



15 Jan 2021

# Principal's Letter to Parents

## Term 1, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In the New Year and the upcoming Lunar festive season, we wish all families joy, good health and peace for the year ahead. I hope the year has started well for all of you. We look forward to partnering you to build resilience and good character in our girls.

### 1. Thanksgiving

We are very thankful that our 2020 O-Level and N-Level girls have been blessed with excellent results once again. We thank our parents for their unwavering support and the teachers who journeyed alongside the girls. Do refer to the school website for a breakdown of the O-Level and N-Level exams achievements. We continue to pray that our graduated girls will choose their post-secondary pathways wisely and move on confidently to pursue their aspirations.

PL(Sec) 2020 O-Level results

URL: <https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/accolades/national-examinations/gce-o-level-2020>

PL(Sec) 2020 N-Level results

URL: <https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/accolades/national-examinations/gce-n-level-2020>

### 2. 2021 Year and Monthly Themes

Our 2021 Year Theme 'Through all the years of golden youth' is taken from our School Song and inspired by

*"Remember your Creator in the days of your youth."  
Ecclesiastes 12:1*

Our assembly programmes are anchored on the following monthly themes. They seek to inspire our girls to make full use of the season of Youth in their lives to seek to grow into well-balanced young ladies with a heart for others.



Month	Monthly Themes
Jan	Through all the years of golden youth
Feb	Be a Blessing to our Friends and Families
Mar	Empowered as to Make a Difference
Apr	Unity in Diversity
May/Jun	The Gift of Leadership
Jul	Walking Worthy in our season of Youth
Aug	Our Singapore, Our Home
Sep	Called to be an Example to All
Oct	One PL Family United

### 3. Supporting Your Daughter during Transitions

The Sec 1 and Sec 3 years are transitional years that our girls need to adapt to new schooling experiences, make new friends and explore new leadership opportunities. We want to inculcate within them the ability to thrive despite challenges.

We have curated the following series of useful resources for parents on our school webpage.

- Build a caring home environment to nurture the social and emotional skills of your child using these **S.A.F.E** (Support | Affirm | Familiarise | Empathise) tips:
  - Support your daughter for a smooth transition into Sec 1
  - Support your daughter for a smooth transition into Sec 3
- Set realistic expectations with your daughter
- Encourage your daughter to be Thankful
- Build your daughter's confidence through Praise

Please do refer to these resources to help you relate to your daughters effectively.

<https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/useful-links/for-parents>

### 4. Post-Secondary Scholarships for PL-Lites who do well in N- and O-Level Examinations

In our school's '*Plant-A-dream*' initiative, we seek out students who have strong passions and interests and are attaining excellent achievements in their academic and non-academic pursuits. The post-secondary scholarship routes are available to PL-Lites who would like a boast in pursuing their aspirations. Please visit <https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/instructional-programmes/post-secondary-scholarships> for more details and have conversations with your daughters on available post-secondary pathways. We invite you to plant dreams with us and help your daughters reach their full potential.

### 5. Portfolio-Building for Sec 3 - 4/5 PL-Lites

The Form Teachers have started to help our Sec 3 PL-Lites work on developing their portfolios in preparation for the Sec 4/5 Early Admissions Exercises (EAE) – EAE-ITE, EAE-Poly and DSA-JC. This link will be helpful for parents as you support your daughters on EAE Portfolio preparation for ITE and Poly admission.

