



16 Mar 2020

# Principal's Letter to Parents

## Thanksgiving for Term 1, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### 1. Travel advisory against all non-essential travel abroad

With immediate effect, Singaporeans are advised to defer all non-essential travel abroad. This advisory will apply for 30 days, and will be reviewed thereafter. This is to reduce the risk of Singaporeans contracting COVID-19 while overseas during this global pandemic.

<https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/additional-precautionary-measures-to-prevent-further-importation-of-covid-19-cases>

Singapore has also increased border restrictions to more countries, including all ASEAN countries, Japan, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, with a 14-day Stay-Home-Notice (SHN) for arrivals from 16 Mar 11.59 pm, with exemption of those travelling into Singapore from Malaysia via sea or land. Click to access MOH's press release for more information.

You are advised to review your travel plans during the March school holidays, and check the MOH website for the latest measures as well as list of countries that are subject to SHN requirements.

Should there be changes to your child's travel plans, please amend your travel declarations on Parents Gateway by **17 Mar 2020, Tues** (See **Annex A** on *Instructions on how to amend Travel Declarations on Parents Gateway*).

### 2. Safety Measures taken during this past Term

The COVID-19 situation has seen PL(Sec) taking several new measures this past term. The key changes have been implemented to make our school safe for the staff and the girls. These changes are:

#### System-wide measures

- Single entry/exit points for visitors entering/leaving the school compound where travel declarations and temperature-taking are being carried out;
- Specified area for waiting parents outside school compound;
- Suspension of mass school assemblies and mass staff meetings. Students gather in their own classes for flag-raising and assembly every morning;
- Stepping up of daily cleaning using disinfectant;



- Increased frequency of cleaning for frequently touched points;
- Installation of hand sanitiser dispensers around common areas;
- Suspension of all external school activities (e.g. learning journeys), and inter-school activities;

#### PL-Lites Exercising Social Responsibility

- Daily visual screening of all staff and students;
- Twice daily temperature-taking for all staff and students;
- Daily reminders on personal hygiene habits;
- Wipe-down routine practiced after PL-Lites have used the canteen tables and as part of personal desks clean-up;
- Urgent communication to Form Teachers when students' family members are confirmed, or on MOH's Home Quarantine Order (HQO)/Stay Home Notice (SHN);
- Fixed students' seating plan for all classes for contact-tracing purposes;
- *(During the high density Recess/lunch periods)* Allocation of PL-Lites to dine at a new dining area to minimise the congregation of students in large numbers;
- Provision of a *Record of Daily Class Work (Annex B)* sheet for PL-Lites on MC. The class partner of the absent PL-Lite will keep a record of each lesson coverage for the day and send the completed record to the ill student via email or whatsapp, for her follow-up when she is well.

We are thankful to see how adaptable the staff and girls have been. We will continue to press on and do all we can to support and care for one another.

### 3. Weekly Consultation/Remedial sessions

The school will be organizing weekly Consultation/Remedial sessions for girls who need extra help in their work. The sessions are conducted on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Girls who are not identified for remedial sessions, can book their teachers' time for small group consultations in the afternoons.

Timing	Day	Odd week	Even week
Starting time: 1435 h (Sec 1-3) or 1510 h (Sec 4/5)	Wed	Humanities	English
Starting time: 1445 h	Thur	Science	Mathematics

### 4. 2020 Assessments

Please encourage the wise use of time this March hols for your daughters to review her growth in learning and take proactive measures to close her learning gaps. The following table shows an overview of this year's academic assessments

Terms	Weighted Assessment	Weighted Assessment	Weighted Assessment	EOY
<b>Sec 1 – 3 Assessment</b>	Graded Assignments/ Projects/ Class Quizzes	Common Tests	Graded Assignments/ Projects/ Class Quizzes	EOY Exams
<b>Sec 1 – 3 Assessment Weighting</b>	10%	15%	15%	60%
<b>Sec 4E/4N/5NA Assessment</b>	<b>Common Tests</b>	<b>Prep Exam</b>	—	<b>Prelim</b>

## 5. 2020 GCE O- and N-Levels - Coursework subjects

Coursework is a major component for these subjects - Art, Food and Nutrition and Elements of Business Skills:

Subjects	Weighting of Coursework	National Submission Deadlines
GCE N(T) Elements of Business Skills	40%	15 May 2020, 5 p.m.
GCE N(A)-Level Food and Nutrition	60%	13 July 2020, 5 p.m.
GCE O-Level Art	60%	22 September 2020, 5 p.m.
GCE O-Level Food and Nutrition	60%	3 August 2020, 5 p.m.

Quality results for these subjects require commitment and consistent effort on the part of the girls. It is thus essential for the girls to adhere to the project timeline in order to complete and submit quality coursework as part of the national examination requirements.

## 6. Highlights of Key School Events in Term 2, 2020

The following are highlights of our school's key programmes in Term 2 2020. There may be some postponements or cancellations, due to the evolving and fluid COVID-19 situation.

