School Reference Number: JWSS/2020/0371

26 June 2020

Dear parents/guardians

### Updates on Matters Related to All Students Returning to School - 29 June 2020 (Phase 2)

- As announced by MOE, all students will be returning to school from Monday, 29 June 2020 (Week 5, Term 3). We will continue to strictly adhere to all Social Distancing and Safe Management Measures (SMM) to keep all students and staff safe.
- We are grateful that you have worked hand in hand with us in the implementation of Safe Management Measures (SMM) so that our school remains a safe and conducive environment for all students. As Singapore moves into Phase 2 of re-opening and we prepare to welcome back all students in school from 29 June, we need the collective effort of all parents and students to exercise social responsibility so that schools stay safe.
- 3. We would like to highlight a few key safe management measures that we should all observe as your continued vigilance and cooperation are important in keeping our schools safe for all:
  - a) If your child is feeling unwell (e.g. sore throat, fever or cough), please see a doctor and your child should not come to school. If diagnosed with Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI), students 13 years and above will be prioritised for COVID-19 testing, while students 12 years and below will be assessed by the doctor as to whether a test is required.
  - b) If there are any adult–household members (18 years and above) unwell with flu-like symptoms, inform the school through your child's Form Teacher and keep your child at home. Ensure that the unwell adult household member seeks medical treatment promptly. In such instances, do be assured that the school will continue to support these students in their learning.
- 4. Students can continue to come to school in half uniform attire which the school has allowed since 2 June and there is no need to wear the school tie on Mondays till further notice.
- 5. With all students returning to school wef 29 June, subject teachers would be giving out the Subject Overviews for the various subjects for Semester 2 to the students. Similar to the overview given at the start of Semester 1, the overview for Semester 2 will provide both students and parents details of the various topics/chapters/skills that would be taught and assessed for the various subjects. Parents will be able to access the subject overviews on the school website at <a href="https://jurongwestsec.moe.edu.sg/parents/resources-for-parents">https://jurongwestsec.moe.edu.sg/parents/resources-for-parents</a> from 29 June onwards. Please do note that access to the webpage will require parents' password, which was previously communicated to you via Parent's Gateway Announcement on 29 May.

6. Taking reference from the national posture for Phase 2 as well as in adherence to the guidelines provided to schools by the Ministry of Education (MOE), please take note of the following wef 29 June:

### a) Physical Education (PE) Lessons

All social distancing and safe management measures will continue to be enforced. Group drills and small-sided games that involve minimal physical contact, such as badminton, basketball and volleyball, will be allowed with a limit of five per group and strict adherence to SMM. All PE lessons will be conducted in strict compliance to the guidelines provided by MOE for the conduct of PE lessons in school to safeguard the well-being of students and teachers.

### b) Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs)

CCA activities which are essential elements of school experiences and which students miss very much will be gradually brought back. As per current arrangements, online CCAs (conducted once a week according to the schedule given to you earlier) will continue. CCA sessions in school with the necessary precautions in place are scheduled to resume wef Monday, 13 July (Week 7, Term 3). This is **tentative** and depends on the national situation at that time. The school will keep you updated on this.

### c) Remedial Lessons and Consultations

In line with MOE's guidelines, Secondary 4/5 students have already commenced their remedial lessons and consultation with teachers since 22 June.

For Secondary 1-3 students, remedial lessons and consultations with subject teachers will commence wef 29 June. Subject teachers will be informing your child/ward if he/she needs to attend the remedial lessons after curriculum time. Do contact your child's Form Teachers should you require further details on this.

All necessary social distancing and safe management measures would continue to be strictly observed for the above lessons and sessions.

### d) <u>Je Wel Programme</u> (only for students involved in the JeWel programme)

The JeWel Programme, with the various social distancing and safe management measures in place, is scheduled to resume wef Monday, 13 July (Week 7, Term 3). This is **tentative** and depends on the national situation at that time. The school will keep you updated on this.

e) MOE Centre-Based Lessons (only for students involved in Centre-Based Lessons)
MOE Centre-Based lessons (including NTIL Weekend Centres and ISPP) will resume
lessons in full classes for all levels from Monday, 29 June in line with students from all
levels returning to school, with safe management measures in place.

