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Dear Parents/Guardian

Transitioning Back to School

With the end of the Circuit Breaker on 1 Jun 2020, MOE will progressively bring students back to schools from 2 Jun 2020 in a careful and safe manner.

As the May holidays conclude, we hope that all of you have had a well-rested break. We thank all parents/guardians and your children/wards for your resilience and patience in dealing with all the necessary changes.

Please refer to the table below for detailed information regarding reporting to school for the first 4 weeks of Term 3:

Week/Period	In-School	HBL
T3W1 (2 – 5 Jun)	Secondary 1, 2, 4 & 5	Secondary 3
T3W2 (8 to 12 Jun)	Secondary 3, 4 & 5	Secondary 1, 2
T3W3 (15 to 19 Jun)	Secondary 1, 2, 4 & 5	Secondary 3
T3W4 (22 to 26 Jun)	Secondary 3, 4 & 5	Secondary 1, 2

We hope that all levels will report to school from week 5. MOE will monitor the situation closely and provide information to schools regarding that possibility in due time.

Timetable for Term 3

The timetable for Term 3 is available on the school website. Please ensure that your child/ward checks the timetable before school starts on 2 June 2020.

Safe Management Measures

The school will ensure that safe management measures are in place to keep our staff and students safe. Do note the following:

- All students must wear either face shields or masks in school. Masks worn to school should be plain with no graffiti designs on them. We understand that wearing a mask for an extended period of time may be uncomfortable but it is necessary to keep our students safe. Students who have misplaced their masks will have to buy a mask from the school bookshop.
- Temperature-taking and additional visual and verbal screening continues daily for all students. All students must continue to bring their own oral-digital thermometers daily.
- Students are also required to bring a book or a magazine for reading during the silent reading period as reading material will not be delivered to school by early Term 3.

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- Students who are unwell must see a doctor and stay at home. Students who have family members on HQO, SHN, LOA or MC (for flu-like symptoms) must not report to school and they must inform their form teachers of this.
- To avoid unnecessary movement and crowding at the water points, students are also reminded to bring their own water bottles to school.
- Wipe down procedures will continue for students in their classrooms, special rooms, and the canteen before and after recess. The necessary wipes and cleaning solution will be made available in these venues.
- Students are reminded to continue washing their hands regularly with soap and water. Students should also follow strictly the safe distancing measures implemented by the school, for example fixed exam-style seating in the classroom, spaced seating in the canteen, and staggered reporting, dismissal and recess times.
- Staggered reporting times: Sec 1, 2 and 3 students will report to school by 7:25 am, while Sec 4 and 5 students will report at 7:40 am.
- Movement in and out of the school compounds will be restricted. You may drop off your child/ward as per normal in the morning. However, you will only be able to pick up your child/ward from the side gate facing Chong Pang car park (Blk 709 Yishun St 71) after school as the school gates will be locked.
- All students are not allowed to bring any sports equipment to school. There will be no free playing of ball games during recess or after school. All students must leave the school immediately after school.

Safety Measures during PE Lessons

Students should not wear masks during PE lessons. However, they are expected to wear their masks when moving to the respective PE venues.

During PE lessons, students are expected to keep their masks in a hygienic manner in a personalized ziploc bag. The school will provide students with one ziploc bag for this purpose. Students are expected to keep these bags for use during subsequent PE lessons and during their meal times.

PE lessons will comprise mostly individual and dual sports activities to ensure the safety of the students and teachers.

eParent-Teacher Meet (ePTM) 2020

We see much value in working with you to provide the best education for your child/ward and would like to continue to provide feedback on the performance of your child/ward and to address concerns that you might have. As we are unable to have a face-to-face PTM, like in previous years, we will have an ePTM instead.

