

Greendale Secondary School

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23 June 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

RESUMPTION OF SCHOOL IN TERM 3

 We trust that your child/ward has had a safe and meaningful school holiday. As Singapore moves into Phase 3 (Heightened Alert) with gradual easing of community Safe Management Measures (SMMs), we will progressively bring students back to school from 28 June 2021 in a careful and safe manner. We will share this letter with your child /ward through their Class Mentors today too.

Arrangements for Resumption of Classes

- 2. From 28 June 2021, our Secondary 3 to 5 students will return to school daily. Secondary 1 and 2 students will be on Home-Based Learning (HBL) till Wednesday, 30 June 2021, and will return to school from Thursday, 1 July 2021.
- 3. To provide students with time and support to re-acclimatise to school life, we will be using the **Semester 1 Timetable for the first week of school**. Students are also familiar with the current Timetable and teaching and learning routines.
- 4. Students will follow their Semester 2 timetable from Term 3 Week 2 onwards, and can download their Semester 2 timetables from 30 June 2021 for reference from the school website under "Announcements". For Secondary 1 and 2 students, their personalised timetables will be distributed in school on 1 July 2021.
- 5. Similar to arrangements during Full Home-Based Learning (HBL), Secondary 1 and 2 students on HBL will undertake a combination of online and offline learning, based on MOE guidelines. An overview of all learning for the day will be available at <u>https://go.gov.sg/hbl-assignments</u> by 2359 hrs the day before. Detailed lesson guides will also be available on SLS, including for offline work. Similarly, Class Mentors will be engaging your child/ward daily in the morning during the Full HBL period.
- 6. To welcome our students back and help ensure they are well-prepared for the resumption of school, we have planned the following readiness checks and programmes below:

Level	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Sec 1-2	HBL	HBL	HBL	All Back to School	
	<u>CCE Periods from</u> 0830hrs (Zoom)		<u>Assembly from</u> 0740hrs (Zoom)	<u>Class Mentor Time till</u> <u>8:30am</u>	Youth Day Celebration (Normal
	-Principal's sharing & Back to School Briefing with SMM updates		-Briefing on Youth Day Celebration	-Issuance of results slips and Semester 2 timetable	School Hours)

Sec 3 - 4/5	CCE Periods from 0830hrs (Zoom)	Only for Sec 4 and 5	Assembly from 740hrs (Zoom)	Class Mentor Time till 8:30am	Youth Day Celebration (Normal
	-Principal's sharing & Back to School Briefing with SMM updates	- Issuance of Results Slips	- Briefing on Youth Day Celebration	(Sec 3) -Issuance of results slips and Semester 2 Timetable (Sec 4/5) -National Examinations Briefing for Listening Comprehension and Oral -Issuance of Semester 2 Timetable	School Hours)

7. The school will commence e-CCA in Term 3 Week 2. In-person CCA will resume from Term 3 Week 3, with adherence to national safe management guidelines.

Safeguarding the Well-being of All Students

- 8. The school will implement prevailing Safe Management Measures (SMMs) and continue to enforce the use Trace-Together Only SafeEntry. Students are to have TraceTogether Token or Application (Activated) with them when in school as part of nationwide contact tracing effort.
- 9. In view that the current COVID-19 variants are more transmissible, we strongly encourage staff and students to use masks with high Bacterial Filtration Efficiency (BFE). These include 3-ply surgical masks and 2-layer reusable masks with filter insert.
- 10. To keep the school safe and open, we continue to seek the support and understanding parents and guardians on the implementation of the following measures:
 - a. Students who are unwell (with symptoms of Acute Respiratory Infection) and/or registered a trigger temperature of 37.6 and above will be sent home.
 - b. Students who are unwell are to stay at home and seek immediate medical attention.
 - c. **[UPDATED revised age band]** Students staying in the same household as <u>individuals (6 years and above)</u> with flu-like symptoms will be placed on Approved Absence (AA) and be required to stay at home **until the unwell household member's COVID-19 test result (ART or PCR) is reported to be negative.**
 - d. **[NEW]** If household members of students have to undergo <u>mandatory</u> testing due to a **COVID-19 cluster**, they will be placed on AA and required to stay at home until the individual's COVID-19 test result (ART or PCR) is reported to be negative. *This does not include students with household members who are healthcare workers and other sectors who undergo rostered routine testing.*
 - e. **[NEW]** For students who have been on MC due to flu-like symptoms and are unable to produce evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result (ART or PCR) by the end of their MC, they will be placed on AA for a further 5 days after the date of expiry of their MC.

- 11. The school would like to thank parents and guardians for supporting the vaccination programme for students. The school has registered a high take-up rate of more than 90%. To encourage more students to come on board this vaccination programme, we will continue to engage parents who have missed the earlier opportunities to sign up.
- 12. You can look forward to our Term 3 Information Sheet to parents on 28 June 2021. Highlights will include updates on both academic and co-curricular programmes, as well as information on key school events.
- 13. Should you require clarifications, please contact respective Year Heads or the General Office at 6315 8616, or email the school (<u>greendale_ss@moe.edu.sg</u>)

Stay safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely

Ms Amy Ng Principal