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# Principal's Letter to Parents Term 3, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope your family had a purposeful mid-year school holidays. We have just passed the mid-point of 2022. As we give thanks for the Lord's tremendous blessings on PL and Singapore, we also urge our PL-Lites and their families to take time to reflect, recharge and review what and how we have (or not) learnt. We constantly urge ourselves and our girls to make the best of every opportunity and the year. Let us move into Term 3 with grateful and anticipatory hearts! For a start, our Secondary 3 PL-Lites will be attending their MOE-OBS Camp and we will end the week with an online concert – *PL Musical Montage* by our quality Performing Arts CCAs on Friday, 1 July from 7.30pm via <https://go.gov.sg/y9qbep>.

Please see my last Letter to Parents for **Highlights of Key Events in Term 3**: <https://go.gov.sg/2022term2plmgsslettertoparents>. The GCE O-Level MTL/BMTL Listening Comprehension Examination will take place next *Tuesday, 5 July*; all students (except those taking the examination) will be *dismissed at 12.50pm*.

## 1. Thank you for Support for Proposed Adjustments

In my last letter, I shared some proposed adjustments and improvements related to (i) school traffic conditions and (ii) school canteen prices. We are thankful for your feedback and support. Here are the details which will be implemented from Week 2, Term 3 after we share with our PL-Lites in Week 1.

### (i) School traffic conditions

- PL(Sec) girls can make their way to school via Gate 6 at Jalan Lokam of PL(Pri) from 6.45am to 7.30am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, our non-late days. You can view a video of the route through PL(Pri) if our PL-Lites are dropped off at Jalan Lokam: <https://go.gov.sg/routetoplmgssfromlokam>.
- We will only allow vehicle entry for pick-up from **2pm daily** (except *1pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays*) and **6pm on CCA days**. Parking and waiting along the driveway cannot be allowed as it limits traffic flow. Noting that parents/guardians may need to park and wait at times as our girls may be slightly delayed, specific yellow parking lots are available for temporary parking. We will continue to exercise discipline to end our programmes punctually and remind our girls to head to the pick-up points promptly.

- Plans to install a turnstile at Gate 4 are on the way to facilitate dismissal on normal and CCA days. Gate 4 is at the public carpark near to the school, where our Upper Secondary PL-Lites are dropped off daily.

(ii) School canteen prices

Prices of majority of the food items will increase by \$0.10 to \$0.20, as shared in my last letter. Prices of some items such as fried bee hoon and pasta alfredo will remain unchanged. However, when individual items are put together, it could mean a \$0.30 to \$0.50 increase for a full meal. In this regard, some complete full-meal items could see a \$0.50 increase such as ban mian and seafood hor fun, as well as fried spaghetti with chicken chop, which will cost \$2.50 from the current \$2.00. The highest-priced complete full-meal item is still capped at \$2.70.

Our meal subsidies for our PL-Lites on the Financial Assistance Scheme are adequate despite the price increase. No PL-Lite will or should be affected by the changes. Please see [www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/useful-links/financial-assistance](http://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/useful-links/financial-assistance) or email the school for further information on financial assistance, and others.

## 2. School Safety

In alignment to prevailing national SMMs, our SMMs will remain largely unchanged. The prevailing SMMs include (i) mask-wearing and (ii) some limitations in PE lessons and some CCAs. We encourage all to continue to be socially responsible, which includes adhering to our national health Protocols 1, 2 and 3 to live with COVID-19. *PL-Lites are advised to inform their Form Teacher if they are unwell and/or tested COVID-19 positive.*

There are on-going construction works outside the school for the upcoming sheltered walkway from the bus-stop to PL(Pri). PL-Lites are advised to be careful and not be pre-occupied with conversations, their mobile phones, etc. when they are walking to school.

## 3. Student and Support Services

PL(Sec) has a suite of student support services for PL-Lites requiring additional support in their learning and growth, as well as the respective colleagues who will work closely with you and your daughter/ward to attain greater self-efficacy and become “women of fine character with a passion for life and learning”.

We thank Ms Kelda Chan, Ms Wendy Khoo and Ms Tiang Ginn Wah (our previous team helming the student support services) for their service to the school.

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We encourage our PL-Lites to make appointment with these colleagues to seek advice on areas such as socio-emotional and learning support, career and educational options.

## 4. Teaching, Learning and Assessment Matters

At the Welcome Assembly with our PL-Lites this morning, we revisited the following:

- (i) Teaching & Learning (T&L) Approach – Curriculum Learning content Assessment Pedagogy Staff, denoted by the acronym **CLAPS**;
- (ii) Our Homework and Assessment Policies;
- (iii) Students' Blended Learning Routines; and
- (iv) Students' Learning Disposition, or **PEARLS**:
  - Present in body and mind
  - Enjoy the moment
  - Ask good questions
  - Reflect
  - Listen attentively
  - Something I learnt today

You may refer to <https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/instructional-programmes/ip-overview> for the details. More importantly, we took the opportunity to emphasise on learning and mastery with our PL-Lites, and not focus on performance and grades alone.

I will be engaging Secondary 3 PL-Lites and their parents via Zoom Webinar on Friday, 8 July. As the focus is on teaching and learning, assessment and post-secondary matters, we will elaborate on how learning will be enhanced with the removal of mid-year examinations from 2023 for our Secondary 4 and how parents/guardians can support your daughters in this transition.

After the LC Examination next Tuesday, the GCE N- and O-Level Oral Examinations will commence in Week 3. Our teachers will work closely with your daughters in this last lap.

## 5. Guidelines on Parents' Communication with the School

Please see Guidelines on Parents' Communication with the School in our website at <https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/articles/guidelines-on-parents-communication-with-the-school> . Some parents may have received Whatsapp messages from the school. The Whatsapp account was attained to disseminate urgent messages at the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are reviewing the relevance and sustainability of the Whatsapp account. In the meantime, we appeal to parents to call or email the school with your queries, and not expect immediate response through Whatsapp.

## 6. Supporting Your Daughter During Transitions

<https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/#> features the latest news on the Singapore Education, including useful tips for parents/guardians. Here are some of my picks as our girls move into an exciting Term 3 and major assessments kick in.

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| Recognising and talking about stress | <a href="https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/recognising-and-talking-about-stress">https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/recognising-and-talking-about-stress</a> |
| Facing new and unfamiliar situations | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tk3Ky1BCt_A&amp;t=29s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tk3Ky1BCt_A&amp;t=29s</a>                                     |
| Taking a leap of faith               | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tcQy9jEPTZw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tcQy9jEPTZw</a>   |

To welcome our girls back to school and to commemorate Youth Day, every PL-Lite will receive a rechargeable hand-held fan this week. With higher temperatures, we have placed air-coolers in various venues, including classrooms, as part of our student well-being efforts. We will continue to monitor the situation and make the necessary improvements to make a PL a better home than it is today for our girls.

Ms Amy Ng  
Principal