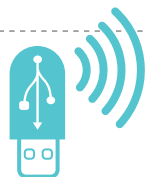


# Help for those who need it

From tablets and laptops on loan to emotional support, here is some of the assistance being provided to students from disadvantaged homes



4,000

students have been going back to school during the home-based learning period, making up 1 per cent of those in primary and secondary schools, junior colleges and centralised institutes



More than

50%

have parents who work in essential services

10%

return to school to access digital resources

More than

1,200

Internet-enabling devices, such as routers and dongles, have been loaned to students by schools, as of April 22

About

45,000

primary and secondary school students benefit from the meal subsidy programme. They receive top-ups on their school smartcard for buying food and essential groceries in hawker centres, foodcourts and supermarkets

About

350



volunteer tele-befrienders from 5 voluntary organisations help to actively monitor and support students' social, emotional and mental health needs. They check on students and motivate them through phone calls and text messages

About

50

students across 8 schools benefit from the initiative

More than

20,000



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