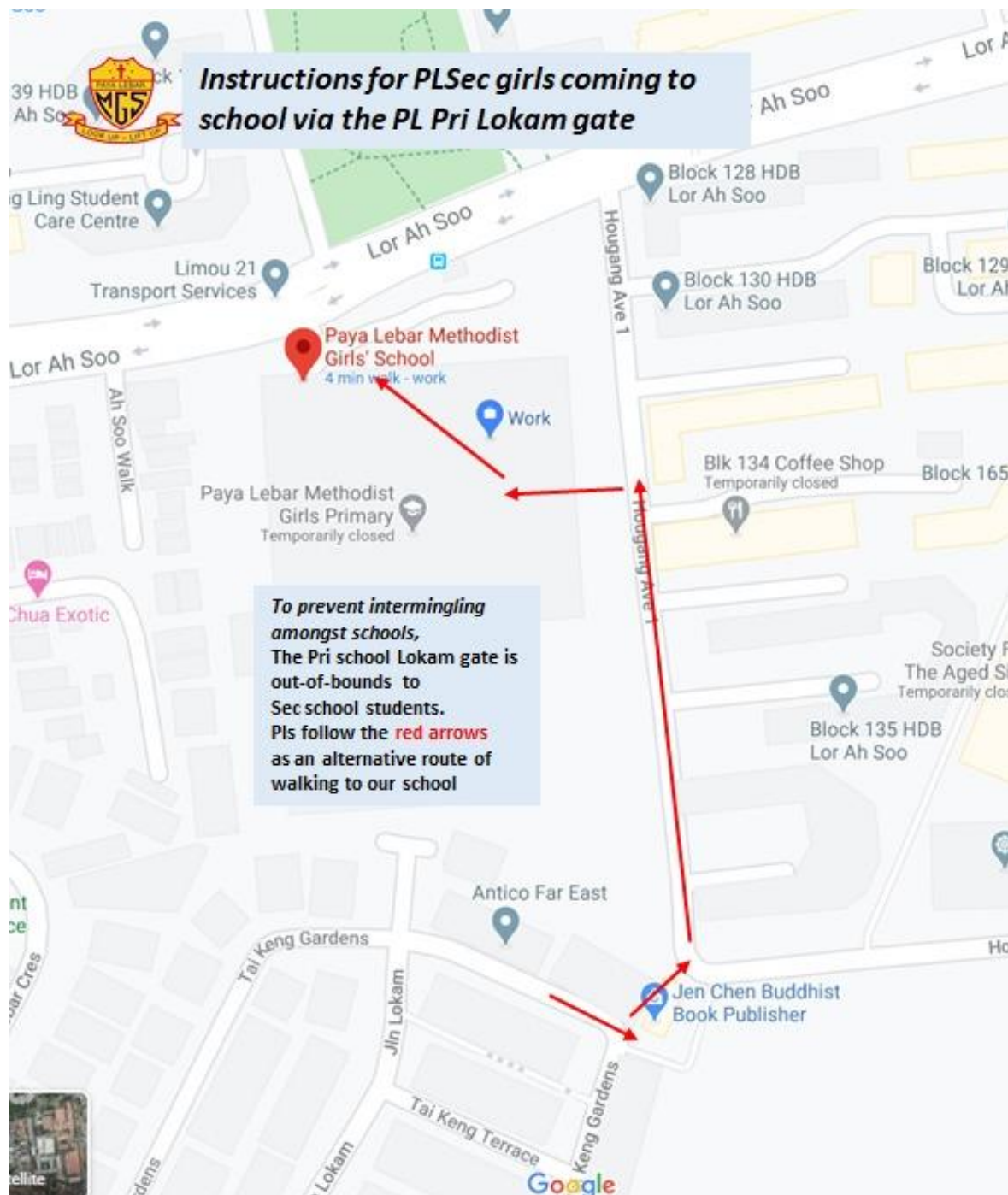
<https://bit.ly/Poly-EAE>

The site includes the 2020 EAE collaterals published by the Polytechnics where tips on EAE (including Portfolio) preparation are shared.

## 6. Dropping your daughters off at Jalan Lokam

Your daughters' safety is of utmost importance to us in PLMGS. For parents who drive to school, there is another alternative drop off point at Jalan Lokam. Girls who live in the nearby estate, Tai Keng Gardens, walk to school via this route. During pre-Covid-19 days, PLMGS(Sec) girls can come into the school campus through the Primary school - Jalan Lokam side gate. However, this provision has ceased due to MOE's strict prohibition against intermingling amongst students in different schools.

We would like to inform all parents that it is still possible to drop your daughters off (on a non-rainy day) at Jalan Lokam and let her take a short 3-5 mins walk to school via the route outlined below. The girls can enter PLMGS(Sec) via the school's Side Gate 4.



## 7. 2021 School Terms and Holidays

Please refer to the following URL for 2021 School Terms and Holidays:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/education/school-terms-and-important-dates>

## 8. Highlights of Key School Events

The following are highlights of our school's key programmes in Term 1, 2021.