### f) School-Based Assessment Matters

Details related to School-Based Assessment such as Class Test (Unweighted), Common Test and End of Year Examinations including the removal of topics/chapters from the scope of the End of Year Examinations (EYE) were communicated to you in our letter dated 19 June. As indicated in the letter, you may access the details of the topics/chapters removed from the EYE for content-based subjects on the school website at <a href="https://jurongwestsec.moe.edu.sg/parents/resources-for-parents">https://jurongwestsec.moe.edu.sg/parents/resources-for-parents</a>. Please do note that access to the webpage will require parents' password, which was previously communicated to you via Parent's Gateway Announcement on 29 May.

### g) External Activities

All external activities conducted outside school, such as Learning Journeys, continue to remain suspended till further notice. The school will keep you updated should there be any changes to this.

## h) <u>Meet the Parents Session (MPS) in the middle of or at the end of Term 3 (Face-to-face and/or virtual)</u>

We were unable to have the annual Mid-Year MPS which is typically scheduled at the end of Term 2. The school will keep you updated on the arrangements for MPS in Term 3.

- 7. Our school will continue to ensure that all social distancing and safe management measures are in place and strictly adhered to, to keep our students and staff safe when they are in school. Some of the key measures, which you are already aware of, include the following:
  - a) All students and staff are required to wear masks at all times.
  - b) All students are to proceed directly to their classroom once they arrive in school and to reduce congestion, students can enter and exit the school via the 4 different school gates.
  - c) Daily temperature-taking with additional visual and question screening will continue to be carried out for all students and staff. In addition, students and staff who are unwell, or who have household members on Home Quarantine Order / Stay Home Notice or have adult household members with flu-like symptoms such as fever and cough, will be required to stay away from school.
  - d) A second temperature taking will be done for all students and staff if they are staying back in school in the afternoons for remedial lessons or consultations.
  - e) The more frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces and daily disinfecting of premises will continue.

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- f) Students will practise frequent hand-washing throughout the school day and practice wipe down of tables and shared equipment after use.
- g) Intermingling across classes and levels will be minimised.
- h) There will be fixed exam-style seating in classrooms and spaced seating in canteens or alternative venues.
- i) Students will continue to follow the recess and lunch timings as indicated in their own class timetable as these are already staggered. The canteen area has been extended and there are markings at the canteen tables/benches to ensure alternate seating. Students are also to practice social distancing while queuing for their food. Please refer to Annex A for the new arrangement on seat allocation in the canteen during recess and lunch.
- j) To reduce congestion during arrival and dismissal, students will arrive and leave school via the 4 designated school gates. We will be staggering dismissal time daily to reduce congestion as detailed in the table below:

### Student Dismissal Time (Monday – Friday)

Secondary 4/5	Secondary 3	Secondary 2	Secondary 1
Students	Students	Students	Students
As per timetable	15 mins after end of	10 mins after end of	5 mins <u>after</u> end of
	last period	last period	last period

Note: <u>Sec 2N1</u> on Wednesdays and <u>Sec 3E1</u> on Fridays will be dismissed as per timetable.

- 8. We have been reminding and will continue reminding students that they should go home immediately after leaving the school premises to minimise any possible exposure to the virus in public places. We seek your support to reinforce the same message to your child/ward.
- 9. We would like to take this opportunity to strongly encourage students to download the TraceTogether Application. TraceTogether is a government initiative to support contact tracing operations of COVID-19. We have included instructions for TraceTogether Application registration in Annex B1-B2 of this letter. You may also wish to visit <a href="https://www.tracetogether.gov.sg/">https://www.tracetogether.gov.sg/</a> for more information.
- 10. Our teachers will continue to monitor the progress of your child/ward and be in regular contact with you. MOE will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation. We urge you to rely on official sources of information and not to circulate any unconfirmed information.

11. Should you require further clarifications of any of the above points, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any one of the following school key personnel:

a.	Mr Rayner Goh at Rayner_GOH@moe.edu.sg Head of Department, Student Development
b	Ms Orry Zhang at <u>zhang_zhihui@moe.edu.sg</u> Year Head 1 (for matters related to Secondary 1 – 3)
С	Ms Amanda Lee at lee si_jie_amanda@moe.edu.sg Year Head 2 (for matters related to Secondary 4 & 5)

- 12. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for your continued trust, patience and understanding. The teachers, staff and I look forward to welcoming all our students back in school on 29 June.
- 13. Parents, students and the school would need to continue to work closely together. Our collective effort, vigilance and cooperation will be important in keeping our schools safe for everyone.
- 14. Let us continue to work together in close partnership to guide and support all our students to do well in school and in life.
- 15. Let us also continue to Stay Safe, Stay Strong and Stay Healthy whilst working together to overcome this challenge as one united people.

