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SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON TUITION AND ENRICHMENT FROM 27 SEP 2021 TO 10 OCT 2021

All organisations and individuals offering tuition and enrichment activities must suspend in-person lessons to students aged 12 and younger from 27 September 2021 to 10 October 2021 (both dates inclusive). These lessons can continue to be conducted online. This is part of additional precautionary measures to safeguard the well-being of children.

Suspension of in-Person Lessons

2. To better protect our younger students who are not yet medically eligible for vaccination, particularly with the higher risk of transmission of COVID-19 caused by intermingling of students from different schools, and in line with primary schools' move to Home-Based Learning, MOE requires that **all organisations and individuals offering tuition and enrichment activities must suspend in-person lessons to students aged 12 and younger, from 27 September 2021 to 10 October 2021 (both dates inclusive). This includes but is not limited to education and development support activities, arts and culture classes and workshops, religious classes, as well as sports and physical activity classes and programmes.** These lessons can continue to be conducted online.

3. The above applies to all organisations and individuals offering tuition and enrichment classes (including centre-based classes, home-based businesses, as well as one-on-one classes), except for the following which may continue on-site instruction, subject to prevailing safe management measures:

- a. Interventions and assessment services for students provided by therapists¹ regulated by the Allied Health Professions Council or psychologists registered with the Singapore Psychological Society's Register of Psychologists, in alignment with MOH guidelines on healthcare services; and
- b. Early Intervention (EI) programmes and centres that provide allied health, psychological and/or specialised intervention services to children with developmental needs aged 6 and below, subject to prevailing safe management measures.

¹ Businesses or individuals that provide arts and sports therapy can approach NAC or SportSG respectively to appeal to continue their services.

4. For avoidance of doubt, Early Childhood Development Centres licensed by ECDA, and student care centres may continue to provide care to children, subject to prevailing safe management measures. On-site instruction provided in the course of this care will also be permitted.

5. Organisations and individuals may continue to offer in-person tuition and enrichment activities to students older than 12 years old, subject to prevailing safe management measures. Nevertheless, MOE strongly encourages that these classes be conducted online.

Employee Presence at Centres

6. Tuition and enrichment centres must ensure that work-from-home is the default arrangement for employees who are able to do so. For employees who return to the workplace (e.g. to conduct online lessons), tuition and enrichment centres are required to abide by the nationwide safe management measures for workplaces issued on 9 May 2020. These include the use of SafeEntry to support contact tracing for all employees, students and other visitors, wearing of masks at all times and regular cleaning of common facilities and high-touch areas. Details are available at the GoBusiness website (<https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/safemanagement/general/>).

Inspections

7. Public agencies will be conducting inspections to ensure compliance with this suspension of in-person lessons. **Under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act, first-time offenders will face a fine of up to S\$10,000, imprisonment of up to six months, or both. For subsequent offences, they may face a fine of up to S\$20,000, imprisonment of up to twelve months, or both.**

8. Organisations that do not comply with the suspension may be ineligible for government grants, loans, tax rebates and other assistance, and may also be subject to temporary closures.

Clarifications

9. For clarifications, please refer to the following:

| Agency | Contact |
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| MOE | FAQs: https://moe.gov.sg/faqs-covid-19-infection You may also contact MOE at https://www.moe.gov.sg/contact |
| ECDA | You may contact ECDA at contact@ecda.gov.sg |
| National Arts Council | You may contact NAC at NAC_Feedback@nac.gov.sg |

Sport Singapore

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<https://members.myactivesg.com/feedback>