Monthly Themes	Dates	Key Events
Through All the Years of Golden Youth	20 Jan 2021, Wed	#01-2021 Fathers@School First Meeting for 2021 (Topic: Transitioning into Sec school life)
	28-29 Jan 2021	Mother Tongue Fortnight Activities
Be a Blessing to our Friends and Families	4 Feb 2021, Thurs	2021 CNY Carnival
	4-10 Feb 2021	Sec 4/5 Common Tests
	10 Feb 2021, Wed	Friendship Day
	11 Feb 2021, Thurs	PL 2020 CNY Celebrations (Note: PL(Sec) School Dismissal at 10.30 a.m.)
	<b>12 – 15 Feb 2021</b>	<b>Chinese New Year holiday</b>
	22 Feb 2021, Mon	Installation of Monitors, House Leaders and Peer Lites
Empowered as to Make a Difference	1 Mar 2021, Mon	Launch of PL's International Women's Day Commemoration
	1–5 Mar 2021	PL's International Women's Day exhibition – Women's Hall of Fame
	6-12 Mar 2021	Mother Tongue Showcase Week
	4 Mar 2021, Thurs	Sec 3 NRIC Registration Day
	12 Mar 2021, Fri	Last day of Term 1 Term 1 Farewell Assembly Sports Fiesta (Venue: PLMGS)
	13 Mar 2021, Sat	Combined Schools' Post-Sec Educational Institutes Fair
	<b>15 - 19 Mar 2021</b>	<b>End of Term 1 - School Holidays</b> (Please note that some CCAs may still function on 15/16 Mar 2021 in order to prepare the girls for the SYF and National School Games)

Every Mon morning, 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	<i>PrayingParents@PL</i> meets every Monday morning <b>via ZOOM</b> , 8 a.m. – 9 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
Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month 8 a.m. – 8.45 a.m.	<i>Fathers@School</i> holds its monthly sharing sessions <b>via ZOOM</b> every third Wednesday of the month, 8 a.m. – 8.45 a.m. Monthly blasts will be sent out via Parents Gateway. Please do sign up for the sessions.

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 great Term ahead!

Warmest Regards,



Mrs Quek Li Gek  
Principal, PLMGS(Secondary)

## PLMGS (Sec) Traffic Safety Reminders

We thank you for working with the school in ensuring the safety of our students. We seek your cooperation to observe the following traffic safety reminders:

### 1. Operating Hours of School Gates & Pick-Up Point

The PLMGS (Secondary) main gate is opened from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on a typical school day. You may alight your daughters from both Primary and Secondary School at the Secondary School Pick-Up point. Pri school will be able to walk over to the Secondary school via the basketball court at the upper level.



### 2. Alighting Points Outside the School

To ease the flow of traffic into the school, we strongly encourage you to alight your daughters, both from Secondary and Primary School, at one of the three alighting points:

- Carpark @ HDB Bk 138 (beside Maplewood Park)
- Carpark @ HDB Bk 134/135 (beside the School)
- Back gate of Primary School @ Jalan Lokam



### 3. Turnstile Gates and Road Crossing

In the mornings, the girls who come to school by public transport should enter the school via the turnstile gates behind the bus-stop near the parade square. They are not allowed to walk through the school's main entrance for safety reasons, as there may be heavy traffic at that time.

The turnstile gates system is integrated with secured access control using girls' registered EZ-Link cards. The gates are programmed to enable:

- (a) Entry in the morning before School Assembly, and
- (b) Exit after School Dismissal from 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. on regular school days.

Do remind the girls to use pedestrian crossing attentively at all times.



### 4. Drivers must Observe Traffic Rules

- a) The Speed Limit within the school compound is **15 km/h**. Please stay alert for pedestrians who may be walking around your vehicle.
- b) Do apply for the **PLMGS(Sec) Car Decal** to gain admission into the school. Cars without a valid car decal may be denied entrance into the school.
- c) When **driving out** of the school's front gate, please turn into the **leftmost/innermost lane first**. Do not drive directly into the right lane. A double white line has been put there by LTA to prevent drivers from doing so.
- d) Please do not alight passengers along the main road, as that is dangerous. Do alight the girls **within** the carparks around and opposite the school instead.
- e) The Traffic Police has advised that enforcement actions will be taken against motorists who violate traffic rules. Please be advised that extra demerit points will be given for traffic offences in school zone.



## 5. Avoid Walking Across PL (Primary) School Gates during rush hours

To ease traffic flow turning into and out of our two schools, pedestrians are reminded not to walk across PL(Pri) school gates toward PL(Sec) before school starting hours and during school dismissal time. Pedestrians may come to school by:

- (a) Walking along the opposite side of the road, and crossing the road at the traffic light crossing as shown in the picture below, or



- (b) Walk in to school through the PL(Pri) new walkway as shown in the picture below.