#TeamJWSS #SGUnited #wearebehindyou

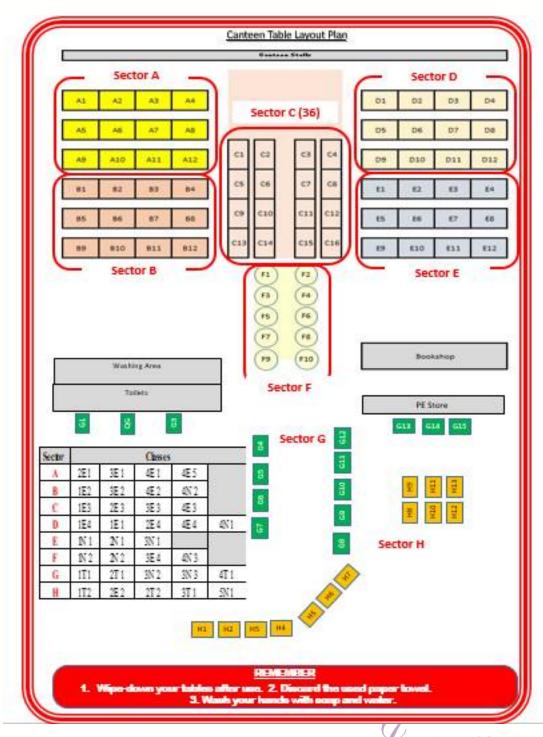
Yours sincerely

Mr Michael Muhunthan

Principal

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#### Annex A



Annex B1

### Protecting you and your loved ones using TraceTogether

If you've been exposed to COVID-19, the TraceTogether app helps the Ministry of Health (MOH) contact you quickly, to guide you on the next steps.



 Scan QR code or go to tracetogether.gov.sg to download the app.

The app is now available in more languages.



2. Launch the app.

The first few pages explain the benefits of using the app.



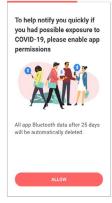
3. Register using your mobile number.

**Enter the One-Time Pin** sent to you via
SMS.



 Select your profile and enter your NRIC/FIN details.

This allows MOH to quickly verify your identity if they need to contact you.



5. Enable Bluetooth.

This allows us to notify you if you have been exposed to COVID-19\*.



6. Set up completed!

Keep your app running and Bluetooth on, until the end of the outbreak!

### TraceTogether, safer together

### Additional Instructions to Students on Registering for TraceTogether

Students should note the following when they start using TraceTogether app:

### For SC/PR students

- 1. At the "Select your profile" screen, select "NRIC", then tap "Proceed".
- 2. Enter your name, followed by your date of birth, and NRIC. Key in your birth certificate number in the NRIC field, and you will not be prompted to key in the date of issue. Check the declaration box, and tap "Next".

### For foreign students

- 1. At the "Select your profile" screen, select "FIN Student's Pass", then tap "Proceed"
- 2. Enter your name, followed by your FIN, and the FIN date of issue. Check the declaration box, and tap "Next".

<sup>\*</sup>Your Bluetooth data is stored securely on your phone, and only shared with MOH if you test positive for COVID-19. The Bluetooth data after 25 days is automatically deleted.

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#### Annex B2

## Why use Trace Together?

Download the contact tracing app¹ to enable quicker detection and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.



Help contact tracers link cases and notify you quickly if you had possible exposure to confirmed COVID-19 cases



The earlier we are alerted and able to take action, the better we protect ourselves and our loved ones



Let's do our part and stop the spread so that we can resume our normal lives

TraceTogether, safer together



For more details, visit tracetogether.gov.sg



Download the app and enable Bluetooth®.

The Bluetooth data stored on your phone after 25 days is auto-deleted.

Jointly developed by:





In support of:



'Your TraceTogether mobile app Bluetooth data is stored securely on your phone. It will only be shared with MOH if you test positive for COVID-19, and solely used for the purpose of contact tracing. Data stored on your phone after 25 days is automatically deleted.

