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Supporting our Students and Parents with Online Tutoring during Singapore Circuit Breaker #CircuitBreakerSG

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It's now been 7 days since the Circuit breaker was activated in Singapore and we find ourselves navigating a new lifestyle and home management system as parents and workers. In reading the many articles across the globe from parents, teachers, celebrities and even students themselves they have shared similar challenges in learning and education resources available, what strikes me is that no matter where we are, or who we are, at this point there is a shared consciousness and empathy across cultures. As a parent of an undergraduate studying in Toronto I feel very worried about him, although his decision not to return to Singapore was a unanimous one in our family. However, he is now on his own and I am unable to go to him physically so now we support him virtually. I share this with you as I am sure I am not alone in this situation, being apart from our loved ones even in the same country.

At home in Singapore as Head of DAS International, I endeavor to provide for our students the same one-to-one customised learning they received in person through our Online Specialist Tutoring and we are stepping up even more in supporting our parents too. This was brought home to me when instead of the normal response to an enquiry of Specialist Tutoring I had asked the parent, perhaps I sensed her anxiety, if I could have a chat with her instead via Zoom. The parent was in New Zealand seeking Online Specialist tutoring. We spoke for nearly an hour as she shared the isolation she felt and lack of support and understanding for her son's challenges in Maths. I was moved when I received an email the next day from her saying...

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It really made me realise how important, especially during this time, that the human connection is.

During this time, it is even more important therefore for our Specialist teachers who are in contact with parents to take the time to listen, engage and share as we provide support to not only the student but to the parent as well.

As most of our students are learners with dyslexia and other learning differences they do require close monitoring through individualised support. Parents are understandably anxious in managing their learning and at times behavior at the same time navigating the Online platforms can be stressful.



I hear first-hand from my Specialist teachers and parents how time management and motivation is in short supply at times. Working from home and learning from home may require adjustments to

- ◆ Routines
- ◆ Sufficient breaks
- ◆ Play
- ◆ Emotional checking in with each other
- ◆ Exercise

The determination by parents and teachers to be creative, responsive and at the same time multi-task and engage in their child learning is nothing short of amazing. Let's continue to support each other not just as parent and teacher but as a community.

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