



GUANGYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCHOOL REOPENING

Welcome back to the second semester of 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about many changes to our lives. As we transit towards some form of normalcy, we want to thank you for your partnership in the light of the evolving COVID-19 situation in Singapore. Please take some time to read the following information on the measures put in place for school re-opening come 2 June 2020.

1. Revised Academic Calendar and Blended Learning Schedule for Term 3 Week 1 to 4

With the school holidays brought forward to 5 May 2020 in response to Multi-Ministry Taskforce's decision to extend the Circuit Breaker (CB) period till 1 June 2020, the revised academic calendar is as follows:

2 June 2020	Start of Term 3
20 July 2020 to 26 July 2020	Mid-term break
6 September 2020	End of Term 3

With the end of the Circuit Breaker period on 1 June 2020, we will progressively bring students back to school from 2 June 2020 (Term 3), in a careful and safe manner.

For a start, **students from Primary 6 will attend school daily from Mondays to Fridays. Students from Primary 1 to 5 will rotate weekly between Home-Based Learning (HBL) and returning to school for lessons.** Please refer to the table below for the weekly rotation schedule.

Week	Dates	In-School	HBL
T3W1	2 to 5 June	Primary 4, 5, 6	Primary 1, 2, 3
T3W2	8 to 12 June	Primary 1, 2, 3, 6	Primary 4, 5
T3W3	15 to 19 June	Primary 4, 5, 6	Primary 1, 2, 3
T3W4	22 to 26 June	Primary 1, 2, 3, 6	Primary 4, 5

From Term 3 Week 5, we will work towards bringing all students back to school daily, if the situation permits. MOE will monitor the situation closely and we will inform all parents in due course.

2. Safe Management Measures

Schools will ensure that safe management measures are in place to keep our students safe:

- 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 have adult household members on home quarantine / Stay Home Notice or have flu-like symptoms such as fever and cough, will be required to stay away from school.
- Schools will clean high-touch surfaces more frequently and disinfect the premises daily.
- Students and staff are required to wear their masks or face shields.
- Students will practise frequent hand-washing throughout the school day and practise wipe down of tables and shared equipment after use.
- Intermingling across classes and levels will be minimised.
- There will be fixed exam-style seating in classrooms and spaced seating in canteens or alternative venues.
- Schools will also stagger arrival, dismissal and recess timings to reduce congestion, if needed.

(a) Personal Care Routine

Please ensure that your child/ward brings his/her **thermometer** every day. We recommend that a **spare face mask** kept in a clean zip lock or resealable bag be packed as well (disposable face masks are available for sale at the school bookshop at \$0.60 per piece).

We will be issuing a **new microfiber cloth** to all students for the **daily wipe-down routine** to be carried out in class. To inculcate **personal ownership**, students will be responsible in keeping the cloth clean by rinsing after each use* and bringing it home on the last school day of the week for laundering. We seek **your partnership** in ensuring your child/ward does so and brings the **fresh cloth back to school on every Monday**.

* Teachers will be providing guidance in the process.

(b) Staggered Dismissal Timing

Please take note of the **staggered dismissal timings** for GYPS for **Week 1 to 4:**

Week	Level	Dismissal
W1 & W3	Primary 4	1.15 pm
	Primary 5	1.20 pm
	Primary 6	1.30 pm
W2 & W4	Primary 1 & 2	1.15 pm
	Primary 3	1.20 pm
	Primary 6	1.30 pm

Students taking the school bus home will be supervised by staff at the school foyer until they board the buses from 1.30pm. Siblings who are dismissed across different timeslots and are making their own way home together will be held at the school foyer until the last sibling is dismissed.

(c) Dismissal Points

As part of social distancing measures, **students will be dismissed from school at the following designated gates:**

Level	Gate
Primary 1, Primary 3 and Primary 5	Gate A
Primary 2, Primary 4 and Primary 6	Gate B

(d) Transportation by School Bus – School-appointed Operator

Students will be visually screened by the school bus operators before boarding the bus during the morning pick-up. Therefore, if your child/ward is unwell or staying with adult family members with flu-like symptoms, he/she should stay at home. Your child/ward will be required to wear a mask or shield while on the school bus. Students are assigned seats and are discouraged from talking or interacting with each other.

Parents with their own private school bus arrangements should ensure that similar measures are put in place by the private bus operator.

3. **Timetable for Term 3, Home-Based Learning (HBL) Details and Afternoon Lessons**

The timetable for Term 3 will follow that of Term 2. Students are also to observe the same timetable during HBL by logging into Student Learning Space (SLS) for instructions to the respective periods.

The HBL school day will start at 7.30 am with Form Teacher Interaction via the Zoom platform. Lessons for HBL may also involve sessions via Zoom. Should you require technical assistance, you may make your request through gypspd@yahoo.com or call the helpline at 62508713.

Afternoon lessons will resume progressively from Week 2. You will be advised separately if your child/ward is involved.

4. **Physical Education and Co-Curricular Activities**

To ensure that our students remain active and keep healthy, **Physical Education (PE)** lessons will resume when they return to school, with strict adherence to safe management measures.

Students will wear their masks to the venue. During PE lessons, the students will not be required to wear their masks when engaged in strenuous physical activities such as running and workouts. **Please prepare a zip lock or resealable bag marked with your child's/ward's name for his or her use to keep the mask away during the PE lesson.**

According to the guidelines shared, **National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA)** will be cancelled this year

Co-curricular Activities (CCAs) will continue to be **suspended** until further notice while the school explores alternative methods of CCA delivery where viable.

5. Hari Raya Puasa Celebrations

The school will be celebrating Hari Raya Puasa on **Wednesday, 3 June 2020**. Pri 4 to 6 students are encouraged to report to school in their traditional/ethnic costume or clothing which they wear for festive occasions. Students will only be dismissed at the end of the school day.

6. School-based Student Care Centres (SCC)

SCC will resume operations from 2 June 2020 for all levels of students in primary schools, with fixed groupings and required standards of hygiene. If you are unable to secure alternative care arrangements during HBL days and both parents have to return to work, please approach the school for assistance.

7. Cancellation of National School Games

All **National School Games** competitions for 2020 will be cancelled, as there is insufficient time to complete the season within the school calendar. In addition, students would not be adequately prepared for the competitions due to lack of training.

Our teachers will continue to monitor the progress of your child/ward and be in regular contact with you and your child/ward to provide support during this transition. 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. If you have any further queries, please contact your child's/ward's Form Teacher or the General Office at 62580455. Our Termly Letter will be issued when school reopens.

Thank you and keep safe!

Yours faithfully,



Mr Vimalenthiran Vijayasingam
Principal