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PRIVATE TUITION AND ENRICHMENT TO SWITCH TO ONLINE LESSONS 19 MAY 2021 TO 13 JUN 2021

With the recent increase in number of community cases, including cases of transmission involving staff and students at private tuition and enrichment centres, all businesses offering classes to students aged 18 and younger will need to switch to online lessons starting 19 May 2021. This is part of additional precautionary measures to safeguard the well-being of all Singaporeans.

Requirement for Online Lessons

2. Due to the higher risk of transmission of COVID-19 caused by intermingling of students from different schools, and to avoid interactions between tutors and students, in line with schools' move to full Home-Based Learning, MOE requires that **all organisations and individuals offering tuition and enrichment activities must suspend in-person lessons to students aged 18 and younger and shift their lessons online, from 19 May 2021 to 13 June 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.**

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

- a. MOE-registered Foreign System Kindergartens;
- b. Organisations providing full-time pre-tertiary education to students age 18 and below that leads to a qualification, i.e. Private Education Institutions (PEIs) registered with the Committee for Private Education and Privately-funded Schools (PFSs).¹ Nonetheless, MOE would strongly encourage these organisations to shift lessons online;
- c. Organisations and individuals providing learning interventions provided by therapists registered with the Allied Health Professions Council, or Early

¹ Anglo-Chinese School (International), Hwa Chong International School, St Joseph's Institution International (High School)

Intervention (EI) centres funded by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA)²; and

- d. Organisations and individuals when providing outdoor one-on-one (one coach to one student/trainee) sport or physical activity classes/programmes.

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-premise instruction provided in the course of this care will also be permitted.

5. Classes catering exclusively to students older than 18 years old may also continue in person, subject to prevailing safe management measures.

Employee Presence at Centres

6. Tuition and enrichment centres must also 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 health checks, 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. Government agencies will be conducting inspections to check on the proper implementation of the SMMs. **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. Businesses that do not implement or comply with the government's SMMs may be ineligible for government grants, loans, tax rebates and other assistance, and may also be subject to temporary closures.

² Businesses or individuals that provide arts and sports therapy can approach NAC or SportSG respectively to appeal to continue their services.

Clarifications

9. For clarifications, please refer to the following:

Agency	Contact
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	You may contact SportSG at https://members.myactivesg.com/feedback