YIO CHU KANG SECONDARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Arrangement for School after Circuit Breaker

The Circuit Breaker period will end on 1 June 2020. MOE has announced a controlled approach to bring students back to school from 2 June 2020 (Term 3), in a careful and safe manner. In this spirit, our school has made arrangements which are described here.

1. Weekly Rotation Schedule

Students from **Secondary 4 and 5** will attend school daily from Mondays to Fridays.

Students from **Secondary 1 to 3** will rotate weekly between Home-Based Learning (HBL) and returning to school for lessons. The table below illustrates the weekly rotation schedule for the first four weeks.

Week	In-School	Home-based Learning (HBL)
T3W1	Secondary 1, 2, 4 & 5	Secondary 3
T3W2	Secondary 3, 4 & 5	Secondary 1, 2
T3W3	Secondary 1, 2, 4 & 5	Secondary 3
T3W4	Secondary 3, 4 & 5	Secondary 1, 2

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

2. Safety Management Measures in School

We would like to assure you that the school will ensure that safe management measures are in place to keep our students and staff 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 who 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.

- High-touch surfaces will be cleaned more frequently and the premises disinfected daily.
- Students and staff are required to wear their masks or face shields.
- Students will practise frequent hand-washing throughout the school day. They will also 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.
- Students' arrival, dismissal and recess timings will be staggered to reduce congestion.

3. Physical Education (PE) Lessons, NAPFA and National School Games

To ensure that our students remain active and keep healthy, we will resume **PE lessons** when they return to school, with strict adherence to safe management measures. During PE lessons, students and PE teachers will not be required to wear masks when engaged in strenuous physical activities such as running and workouts.

Given that students may not be sufficiently prepared physically, the **National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA)** this year will be cancelled.

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.

4. Mid-Year GCE O Level Mother Tongue Language Examinations

These national MTL examinations take place from 18 to 19 June 2020. We will put in place the necessary safe management measures to ensure that the examinations are carried out with well-being of both staff and students in mind.

Candidates will be required to wear masks or face shields during these examinations. They do not need to attend school in the morning. They may come to school directly from home for the examination. Candidates will be briefed nearer the date about the actual reporting time. Another letter will be issued to give more details about this event.

To reduce the risk of possible transmission, students on Home Quarantine Order, Stay-Home Notice and Leave of Absence will not be allowed to sit for these examinations. In addition, those who are on medical leave or unwell with flu-like symptoms (such as fever or coughing) will not be allowed to sit for the examinations. They will take the year-end examinations instead. SEAB will apply an established procedure to derive a subject grade for students who miss these examinations due to valid reasons.

5. Advice to all students who are returning to school – Handling your mask

1. Bring a small re-sealable bag to keep your mask in.

As the mask will be taken off to eat or drink or for PE lessons, students are expected to bring a small re-sealable bag to keep the mask in temporarily. Write your name and class on the bag.

2. Bring a spare mask.

Some students may perspire more than others. Or, depending on lesson activities, some students may wish to change the mask to a cleaner one.

3. Disposing your mask in school.

If you are using a surgical mask and wish to dispose it in order to use a fresh one, please do not throw it into the wastepaper basket in the classrooms. Throw your used disposable mask in the bin found in the toilets.

6. Keep in Touch

Our teachers will continue to monitor the progress of your child and be in regular contact with you and your child 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 our Year Heads:

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- Year Head Lower Sec: Ms Kelly Cho 64560669 ext. 205

Thank you and keep safe!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Carol Lim Principal