



5 June 2020

# Principal's Letter to Parents

## Term 3, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about changes to our everyday lives at home, at work and in school. We continue to adapt and seek to be resilient in the face of new safe management measures that have to be implemented in this Phase 1: Safe Reopening. In PL(Sec), we will be doing our best to keep the PL-Lites and Staff safe this term.

Do get updates on how the girls have been at our PL Facebook page. We are committed to constantly updating our pages for parents and supportive old girls to follow the happenings in and around the school URL: <https://www.facebook.com/PLMGSAumni/>

### 1. Safe Management Measures

I have sent several notifications to all parents leading to the start of Term 3 to inform you of the Safe Management Measures that will be implemented in PL(Sec) during this Phase 1 of school reopening. If you have not read the notifications, do retrieve them from the PG app in your mobile devices.

We want to thank all parents for your prayers and notes of encouragement sent personally to me/the staff or through our Facebook page. Each letter was shared with the staff via email and greatly appreciated by all. They came to encourage all of us to go the extra mile for your daughters. As a school, we look forward to some kind of settling back into a new 'normal' in our school routines, so that the girls will have some happy, positive memories of the 2020 school year. This is especially important for our 2020 graduating cohort.

### 2. Phase 1: Safe Reopening

Currently, the PL-Lites are adapting to a new Semester 2 Time-table and being rotated weekly between Home-Based Learning (HBL) and returning to school for lessons.

Week	In-School	FHBL
T3W1	Secondary 1, 2, 4 & 5	Secondary 3
T3W2	Secondary 3, 4 & 5	Secondary 1, 2
T3W3	Secondary 1, 2, 4 & 5	Secondary 3
T3W4	Secondary 3, 4 & 5	Secondary 1, 2



From Term 3 Week 5, we will work towards bringing all students back to school daily, if the situation permits. MOE will monitor the situation closely and we will inform all parents in due course.

### 3. The Need to Continue to remain Cautious and Vigilant

As a school, we continue to tell the girls that even though the circuit-breaker period is over, we need to continue to remain cautious and vigilant. We have put in painstaking processes and monitoring measures in school, but we are unable to continue to monitor the girls outside school. Please work with us, to ensure that your daughters come directly to school before assembly and go straight home after school. If the girls are on HBL, they are not allowed to go out of their houses and hang around the malls or neighbourhoods after the day's work has ended. They have to continue to avoid crowds and social gatherings.

We are collecting empty pump bottles to keep our wipe-down soap solution, do let your daughters bring them to school if you have any that you want to recycle.

Social responsibility is a critical factor in stamping out the virus in Singapore. Let us all play our part in our fight against COVID-19.

### 4. Financial Assistance to Families affected by COVID-19

To provide added support for all PL-Lites whose families have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have collated a list of provision that are currently available for application. Please refer to the following URL for more information.

**URL:** <https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/useful-links/financial-assistance>

### 5. DSA-JC, EAE-ITE, EAE-Poly Timelines

We are very proud of all our Sec 4.9 girls who have searched for courses that matched their interests and strengths and have put in tremendous effort during the May holidays to get their personal statements ready in preparation for their submissions for the EAE-ITE exercise. We pray that the girls will be able to be short-listed for the interviews and be successful in being offered courses that they will like to take in their next phase of education. This is a step towards encouraging personal agency and a positive sense of future orientation that we would like all the girls to have.

The DSA-JC and EAE-Poly phases will begin this month. Students who are interested to apply have to start identifying

- (a) suitable courses/JCs that match their strengths and interests;
- (b) suitable life experiences/talent areas which are relevant to the courses/JCs applied for *(The girls will need to write about this in the application or talk about this during the interviews.)*

For more information, please refer to the following URLs on our school website:

- **EAE-ITE:**<https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/articles/announcements/ite-early-admissions-exercise-eae-for-nitec-courses>
- **DSA-JC:**<https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/articles/announcements/2020-dsa-jc-exercise>
- **EAE-Poly:**<https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/articles/announcements/early-admissions-exercise-polytechnic>

## 6. Assessment updates

### (a) School-based Assessments

Term 3 Common Tests (CTs) for Sec 1-3 students will be held from 7-13 July 2020. The topics that will be tested come mainly from what the students have learnt in Term 2. The test topics will be published on our school website by 19 June 2020 (Friday).

### (b) National Assessments - 18 June 2020 GCE O-Level Mother-Tongue Examinations

The Sec 4/5 girls have just sat for their MTL Prep Exam on 4 June 2020. We enter into a season of intensive Mother Tongue revision in preparation for the 18 June 2020 national written examinations.

