



12 April 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Tightened Precautionary Measures for Safe Online Lessons

During this Full Home-Based Learning period, your child has been actively following the Daily Assignment Plans. We appreciate the support you have provided at home and your efforts have helped us achieve a very high 98% of our students who are engaged doing their work every day, learning from home. We hope our students will continue to do this and learn actively, asking their teachers questions when they need further help.

In some of the FHBL lessons, the teachers conduct live sessions to facilitate consultations and connection with students. Some parents perhaps may have concerns about this. YCKSS would like to reassure you that we have been taking proactive steps to adopt safe digital education practices when our teachers organise online live lessons with students.

Before 8 April 2020, which was the start of Full Home-Based Learning (FHBL), YCKSS trained all teachers to use the different applications to engage students meaningfully, including how to conduct live lessons through video conferencing (VC) application using Google Meet. Teachers also discussed and shared effective virtual classroom management strategies and shared good ideas they were using which were shown to be effective. Teachers using such VC applications know that it is of utmost importance that they ensure the safety and security of our students and themselves.

The school has tightened our safeguards for online live lessons. For all VC sessions that are organised, our teachers access Google Meet using their MOE accounts and not through private channels. They also follow a checklist of safeguarding practices before they start on an online live session. Our teachers are not using Zoom. We would like to reassure you that the teachers have your child's safety as priority when they design and conduct their lessons, including when and how students attend the online live lessons. Teachers have consistently adopted the necessary protocols to ensure secure and good virtual classroom management practices for their lessons. In this spirit, our teachers will continue to regularly reinforce the importance of safe habits when your child uses various online platforms, for learning and for leisure.

We hope that you will understand the school's efforts to have safeguards in place to ensure your child's safety during the FHBL lessons. These measures may not always be convenient but are necessary for the safety of all. Thank you for your patience and we hope that you will continue to give us your fullest support. As the situation is very dynamic, we will keep you updated when there are new developments.

Please keep safe and stay in touch.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carol Lim'.

Mrs Carol Lim, Principal