandemic has and will continue to impact all of us for the foreseeable future. While we await further guidance from the Malaysian Government authorities, we know for now that the MCO has been extended by further two weeks. The announcement came on 23 April, when the PM announced that MCO is now effective till 12 May. At this point, we are unaware when the schools will be allowed to reopen even if the MCO is lifted. Meanwhile we will continually assess and revise our remote learning approaches and practices so as to provide the best possible education for our students. This is a completely new situation for teachers too, but we are learning and adopting the best tools available.

We value parent feedback and appreciate the many emails, questions, and suggestions we've received. Let's continue to work together to keep our students safe, healthy and engaged in their learning.

On behalf of everyone in our community, here's wishing all the Muslims fasting during this holy month, Ramadan Mubarak.

A gentle reminder; no online lessons will take place on the public holidays and other school holidays that are already mentioned in our academic calendar.

Best Regards,

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