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To: All Community-based Student Care Centre Operators

Enhanced Precautionary Measures for Community-based Student Care Operators Against COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019)

UPDATED MEASURES

The Multi-Ministry Taskforce has announced that the circuit breaker period will be extended for another 4 weeks to 1 June 2020 to further reduce the transmission of COVID-19. In line with this, the suspension of general services by student care centres will also be extended to 1 June 2020. In addition, the Ministry of Education has announced that the June school holidays will be brought forward to 5 May 2020.

Community-based Student Care Centres to Extend Suspension of Services

2 During the extended circuit breaker period until 1 June 2020, all community-based student care centres are to remain **closed**. For cases where parents are working in essential services such as healthcare and are unable to make alternative care arrangements for their child, please advise them to **contact their child's respective primary school or Special Education (SPED) school to explore care options**.

Fee Offsets

3 We understand that parents as well as student care centres will be concerned about the impact of the Circuit Breaker extension on fees paid, or due to be paid for the month of May. MSF will work out arrangements regarding this issue, taking into account measures just announced by the Ministry of Finance. We will also be informing the sector on the necessary adjustments that we will need to make to Safe Distancing Measures as we transit out of the Circuit Breaker. Do keep a look out for our updated circular near the end of the extended Circuit Breaker period.

4 We know that this is a challenging time for many. Let us continue to work together as a community because as SG United, we can beat the virus together.

5 If you need clarification, please contact your respective Student Care Officer (SCO) or email your query to MSF_Student_Care@msf.gov.sg.

Yours faithfully

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