



1 Sep 2020

# Principal's Letter to Parents

## Thanksgiving for Term 3, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week, we enter into a long awaited last week of a very long Term 3. We are thankful that the school has adapted well to the changes we needed to make to keep everyone safe. We are looking forward to take a break from the usual school routines or to catch up on work that has to be done during the upcoming one-week holidays.

### 1. The Need to continue to remain Cautious and Vigilant during the School Holidays

We encourage all families to continue to exercise caution and control over the activities of the girls during the school holidays. In order to keep our girls and your families safe, parents should not allow the girls to go to each other's homes, or study outside in the malls /public spaces. Do continue to remind the girls to practice Safe Management Measures (SMM) as we are still in the midst of fighting the pandemic.

All families are also reminded that they should continue to defer overseas travel unless it is permissible under the prevailing MOH travel advisory.

### 2. 2020 ACES Day and Teachers' Day Celebrations

Our Teachers' Day Celebrations this year will take place on 3 Sep 2020 (Thurs). Teachers' Day is one day set aside specially to honour and give thanks for our teachers and executive and administrative staff for their dedication to our girls. The day's programme will start with an ACES (All Children Exercise Simultaneously) Day segment. The ACES Day exercises have been modified for the classroom and is a low-risk and non-strenuous activity. There will be no lessons scheduled for the day.

At the end of the day's programme, the girls will be dismissed at the following staggered timings to ease congestion.

Level	Dismissal Time	Dismissal and Vehicle pickup point
Sec 1 & 2	12 noon	School covered carpark
Sec 3, 4 & 5	12.15 pm	Blk 134 HDB carpark (through our school's side gate)



PL-Lites will be reminded to go home immediately after dismissal and not to loiter in school or in public places. All girls will not be allowed to visit their primary schools to avoid intermingling across schools. Please note that 4 Sep 2020 (Friday) is Teachers' Day school holiday.

### 3. 2020 Teachers' Day Greetings

We are thankful for a team of dedicated staff in PL(Sec). This year, especially, our staff have role-modelled the HEART values as they navigated the adjustments required to continue to help the girls learn and grow. This Teachers' Day, do take time to encourage your daughters to show their appreciation on the following platforms or in any other way they would like to:

- a) Via notes on Padlet [https://linktr.ee/pl\\_alumni2020](https://linktr.ee/pl_alumni2020) This links the girls to the respective teacher's padlet page. The Padlet pages will be available until 4 Sep 2020, Friday, 5 pm.
- b) Via emails. Staff email addresses are available on <https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/about-us/our-staff/staff-emails> Do encourage the girls to send ecards and notes of thanks
- c) Via physical notes/cards

Please note that we have discouraged the girls to buy expensive gifts or give food items due to food safety concerns.

### 4. New Safe Management Measures

We have been trialing different practices in order to ease congestions at the entry / exit points in the school and to minimise intermingling with PL(Primary) girls. With immediate effect, we will be implementing the following new Safe Management Measures:

#### a) Mon- Fri Morning Arrivals

- i. For girls who come to school by car and alight along Hougang Ave 1 (Blk 134 HDB carpark)
  - Please get your girls to alight from the vehicle as soon as vehicles stop near the school side gate
  - The girls do not have to wait until the vehicles reach the school side gate before alighting. Alighting in batches will speed up movement of vehicles.
  - If parents need to turn their cars around and exit via Hougang Ave 1, please turn into the carparks in front of the HDB blocks to make the 3-point turn. Please do not turn the cars around along the car queue lines or at the alighting points.
- ii. For girls who take the bus
  - We have opened a small side gate near the Traffic Light crossing in front of the school for our girls to come into school as an alternative to using the turnstile gate

#### b) Wed Dismissals

- i. For girls who go home by car
  - Sec 1-2 pickup will be in school covered carpark;
  - Sec 3-5 pick-up will be at Blk 134 HDB carpark through our school side gate.

- ii. For girls who take the bus
  - Girls who cross the road to go home/go to the bus stop opposite the school will be encouraged to leave from the school side gate (Near HDB Blk 134), and cross the road by the overhead bridge.

## 5. Season of Studying

The National and End-of-Year exams are round the corner. In PL(Sec), we have started the girls on the season for studying hard, working towards their academic targets.

- a) **Sec 1-3 and Sec 4E/5N girls** who need a conducive environment to study in, are allowed to return to school for self-study in library and at the open areas in school during the school holiday. Girls will need to check-in using SafeEntry on their phones, or by scanning their NRIC/student pass.