On 18 June 2020 (Thurs), Sec 4 Exp, 4NA and Sec 5 girls taking exam

- will **not** need to be in school in the morning;
- will need to have their lunch at home;
- will be going through just-in-time revision with their MT teachers via HBL in the morning;
- will need to report for the examinations at 12.50 p.m. in the school hall (paying attention to the safe-distancing measures that have been put in place); and
- will need to wear in full School Uniform, bring their thermometers, EZ-link cards and the Entry proofs.

Please note that Sec 1, Sec 2 and Sec 4.9 will continue with their usual scheduled lessons in school on 18 June 2020 (Thursday). They will be dismissed at 12.15 p.m. The girls will need to go home for lunch on this day. Sec 4.6, 4.7, 4.8 girls who do not have GCE O-Level Mother-Tongue Examinations on 18 June 2020 will stay at home for HBL on that day.

Subject Examined	Rescheduled Date
GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language (MTL)	<b>18 June 2020 (Thurs), 2 pm</b>
GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language B (MTL B)	<b>19 June 2020 (Fri), 2:30 pm</b>

## 7. Highlights of Key School Events in Term 3, 2020

The following are highlights of our school's key programmes in Term 3, 2020. The plans below are premised on an improvement in the national COVID-19 situation, e.g. drop in community infections, gradual loosening of Circuit Breaker measures.

Monthly Themes	Dates	Key Events
Praise God for Calling us to Shine as Leaders	2 June 2020 (Tues)	Term 3 Welcome Assembly
	4 June 2020 (Thurs)	School MTL Prep Exam for Sec 4/5
	8 June 2020 (Mon)	Sec 3 NRIC Presentation Ceremony
	18 June 2020 (Thurs)	GCE O-Level MTL Exam (Sec 1, 2, Sec 4.9 will be dismissed at <b>12.15 p.m.</b> to go home for lunch)

Monthly Themes	Dates	Key Events
	19 June 2020 (Fri)	GCE O-Level MTL Syllabus B Exam, 2.30 pm (No early school dismissal. Normal time-table for all)
	21 Jun 2020 (Sun)	Father's Day
	24 June 2020 (Wed) 29 June 2020 (Mon)	2020 Prefects' Installation (Upper Sec Prefects) 2020 Prefects' Installation (Lower Sec Prefects)
	24-26 June 2020	School O- & N-Level MTL/EL Oral Exams
	30 June 2020 (Tues)	2020 Sec 4/5 Online ECG Conference (Sec 4/5 PL-Lites will be on HBL this day)
Praise God for our Youth	5 Jul 2020 (Sun)	Youth Day
	6 Jul 2020 (Mon)	Youth Day School Holiday
	7 – 13 Jul 2020	School Sec 1 – 3 Common Tests
	7 – 17 Jul 2020	GCE O-Level MTL Oral Exam
	13 – 17 Jul 2020	GCE N-Level Oral Exam
	17 Jul 2020 (Fri)	CCA Leaders' Installation Ceremony
	17 Jul 2020 (Fri)	2021 Sec 3 Subject Combination Online Briefing for Sec 2 parents and PL-Lites
	13 – 17 Jul 2020	2020 PL(Sec) Leadership Week
	20 – 24 Jul 2020	1-week Mid-term break
	27 Jul 2020 (Mon)	GCE O-Level MTL Listening Comprehension Exam (Whole school to be dismissed at 12.50 pm)
	28 Jul – 4 Aug 2020	GCE O-Level Higher MTL Oral Exam
	28 Jul – 13 Aug 2020	School N-Level Prelim Exam
	31 Jul 2020 (Fri)	Hari Raya Haji
Praise God for Singapore	3 – 5 Aug 2020	GCE N-Level MT/BMT Oral Exam
	5, 6, 11, 18 Aug 2020	School O-Level Science Practical Prelim Exam
	9,10 Aug 2020	National Day Holidays
	12 – 26 Aug 2020	GCE O-Level EL Oral Exam
	20 Aug – 1 Sep 2020	School O-Level Prelim Exam
Praise God for His Empowering	2 Sep 2020 (Wed)	Teacher-Meets-Parents 2020 Post-Sec Educational Institutes Fair (TBC)
	3 Sep 2020 (Thur)	Term 3 Farewell Assembly 2020 Teachers' Day Celebrations 2020 ACES Day

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	4 Sep 2020 (Fri)	Teachers' Day School Holiday 'Eat with Your Family' day
	7 - 11 Sep 2020	Term 3 One-week School Holiday

Every Mon morning, 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m.	<i>PrayingParents@PL</i> meets every Monday morning <b>via ZOOM</b> , 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m. for a time of prayer and fellowship. If you are interested to join in, do drop an email to Mrs Irene Angullia at irene_angullia@moe.edu.sg
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Please check the school website (<http://plmgss.moe.edu.sg/>) for regular updates on the school programmes and other administrative matters.

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

Please stay healthy and keep well!

Warmest Regards,

*Mrs Quek*

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