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School Name: Ho Ming Primary School

Participating Teachers: Cathy, Sandra, Simran

Participating Year: 2019 – 2020

1. How do your school benefit from participating in Core Skills for Life programme?

In the first place, the programme gave us insights about different core skills and how to incorporate them in our lessons. Also, it made us aware of how to make our lessons more engaging for students by using different core skills. The feedback and suggestions from our mentor Mr. Matt benefit us in refining our lessons. It helps us to enhance and embed the core skills into classes of diverse groups of learners. For instance, students can develop critical thinking skills through teachers' questioning. Collaborative learning activities (e.g. writing the story ending in groups) can help students with different learning needs to engage in the tasks. We also widened the possibility of designing creative and interesting activities for students on their learning paths. It enhances their motivation to learn and to explore more interesting information by themselves. More creative approaches to teaching students are developed as well. We also implemented our lesson plans in video lessons during class suspension. And we are going to organize an internal sharing session and a workshop for all English teachers in our school in order to share our experience of what we have learned from the programme.

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2. Which element do you enjoy the most/ you find it most helpful? Why?

For us, the whole programme is beneficial, especially the training workshops. We enjoyed sharing among teachers from other schools with different teaching experiences. Their ideas helped us reflect on our own teaching strategies and skills. Also, we got to learn in groups and experience the core skills ourselves, which helped us incorporate them in our lessons. Furthermore, we were particularly impressed and inspired with the one-on-one mentoring scheme. We really appreciate Mr. Matt's bright ideas and encouraging comments which inspired us to develop our teaching plans with the core skills effectively. We are honored to be working with him this year and we have learnt a lot from him.

3. Why would you recommend other schools to join?

After experiencing the core skills firsthand and seeing the difference in the quality of our teaching, we would have no hesitation to recommend teachers from other schools to join. Schools and teachers would benefit from learning to incorporate collaboration and communication skills, critical thinking, creativity, leadership and other core skills in their lessons, which are essential skills students need for life and work in the 21st century. Besides, our school was blessed through this programme to take the resources and support from the British Council and was able to exchange insights, teaching materials and teaching approaches with all the practitioners.