The school canteen will not be open. Girls will need to bring food from home or buy food from the nearby coffee shops. Returning students must continue to follow safe management measures at all times.

- b) **Sec 4N girls** will be given a **study break** in the lead-up to the N-level written papers which start when school reopens in Term 4. This is a period where they will be prohibited from coming to school to minimise the risk of school-based transmission and reduce the HQO/LOA/AA numbers in the event of a confirmed case.

During the study break, the girls **must remain at home** to reduce the risk of contracting the virus from the community. Consultations with the teachers will be done remotely via the ZOOM app.

## 6. Highlights of Key School Events in Term 4, 2020

The following are highlights of our school's key programmes in Term 4, 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 Our Teachers	2 Sep 2020 (Wed)	Teacher-Meets-Parents 2020 Post-Sec Educational Institutes session
	3 Sep 2020 (Thur)	Term 3 Farewell Assembly 2020 ACES and Teachers' Day Celebrations
	4 Sep 2020 (Fri)	Teachers' Day School Holiday 'Eat with Your Family' day
	7 - 11 Sep 2020	Sept School Holiday S4N Consultation (via Zoom)
	14 Sep 2020 (Mon)	Term 4 starts   Principal's Welcome Assembly
	16 Sep 2020 (Wed)	(via Zoom) Fathers@School " <i>What should I do in the future?</i> " by Ms Tiang Ginn Wah, ECG Counsellor

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	15 – 18 Sep 2020	End-of-Year Sec 3E Science Practical Exam Checking of School O-Level Prelim papers
	<b>14 - 23 Sep 2020</b>	<b>GCE N-Level Written Exam Part 1</b> <a href="https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2020gcenexamtimetable.pdf">https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2020gcenexamtimetable.pdf</a>
	28 – 30 Sep 2020	N-Level Consultation (book online)
	24 – 25 Sep 2020	Sec 3 EL and MT End-of-Year Exams
	25 Sep 2020 (Friday)	Baccalaureate Service for graduating students Last school day for Sec 4N PL-Lites
	28 Sep – 6 Oct 2020	Sec 1 to Sec 3 End-of-Year Exams
Praise God for His Blessings	<b>1– 13 Oct 2020</b>	<b>GCE O-Level Practical Exams</b>
	2 Oct 2020	Last school day for Sec 4E/5N O-Level PL-Lites
	<b>19 Oct – 12 Nov 2020</b>	<b>GCE O-Level Written Exam</b> <a href="https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2020gceoexamtimetable.pdf?sfvrsn=28176b65_10">https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2020gceoexamtimetable.pdf?sfvrsn=28176b65_10</a>
	<b>5 - 16 Oct 2020</b>	<b>GCE N-Level Written Exam Part 2</b> <a href="https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2020gcenexamtimetable.pdf">https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2020gcenexamtimetable.pdf</a>
	7 and 8 Oct 2020	Marking Days (No school for Sec 1-3)
	9 Oct 2020 (Fri)	Leadership Workshop / Post-exam activities
	12 – 15 Oct 2020	Checking of EOY Exam papers
	14 Oct 2020 (Wed)	PLMGS 104 <sup>th</sup> Founder's Day Celebrations
	21 Oct 2020 (Wed)	2020 Christmas Celebrations
	23 Oct 2020 (Fri)	Last day of school in Term 4 for Sec 1-3 students
	14-15 Nov 2020	Deepavali Holiday
	20 Nov 2020 (Fri)	Term 4 ends (Official last day)
	25-27 Nov 2020 (TBC)	Release of 2020 PSLE results
	Theme: Through all the years of	15 Dec 2020 (Mon) (TBC)
Week of 15 Dec 2020 (TBC)		Sec 1 Posting Results

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	Day after Sec 1 Posting Results release	Sec 1, 2021 Registration (online only) <i>(More details will be released closer to this date. All purchases of school supplies, briefing sessions etc will be taken online.)</i>
	25 Dec 2020 (Fri)	Christmas Day
	29 – 30 Dec 2020	2021 iDiscover Camp preparations
	1 Jan 2021 (Fri)	New Year's Day
	4 Jan 2021 (Mon)	Term 1, 2021 starts Principal's Welcome Assembly <a href="https://www.moe.gov.sg/education/school-terms-and-important-dates#pri-sec-sch-term-2021">https://www.moe.gov.sg/education/school-terms-and-important-dates#pri-sec-sch-term-2021</a>

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/>) or the School Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PAYALEBARMGS>) 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,

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