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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

As Singapore transits into Phase 2 post-Circuit Breaker, pupils from all levels will return to school daily from 29 June 2020. We will continue to adhere to Safe Management Measures to keep our students and staff safe. Our teachers will continue to remind the pupils on the such as temperature-taking, hand washing, wipe down, safe-distancing and wearing of face masks or face shields.

Our focus for the next few weeks will be on re-integrating of our pupils into school life and its routines before gradually returning to the normal intensity of teaching and learning. Do let your child's C4RE teachers know if your child requires any support in managing the transition.

I would like to take this opportunity to seek your continued support in working together to remind our children on the importance of personal responsibility so that they can return to school in a safe manner. Following are some important information on the transition into Phase 2 and Safe Management Measures for your noting:

1. Transition into Phase Two

From 29 June 2020, there will be changes to the <u>dismissal</u> and <u>recess</u> timings. A new class timetable will be issued out with these changes in mind.

a. Dismissal timings

- We will continue to stagger dismissal for the various levels, but at a shorter interval to
 minimise too much loss in curriculum time. As per current practice, the main gate (Gate A)
 will open 5 minutes after the first dismissal time. We would like to remind all parents driving
 in to pick your child that no waiting is allowed within the school premises. If you have
 children from different levels, please make arrangements on the timing to pick your child up.
- In view of the different dismissal timing, there will be a designated waiting area in the school
 for pupils to wait for the siblings before they leave the school together. Hence, please
 remind your children to inform their C4RE teachers if they need to wait for their siblings.
 Please note the dismissal timing for the various levels from 29 Jun 2020 onwards:

Levels	Days	Timing
P1	Mon-Thu	12.45pm
	Fri	12.30pm
P2	Mon-Thu	12.55pm
	Fri	12.40pm
P3	Mon-Thu	1.15pm
	Fri	1.00pm
P4	Mon-Thu	1.05pm
	Fri	12.50pm
P5	Mon-Thu	1.25pm
	Fri	1.10pm
P6	Mon-Thu	1.30pm
	Fri	1.15pm

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b. Recess timings

- We would like to continue to decongest the canteen and minimize intermingling. Hence, we will continue to have 1 level per recess slot.
- P1 and P2 pupils will stay in class during their recess. Pupils are strongly encouraged to bring packed food from home. There will be in-class relaxation and down time to allow pupils to have the conducive environment to rest and recharge. Pupils who are unable to bring packed food will be given time to purchase finger food/dry food such as bread, buns and rice set from the canteen and bring the purchased food back to class for consumption. Do allow your child to bring lunchbox for his/her purchase from the canteen.

c. Snack break timings

Levels	Snack break timing
Primary 1-5	12.05pm
Primary 6	9.00am

2. Safe Management Measures in WSPS

We are grateful that you have worked hand in hand with us in the implementation of Safe Management Measures so that our school remains a safe and conducive environment for all students.

We would like to highlight a few key safe management measures that we should all observe:

- If your child is feeling unwell (e.g. sore throat, fever or cough), please see a doctor and
 do not send him/her to school. If diagnosed with Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI), pupils
 13 years and above will be prioritised for COVID-19 testing, while pupils 12 years and
 below will be assessed by the doctor as to whether a test is required.
- If there are any adult-household members (18 years and above) unwell with flu-like symptoms, inform the school and keep your child at home. Ensure that the unwell adult household member seeks medical treatment promptly. For pupils staying at home, please be assured that the school will continue to support them in their learning. Your vigilance and cooperation are important in keeping our schools safe for all.
- As shared in the earlier In-Link, we will continue to strengthen these measures based on key safe management principles as follows:

Key principles	Examples of Measures	
Ensuring social responsibility is practiced	 Staying away when unwell: Students will be reminded to stay at home if they or any adult member in the same household are unwell. Visual screening at gates and classrooms Temperature taking Wipe Down routines Wearing of masks/shields properly Practise safe distancing of at least 1m 	
Minimising inter-mingling between groups	 Fixed cluster/exam-styled seating In mixed classes, form class groups to be spaced further from others. 	

