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**YISHUN SECONDARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Guardian

### **NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2021**

*Season Greetings* to all parents and guardians! I hope this letter finds everyone well and enjoying the year end festivities, albeit the safe management measures.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for working so closely with the school in 2020 and making learning possible for our students despite the pandemic.

Before we start the school year, I would like to share some important information with you.

### **Reporting to School on 4 Jan 2021**

Schools will re-open in 2021 with Safe Management Measures (SMMs), such as temperature taking; visual screening of students, and reducing congestion where possible.

It is not mandatory for students to have a TraceTogether token when school re-opens. It will be required in schools only when all of the tokens have been distributed nationwide.

While most Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) and school activities will resume, higher-risk activities will remain suspended or limited to a smaller group.

Parents are reminded not to send your child/ward to school if they are unwell or have flu-like symptoms.

Parents/guardians of Secondary 1 students are allowed to drop their child/ward in school. They are to leave the school immediately after doing so. They are not allowed to remain in the school premises.

### **Safe Management Measures**

The school continues to ensure that safe management measures are in place to keep students safe. Do note the following:

- All students must wear face masks in school at all times. Masks worn to school should be plain with no graffiti designs on them. Students are advised to have an extra mask with them in case they need to change it in the course of the day, especially after PE lessons.
- 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.
- Temperature will be taken twice daily. Once in the morning and the other in the afternoon before the start of after school activities.

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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.
- Staggered reporting times will continue in Term 1: Secondary 1 and 2 students will report to school by 7:25 am, while Secondary 3, 4 and 5 students will report at 7:35 am. Lessons will commence at 7:50 am.
- 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.
- Group work can be carried out during lessons. Students can be grouped into groups of 5 per group with a 1-metre distance between each group.
- Mass events like assemblies will continue to be suspended. Unstructured play will continue to be suspended.
- 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.
- Recess times for the various levels will be staggered. Please refer to your child's/ward's timetable for details of recess timings. Students are to follow closely the instructions given on seating arrangements in the canteen during recess times.
- 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.
- Dismissal times will be staggered. Safe measures to guide students as they leave the school will be in place. There will be special designated exits from the school at dismissal time. Please refer to the information in the table below:

Gate 1 (near the Indoor Sports Hall)	For those walking home
Gate 2 (Main school gate)	No entry at dismissal time
Gate 3 (small gate beside guard house)	Closed
Gate 4 (bus-stop)	For those taking the bus home
Gate 5 (Chong Pang car park)	For those whose parents are picking them up

Please refer to your child's/ward's class timetable for information on dismissal times.

To prevent congestion, upper secondary students will be dismissed according to the time stated on the timetable, while lower secondary levels will be dismissed 10 minutes later than the time stated on the timetable for the class.

## **Safety Measures during PE Lessons**

- Students should wear their mask when moving to PE venues. Students who are not participating in PE activities must continue to wear their mask.
- Student should wear their mask when engaged in non-strenuous activities for individual, group and small-sided games.
- Students need not wear masks for strenuous activities like distance running and static aerobic exercises.
- During PE lessons, students are expected to keep their masks in a hygienic manner in a personalized ziploc bag. Students are advised to bring an additional mask if they wish change their mask after PE lesson.
- PE lessons will comprise both individual and group activities. However, there will be no deliberate body contact drills or activities. The necessary ground markings will be in place to separate groups during these group activities.

## **Student Matters**

### **Secondary One 2021**

On 4 Jan 2021, we look forward to welcoming a total of 285 newly posted Secondary 1 students to the Yishun Secondary family.

To our Secondary 1 cohort - A special welcome to you, thank you for making Yishun Secondary your choice school and we look forward to getting to know each of you.

### **Secondary One Orientation Programme 2021**

The Secondary One Orientation Programme 2021 will commence on 4 Jan 2021 and last until 6 Jan 2021. The Student Development Team (SDT) has planned a comprehensive programme to allow our newly posted in Secondary 1 students to get to know more about the school, each other and their seniors. Do rest assured that all safe management measures will be enforced during the programme.

You may refer to the schedule for the orientation programme from this link on the school website: <https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Sec-1-Orientation-Programme-2021.pdf>

### **CCA Orientation Week 2021**

The CCA Orientation week will be held in Term 1 Week 2. This will allow Secondary 1 students to experience the wide range of CCAs available so that they can make an informed choice of CCA.

The schedule can be found on the school website by Term 1 Week 1.

### **Timetable 2021**

The timetable will be made available on the school website from Tue, 29 Dec 2021. You may access the timetable from this link: <https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/timetable>

## Back to School Programme 2021

In addition to the Secondary 1 Orientation Programme, the Back to School Programme has been organized by the SDT from 4 to 6 Jan 2021 for Secondary 2, 3, 4 and 5 students.

The following activities have been organised as part of the programme:

Level	Activity	Venue
Secondary 1	Orientation	School
Secondary 2	Mass Dance, Multiple Intelligences Workshop & Inline Skating	School
Secondary 3	Adventure Camp (non-residential)	Sarimbun Camp
Secondary 4 and 5	Post-Secondary Pathways Talks, Video Production Workshop & Bowling	School

Please note the special dismissal times for the Back to School Programme on 4 to 6 Jan 2021:

Level	4 Jan	5 Jan	6 Jan
Secondary 1	12:30 pm	1:10 pm	1:10 pm
Secondary 2	12:30 pm	1:10 pm	1:10 pm
Secondary 3	5:00 pm	5:00 pm	1:10 pm
Secondary 4 and 5	12:30 pm	1:10 pm	1:10 pm

Dismissal times will revert to the normal times for 7 Jan 2021 onwards. Please refer to last paragraph under safe management measures for details.

### CCA Matters

#### **Conduct of CCAs in 2021**

All CCAs will continue face-to-face sessions or online sessions as was the case in Term 4. CCAs will commence from Term 1 Week 2 (11 Jan 2021 onwards) with all the necessary safe management measures enforced.


### Academic Matters

Content Outlines for the various subjects and the schedule for Weighted Assessments (WA) 2021 will be available on the school website for your reference by Term 1 Week 1.

Please feel free to email us at ([yishun\\_ss@moe.edu.sg](mailto:yishun_ss@moe.edu.sg)) if you require any clarifications or additional information.

We look forward to working with you to provide quality education to your child/ward in 2021. Keep safe and have an enjoyable start to 2021!

Warmest regards



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