



23 Mar 2020

Principal's Letter to Parents

Term 2, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are thankful that we can continue to teach the girls to be resilient and adaptable in the face of challenges. We will continue to press on and do all we can to support and care for one another this term.



*Innovative in an environment of change
Tenacious in overcoming challenges*

1. Term 2 Precautionary Measures against the Spread of COVID-19

The following are the safety measures that we will be implementing in Term 2:



Area	Measures
Flag Raising Ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will gather in classrooms rather than assembly areas • Students will proceed directly to classrooms when they arrive in school • Students will carry out daily wipe-down routine for tables used by students in the classroom and library (and whenever somebody else uses the table)
Lessons and Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed exam-style seating in class • Students keep to same grouping during group work • Reduction in the use of air-conditioning in learning spaces where possible • Daily emphasis on personal hygiene practices such as frequent hand washing and wipe-down routines • Assigned canteen seating and increased dining spaces
CCA & After School Programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All CCAs and After School Programmes will be suspended for the <u>first two weeks of Term 2</u> • Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation (SYF AP) will be suspended for the <u>first two weeks of Term 2</u> • National School Games will continue to remain suspended till end of Jun holidays • All external activities with risk of exposure to the public will be suspended • All activities which involve inter-mingling of students from different schools will be suspended
External Centre-based lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to further reduce the risk posed by inter-school mingling of students, the resumption of lessons hosted in all centres will be delayed to Week 3 of Term 2 (i.e. such lessons can resume from 6 April 2020) • These centres will engage students during the first two weeks of Term 2 through Home-Based Learning instead. These centres are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Higher Chinese Language Centres 2. Higher Malay Language Centres 3. Umar Pulavar Tamil Language Centre 4. Tamil Language Centres 5. Malay Special Programme Centres 6. Chinese Special Programme Centres 7. Chinese Language 'B' Syllabus Centres 8. NTIL lessons in Weekend Centres 9. 3rd Language lessons conducted in MOE Language Centres 10. Art Elective Programme Centre 11. Music Elective Programme Centres 12. O-level Music Centres
Home-based Learning/Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and PL-Lites on HQO/SHN/LOA will be teaching and learning through online LIVE broadcast platforms

Visitor Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All visitors to school must fill in a travel declaration form and take their temperature before entering the school premises In alignment to the enhanced precautionary measures, visitors who have travelled overseas and returned to Singapore on 14 Mar 2020 or later will not be allowed to enter the school for 14 days upon their return to Singapore.
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The PL-Lites will be reminded daily of the list of items in **Annex A**. We seek your cooperation to reinforce the safe behaviours as a family at the home front.

2. Aptitude-based Admission Exercises for O- and N-Level students

The following are upcoming aptitude-based admissions exercise that allows students to apply for and receive conditional offers for admission to polytechnics/ITE prior to receiving their final national exam grades. It allows the polytechnics and ITE greater flexibility to select and admit students based on their aptitudes and interests, apart from academic grades, thus allowing a wider range of talents to be recognised.

- DSA – JC
Please check the individual school website for the application period and procedures as they can vary from school to school
(<https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-jc>)
- EAE – Polytechnics
Application timeline: June 2020
(<https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/eae>)
- EAE- ITE
Application timeline: May 2020
(<https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/ite-eae>)

In Term 2, the Sec 4 and 5 girls who are interested to apply for DSA-JC or EAE-Poly, EAE-ITE will start to prepare their application letters and portfolios under the guidance of our teachers.

3. Useful Resources for Graduating Girls And Parents

The following are some useful references for our Sec 4/5 parents:

- 2020 JAE, JIE N & JIE O Admission Booklets
(<https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/instructional-programmes/useful-resources>)
- Post-secondary Programme Specific Scholarships
(<https://beta.moe.gov.sg/fees-assistance-awards-scholarships/awards-scholarships/programme-scholarships/>)
- 2020 GCE N-Level Exams Time Table
(https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2020gcenexamtimetable.pdf?sfvrsn=9d0a76ec_2)

- d) 2020 GCE O-Level Exams Time Table
https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2020gceexamtimetable.pdf?sfvrsn=a5f17b2c_2

4. 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 th 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
	28 May (Thurs)	<u>Format will be advised</u> Teacher-Meets-Parents (8 am – 5 pm) (TBC) Post-Sec Educational Institutes Fair 2020 (9 am – 12 nn) (TBC)
	29 May (Fri)	Official Last Day of Term 2
	30 May – 27 Jun	June School Holidays (Protected Leave : 8 – 20 Jun)
	1 Jun (Mon)	GCE O-Level MT Exams P1 & P2
	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 rd 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 safe week ahead!

Warmest Regards,

Mrs Quek

Principal, PLMGS(Secondary)

**Safety Measures to take in the fight against the spread of COVID -19
Term 2 Daily Reminders to Staff and Students**

1. Singapore is implementing stricter safe distancing measures to reduce the risk of further local transmission of COVID-19, especially for vulnerable segments of the population.
 - a. All PL-Lites should avoid crowded places as far as possible.
 - b. All students should go home straight after school. No one should be loitering in malls or void decks.
 - c. If you need a conducive place to study in, you may stay back in our school canteen, the PL Manna and other open spaces. Do spread yourselves out and not seat close together.
 - d. In the school library, we will be restricting sitting to a maximum of 2 people per table of four and along single rows to alternate seats. Wipe down the tables after you have used the area.
 - e. PL-Lites should uphold the safe distancing principles for our own private get-togethers, even if these are being carried out in smaller groups. This means that we actively reduce the frequency of social gathering, and we minimising physical contact with one another such as not shaking hands with one another.
2. In addition to the safe distancing measures, if we stay with our grandparents or are in contact with them, we should take extra care in matters related to our personal hygiene. We must avoid interacting with the older generation when we are unwell.
3. Be vigilant in maintaining good personal hygiene at all times, such as washing our hands frequently and avoiding touching our faces and eyes.
4. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
5. To prevent your germs from spreading to others, make sure that you use a tissue to cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze. Dispose of your tissue in a covered bin immediately.
6. If you feel unwell with flu-like symptoms, visit your nearest Clinic or polyclinic immediately. Do not try to self-medicate. You should wear a mask on your way to the clinic to prevent spreading illness to others. Do not doctor-hop.
7. Continue to exercise social responsibility in PL, remember to wipe down your desks and canteen space after you have used the area. We are still collecting the empty pump bottles, do remember to bring them to school if you have any
8. Do not share food or drinks with anyone. Use a serving spoon and do not double-dip. Do not spit out food on tables or trays. Throw all used tissue paper into the bins and not into your used food plates or bowls.
9. Do not spread fake news and persuade your family members not to panic-buy.
10. Social responsibility is a critical factor in slowing the transmission of the virus. We need all PL-Lites to play their part in our fight against COVID-19. We must all do our part to protect ourselves, our family and friends.