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Decongesting venues and maintaining safe distancing		Staggered recess timings/pack food from home Staggered dismissal timings
Ensuring good personal hygiene is practiced		Washing hands with soap and water regularly Enhanced CCE lessons on personal hygiene and social responsibility

3. eCCA Plans for Term 3

- In tandem with the Back-to-School plans, we will be exploring alternative modes of delivery of CCA to bring back other key essential elements of school activities, including the delivery of CCA via digital means (eCCA).
- Meaningful and engaging online learning experiences, synchronous, asynchronous, or a blend of both, will be provided to achieve relevant CCA learning outcomes. The pupils can look forward to experience these eCCA sessions in the second part of Term 3, every Wednesday afternoon between 5 Aug 2020 to 2 Sep 2020.
- More information will be provided by the CCA teachers closer to the date.

Examples of eCCA lesson package:

One-hour lesson package for hybrid of synchronous and asynchronous learning		One-hour lesson package for <u>fully</u> <u>asynchronous</u> learning
Live streaming of demonstration/teaching that lasts 30 min and follow up tasks for students that are to be completed in 30 min for submission.	or	A pre-recorded video and/or PowerPoint content that lasts 30 min and follow up tasks for students that are to be completed in 30 min for submission.

4. P6 Mock Practice and Prelim Oral dates (revised)

Due to the recent announcement of Polling Day on 10 July, there will be changes to the dates for P6 mock practice and prelim oral dates. Please see below.

P6 Mock Practice	Term 3 Week 5 to Week 6 (2 July – 9 July)
P6 Prelim English and Mother Tongue Oral (to be carried out after curriculum hours. More details will be given to your child nearing the date)	Term 3 Week 7 (13 July to 15 July)

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5. Racial Harmony Week

The school will be commemorating Racial Harmony week from 13 to 17 July 2020. The theme 'Multicultural Singapore' reminds all of us that people in our nation are treated equally regardless of race and religion. Students are encouraged to participate actively in the activities line up for the week. Through the activities, we hope that students will appreciate the different cultures that make up Singapore.

6. **Growing Years Series**

Sexuality Education is delivered in a holistic manner through the school curriculum via The Growing Years (GY) Programme.

The Growing Years (GY) package, "Curious Minds (2^{nd Edition})", aims to meet students' developmental needs, give emphasis to the teaching of skills and values, and focus on helping students navigate *changes*, build healthy *relationships*, especially online relationships, and exercise *safety*.

The GY Programme will be delivered by trained teachers on <u>08 July 2020 and 29 July 2020 during curriculum hours for Primary 6 students</u>. Parents who wish to opt their children out of the Growing Years programme need to complete an opt-out form. A hardcopy of the form, duly completed and signed, is to be submitted to the school office by a given date. More details would be given.

7. Primary 4 Parents' Briefing

The school will be engaging P4 parents on matters such as Subject-based Banding (to provide students with the opportunity to take a combination of subjects at standard and foundation levels at P5 and P6) and the changes to the PSLE Scoring and Secondary One Posting which would take effect from 2021. The scheduled date is 21 August 2020.

Please note that the briefing would be conducted online, via video-conferencing. Parents will receive the video-conferencing details via PG at a later time.

In the meantime, more information can be found at the following websites shown below.



https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle/

MOE Microsite for information on Changes to the PSLE Scoring and Secondary One Posting from 2021



https://beta.moe.gov.sg/primary/curriculum/subject-based-banding/

MOE Microsite for information on Subject-based Banding (SBB) for primary school

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8. PSLE Briefing for P6 Parents

The school will be having the PSLE Briefing for Parents of P6 pupils to provide them with information to understand PSLE better and to establish a Home-School Partnership in supporting pupils prepare for PSLE. The scheduled dates by class are:

Parents of Classes	Date of Video-Conferencing sessions
6A, 6B	8 July (Wed)
6C, 6D	16 July (Thur)
6E, 6F, 6G	17 July (Fri)

Please note that the sharing will be **conducted online in 2 parts**:

- a. Slides on 'How to support your child better' that will be uploaded in SLS for your prereading.
- b. Video conferencing Question & Answer (Q & A) session with the School Leaders and Heads of Department.

Parents will receive more details regarding the PSLE briefing via PG.

9. Youth Day

Please note that 6 July (Monday) is Youth Day and there will be no school. Pupils will return to school on 7 July (Tuesday)

Thank you for your kind attention and understanding.

Your partner-in-education,

Ms Audrey Wong Principal

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