Monthly Themes	Dates	Key Events
	23 March (Mon)	2020 Term 2 commences
Choosing to Praise in Difficult Times	4 April (Sat)	4 <sup>th</sup> Coy GB Enrolment Service 2020
	1 – 9 April	Sec 4 and 5 EL Prelim Oral Exams
	10 April (Fri)	Good Friday Holiday
	14 April (Tue)	Sec 2 NAPFA Test
	17 April (Fri)	Sec 4/5 NAPFA Test
	15 - 17 April	Sec 4 and 5 MT Prelim Oral Exams
	20 April (Mon)	NRIC Presentation Ceremony for Sec 3 students
	22 April (Wed)	2020 Prefects' Installation
	23 – 30 April	Science Practical Preparation Exam
Praise God for our Leaders	1 May (Fri)	Labour Day Holiday
	7 May (Thurs)	Vesak Day Holiday
	4 – 8 May	Sec 1 – 2 Common Tests
	4 – 11 May	Sec 3 Common Tests
	4 – 18 May	Sec 4/5 Preparation Exam
	19 May (Tues)	Mother Tongue intensive lessons for Sec 4/5 commences
	22 May (Fri)	2020 ECG Conference
	25 May (Mon)	Hari Raya Puasa Holiday

Monthly Themes	Dates	Key Events
	28 May (Thurs)	<u>Format will be advised</u> Teacher-Meets-Parents (8 am – 5 pm) Post-Sec Educational Institutes Fair 2020 (9 am – 12 nn)
	29 May (Fri)	Official Last Day of Term 2
	30 May – 27 Jun	June School Holidays ( <i>Protected Leave : 8 – 20 Jun</i> )
	<b>1 Jun (Mon)</b>	<b>GCE O-Level MT Exams P1 &amp; P2</b>
	29 June (Mon)	School Reopens for Term 3

Every Mon morning 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m.	<i>PrayingParents@PL</i> meets every Monday morning, 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m. at the SFE room for a time of prayer and fellowship.
Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m.	<i>Fathers@School</i> is suspended until further notice.

Please check the school website (<http://plmgss.moe.edu.sg/>) for regular updates on the school programmes and other administrative matters. Do also follow us on our Facebook page for the happenings in and around the school (<https://www.facebook.com/PLMGSAumni/>).

Thank you for your support and for partnering us to care for your daughters.

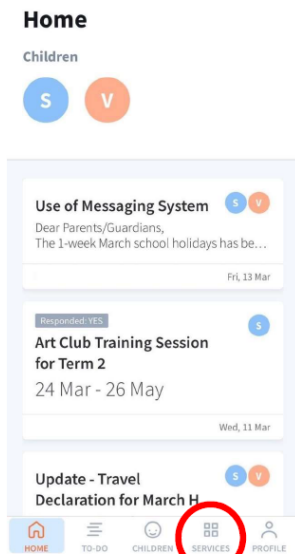
Have a restful and safe week ahead!

Warmest Regards,

*Mrs Quek*

Principal, PLMGS(Secondary)

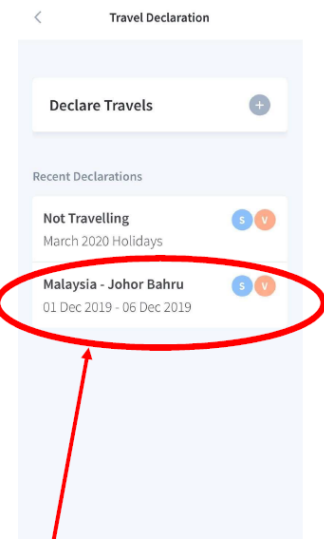
## Instructions on How to Amend Travel Declarations on PG



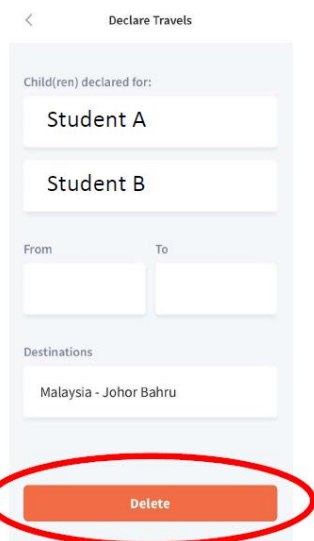
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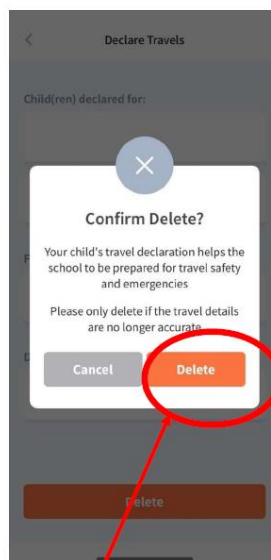
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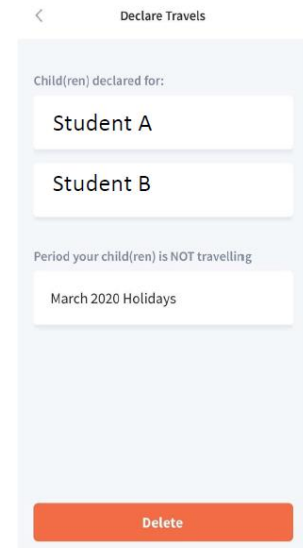
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Click on Travel Declaration you wish to amend



Step 4:  
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Step 5:  
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\*Step 6:  
Submit a new declaration if your child is **not** travelling



# Record of Daily Class Work

Name of absent PL-Lite: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Date / Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of lesson	Subject	Key topic covered	Homework/ Class work
<b>A note of encouragement from me to you</b> ☺			

Recorded by (student name): \_\_\_\_\_