The period of the ePTM for the respective levels are as follows:

Level	Period
Sec 4 and 5	22 Jun to 26 Jun 2020
Sec 2	29 Jun to 3 Jul 2020
Sec 1 and 3	13 Jul to 17 Jul 2020

For the ePTM, parents/guardians will be able to pose your questions online. Responses to these questions will be posted online at a later date. Form teachers will provide you with feedback on your child/ward via a tele-conversation. More details will be provided at a later date.

Payment for Catered Meals (Sec 4 and 5 Students)

We will be collecting payment for the catered meals during the first PE lesson for the respective classes. Please bring exact amount of cash for payment. General Office staff will go to class to collect the payment.

Returning of Loaned Devices for Sec 4 and 5 Students

All Sec 4 and 5 students who have loaned out computing devices for HBL are to return the device at Computer Lab 2 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm according to the following schedule:

Date	Classes
3 Jun 2020	4E1, 4E2, 4E3 and 4E4
4 Jun 2020	4N1, 4N2, 4N3, 4T1 & 5N1

Sec 1 to 3 students are to hold on to the loaned devices until after HBL ends. More information will be provided then.

Curriculum Matters

Home-based Learning (HBL) from 2 June to 26 June 2020

YSS will adopt a single timetable for both HBL and lessons conducted in school. Do note that all YSS HBL protocol will apply for the period of 2 June to 26 June 2020 for levels on HBL during the period.

We seek the help of parents to continue with the good practices put in place at home during the first period of HBL, for example providing a conducive and supportive learning space and ensuring that HBL is carried out at the appropriate times of the day.

Weighted Assessment 3 (WA3) for Term 3

The schedule for WA3 has been revised to cater to the progressive return to school of all levels. Please refer to the table for details:

Level	Commencement of WA in Term 3
Sec 1 & 2	Week 3 (16 June)
Sec 3	Week 4 (23 June)
Sec 4 & 5	No WA

A detailed schedule for WA 3 can be found on the school website (<https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/weighted-assessment-schedule/>).

End-of-Year Examination (EYE) 2020

EYE will carry on as planned for Sec 1 – 3 students. Please note the weighting for the WAs and the adjusted weighting for EYE in term 4.

Term	Assessment	Weighting
Term 1	WA1	15%
Term 3	WA 3	15%
Term 4	EYE	60%
	Total	90% (to be converted to 100%)

Preliminary and End-of-Year Examination Dates

Please take note of the following examination dates:

Examination	Period / Dates
Sec 4NA and 4NT Preliminary Examinations	11 Aug to 21 Aug 2020
Sec 4E and 5N Preliminary Examination	17 Aug to 3 Sep, 14 Sep to 18 Sep 2020
Sec 1 to 3 End-of-Year Examination	29 Sep to 8 Oct 2020

The timetable for the respective examinations will be issued in Term 3 week 1.

GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Mid-Year Examination on 18 and 19 Jun 2020

School Dismissal on 18 Jun 2020

Do note that all Sec 1 to 2 (Sec 3 students will be on HBL) students will be dismissed at 1:00 pm on 18 Jun 2020. They are to leave school immediately for home. There will be no early dismissal on 19 Jun 2020 as school ends at 12:30 pm on Fridays.

Students sitting for the GCE O-Level MTL Mid-Year examination need not report to school on the morning of their paper. They will report to school at 1:00 pm. Other details regarding the conduct of the respective examinations will be made known to your child/ward by the Presiding Examiner.

GCE O-Level MTL Listening Comprehension Examination on 27 Jul 2020

School Dismissal on 27 Jul 2020

Do note that all Sec 1 and 2 students will be dismissed at 1:00 pm while Sec 3 students will be dismissed at 1:10 pm.

Once again, we thank you for working with us in our efforts to re-integrate students into school life and its routines while keeping them safe.

Please feel free to email us at (yishun_ss@moe.edu.sg) if you require any clarifications or additional information.

We look forward to working with you to provide meaningful learning for our students through these difficult times.

Thank you and keep safe and well.

Warmest regards

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