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Dear Student Care Centre Operators,

**Student Care Centres Operating Hours during Home-Based Learning Week in Term 3**

The Ministry of Education (MOE) had announced on 14 Jun 2021 that the school term will still resume on 28 Jun 2021. However, Primary 1 to 3 students will be having one week of Home-based Learning (HBL) until 2 Jul 2021 whilst Primary 4 to 6 students will return to school from 28 Jun 2021. All students will be back in school from 6 Jul 2021 (5 Jul 2021, Mon is a school holiday). The move to progressively allow students back to school after the June holidays is to minimize the risk of new transmissions in order to keep students and staff safe.

2 During the week of HBL for P1 to P3 students, SCCs should adhere to the centres' usual operating hours during the school term (e.g. to begin operations in the afternoon if your Centre operates only in the afternoon during school term), to support parents who are unable to secure alternative care arrangements for their children. Parents who are working from home or have alternative care arrangements are strongly encouraged to keep their children at home during this period, where possible. Parents whose children are placed on HBL but are unable to secure the necessary care arrangements at home should approach the child's school for assistance.

3 All SCCs should continue to be vigilant when managing children/staff with household members on quarantine or undergoing mandatory testing. In addition, centres can only admit children who are NOT under Quarantine Order (QO), Stay-Home Notice (SHN), Leave of Absence (LOA) or Confirmed Cases. Children, staff and visitors who are unwell (even those with slight symptoms) should not be allowed to enter the SCC premises and should seek medical attention promptly.

4 If you require further clarification on this advisory, please contact your respective Student Care Officer or call the SCC hotline at Tel: 6354 8487 (8.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday).

Regards,  
**Student Care Centre Operations, MSF**