



# YIO CHU KANG SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians

## **WELCOME & GREETINGS FOR 2021!**

Welcome to the start of the new school year! And to the parents/guardians of our new Secondary 1 students, a warm welcome to our Yio Chu Kang Secondary School (YCKSS) family. We hope your child/ward had a good start in week 1 and is looking forward to another exciting year of learning and growth.

### **1. SEMESTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

We would like to keep you updated on the key events, programmes and school holidays that will take place this semester. Please refer to the calendar of events from our school website: <https://yiochukangsec.moe.edu.sg/others/calendar>



### **2. SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

As we are now in Phase 3, we would like to assure you that the following MOE safe management measures continue to be in place to keep all 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.
- 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. They will be placed on Approved Absence and are required to stay at home for the duration of the household member's medical leave or until the adult is informed of a negative COVID-19 swab result.
- High-touch surfaces will be cleaned more frequently and the premises disinfected daily.
- Students and staff are required to wear their masks at all times unless engaged in physical activities such as PE or sports CCA. In such cases, there are also strict guidelines restricting interaction.
- 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.

### **3. COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS**

As part of the school's overall digitalisation efforts, **all letters and consent forms will be sent to you via the Parents Gateway (PG) app in 2021** and no hardcopy will be issued unless requested. The PG app will also be used for other purposes, including the booking of timeslot for Parent-Teacher e-Conference and getting parents' consent for activities and programmes.

We would like to encourage you to download and install the app on your mobile phone, and sign in with your SingPass, if you have not already done so. Please also turn on notifications for the PG app and read/acknowledge the latest announcements/consent forms when notified. For parents/guardians who are not eligible to apply for SingPass, hardcopy of the correspondences will continue to be sent to you via your child/ward. For clarifications and assistance, please contact Mr Desmond Pang (HOD ICT) at 6456 0669 (ext. 115).

#### 4. PARENTS ENGAGEMENT VIA LIVE WEBINAR (SECONDARY 1 TO 3)

Parents / guardians of Secondary 1 to 3 students are strongly encouraged to join us online for our Live Webinar via Zoom on **23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 (Saturday)** to allow us to share some important information with you. You will be able to meet our Principal, Vice-Principals and Key Personnel on the following matters:

Time	Agenda	Remarks
9:00am – 9:10am	<b>Opening Address</b> by Principal, Mrs Carol Lim	For all Sec 1 to 3
9:10am – 10:15am	<b>National Digital Literacy Programme &amp; YCKSS Digital Education Programme Briefing</b> by HOD ICT, Mr Desmond Pang	For all Sec 1 to 3
10:15am – 11:30am	<b>Secondary School Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assessment Policy &amp; Subject Based Banding by Vice-Principal, Mr Kevin Lim</li><li>• CCA Briefing by HOD/PE &amp; CCA, Ms Irene Heng</li><li>• Student Development &amp; Support by HOD Student Management, Mr David Goh</li><li>• Applied Learning Programme &amp; Learning for Life Programme by Year Head (Lower Sec), Ms Kelly Cho</li><li>• Q&amp;A Session by Vice-Principal, Ms Sarah Abdullah</li></ul>	For Sec 1 students only

More details will be sent to all Sec 1 to 3 parents/guardians on **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021** via Parents Gateway on how you can register for the Live Webinar.

#### 5. TERM 1 WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT

The school conducts Weighted Assessment (WA) between **Weeks 6 to 8 during Term 1**. This allows students to better pace their learning and enhance students' learning experiences. Weighted assessments can take different forms for different subjects: Class Tests, Projects, Coursework or Assignments.

Information regarding the schedule for Weighted Assessments will be available on our school website by **25<sup>th</sup> January 2021** at: <https://yiochukangsec.moe.edu.sg/our-family/students/assessment-information-n-schedules>

You will also find details on Assessment Matters in the Student Handbook 2021 in pages 29 to 36.

#### 6. SNACK BREAK

To ensure the well-being of our students, students may take a snack break within curriculum time on Mondays to Thursdays. The snack break is at 12 noon. Students are encouraged to bring healthy snacks that are nutritious and easily consumed in class e.g. sandwiches, muesli bars.

## 7. 3-DAY LEVEL CAMP

All students will be participating in a non-residential 3-day Level Camp based on the Level Themes:

Sec 1 (Discovery)

Sec 2 (Synergy)

Sec 3 (Resilience)

Sec 4&5 (Future-ready)

The respective level camps will held in Week 9 of Term 1 on **3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021** during curriculum time. The level camps aim to foster closer bonding among students as a class, strengthen attitudes and skills such as teamwork, resilience and empathy through team-based activities. More information will be given in February.

## 8. Photography and Videography at School Events

As part of YCKSS outreach and engagement with parents, photographs and videos are taken at school events and may be published on our school's official media platforms. Please notify your child's/ward's Form Teacher in writing if you do not wish to grant such permission.

We look forward to your partnership in support of your child's / ward's education.

For any clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact our Year Heads if you have any queries.

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

Yours sincerely



Mrs Carol Lim  
Principal