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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back to Semester 2. In tandem with the country's phased approach to resuming normal activities, we will be implementing several management measures to keep our school environment safe and conducive for everyone. Listed in this letter are the measures that we will be putting in place in Term 3. We would like to seek your cooperation to work with us to ensure that we keep COVID-19 away from our school, and to remind your child/ward to always comply with the many safe management measures put in place over the coming weeks.

1. Phased-in approach to school re-opening in Term 3

Students from Secondary 3 to 5 will attend school from Monday, 28 Jun onwards while students from Secondary 1 and 2 will have Full Home Based Learning from Monday, 28 Jun to Wednesday, 30 Jun. Secondary 1 and 2 students will report back to school on Thursday, 1 Jul.

2. Flag Raising Ceremony and Temperature-Taking

Students will continue to proceed directly to their classrooms when they arrive in school for the flag-raising ceremony. Visual screening and temperature-taking will be conducted daily after pledge-taking. Please ensure that your child/ward carries a functioning ODT daily for this purpose. A second temperature-taking exercise is conducted in the afternoon for students attending afternoon activities. All mass assemblies are suspended until further notice. In addition, your child/ward must have either the TraceTogether token or app with them to facilitate accurate contact tracing, should the need arise.

3. Safe Distancing During Recess Times

Sec 1 students will continue to have their recess in their classrooms. They are strongly encouraged to bring their own containers and utensils from home to pack food bought from the canteen as we want to cut down the use of disposable containers. The canteen has been marked out for safe distancing during queuing and in the seating areas. Please advise your child/ward to refrain from talking and socialising while eating.

4. Fixed Exam-Style Seating and Wipe-Down Routines

Students will be seated individually in exam-style seating in classrooms. Group discussion (no more than 5) will be allowed from Term 3 Week 2 onwards. Students will continue practicing wipe-down routines in the classrooms and special rooms such as Science labs and workshops. Students have been issued a piece of cloth for wipe-down last semester, kindly remind your child/ward to bring it when term begins.

5. Face Masks

It is mandatory for your child/ward to wear a face mask when he/she steps out of the home, and they are expected to wear their face mask throughout the time that they are in school (except during meal times). Failure to comply will result in school disciplinary consequences. It is recommended that students use high filtration masks (BFE \geq 95%) e.g. surgical masks, Temasek Foundation masks. Face shields are no longer allowed.

6. Physical Education (PE) Lessons

To ensure that our students remain healthy and active, PE lessons will resume in Term 3 Week 1 with individual activities only and strict adherence to safe management measures. During PE lessons, students will not be required to wear masks when engaging in strenuous physical activities. As such, we strongly advise

your child/ward to bring a plastic bag/Ziploc bag to store their face masks hygienically during PE lessons. Wipe-down routines will apply to equipment used during PE. Group PE activity will resume from Term 3 Week 3 onwards. Students can be excused from PE & strenuous activities within a week after their vaccination. Students are to inform their PE teachers at the start of the lesson.

7. Resumption of Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) and Enrichment Activities

Please note that face-to-face CCAs and after-school enrichment activities will be gradually eased in. These activities will resume in Term 3 Week 3 for all Sec 1 - 3 students, subject to prevailing safe management measures.

8. Issuance of Approved Absence (AA) in Term 3

Approved Absence will be issued

- for students staying in the same household as individuals (6 years and above) with flu-like symptoms until COVID-19 test result (ART or PCR) is reported to be negative
- for students or their household members who have to undergo mandatory testing due to a COVID-19 cluster until the individual's COVID-19 test result (ART or PCR) is reported to be negative
- 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, will be placed on AA for a further 5 days after the date of expiry of their MC.

We strongly urge parents and students to play their part by continuing to be socially responsible. If feeling unwell, students should seek medical attention immediately, and not come to school.

9. School-Facilitated Vaccinations

We are heartened by the high take-up rate for Covid Vaccination. For those who have indicated interest to join the school-facilitated vaccination, the first dose will tentatively be from 6-9 July and the second dose 2-6 Aug. Students who have gone for the first jab via NAS need to complete their second jab via NAS and are not eligible for this school-based one. Form Teachers will share details on this when we have the confirmation from MOE.

10. Personal Learning Devices

All our Sec 1 – 3 students have now been issued with their Personal Learning Devices (PLD). All students will need to come to school with their PLDs fully charged every day. When these PLDs are not in use (e.g. during PE or recess), they are to keep their devices in their lockers. We will provide you with updates on the parental control Device Management Application at a later date for parents who would like to have closer monitoring and control of your child's PLDs at home.

With our students' PLDs in hand, students will no longer need their mobile phones with them in the classroom. As such, we want to better manage the use of student mobile phones during lesson time and ensure that their mobile phones do not distract them from their studies. With effect from Semester 2, mobile phones are not to be used during curriculum time, except during recess and lunch break. All mobile phones will have to be switched off and kept in the students' lockers during curriculum time. Students who use their phones during curriculum time will have their phones confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Recalcitrant students will face stiffer consequences – confiscated mobile phones will only be returned to their parents.

11. Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) II – 2 Jul and 9 Jul

We would like to invite Sec 1, 3-5 parents to meet your child's/ward's Form Teachers on Friday, 2 July between 1.30 pm and 6.00 pm for a discussion on your child's/ward's holistic development and progress in Semester 1.

Sec 2 parents will meet your child's/ward's Form Teachers on Friday, 9 July between 1.30 and 6.00 pm instead. In line with SMM, all PTM will be in the form of a phone call or a Zoom video meeting. Parents can register for the PTM via Parent Gateway from 25/6 to 1/7, 12pm [For Sec 1, 3-5] and 1/7 to 7/7, 12pm [For Sec 2].

12. Alumni Achievements

It is also our pleasure to announce that the following Zhenghua alumni have graduated from Ngee Ann Polytechnic with outstanding results. The Diploma with Merit is awarded to the top 10% of the graduates in each cohort.

Name	Course	Award
Phoebe Cheong Qian Ming	Diploma in Financial Informatics	IMDA Gold Medal & Prize Diploma with Merit SAP Prize Diploma Plus: Certificate In Advanced Computing Mathematics, Certificate In Japanese
Yau Cheng Yong Tom	Diploma in Information Technology	Diploma with Merit Diploma Plus: Certificate In Advanced Computing Mathematics
Beh Xin Wei, Glennys	Diploma in Optometry	Diploma with Merit Bausch & Lomb Prize
Ong Beng Soon	Diploma in Accountancy	Diploma with Merit
Ong Hui Min Belinda	Diploma in Business Studies	Diploma with Merit
Ng Sheng Kiat	Diploma in Electrical Engineering	Guthrie Engineering Prize

Our heartiest congratulations to our alumni! We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Here's wishing everyone a safe and smooth-sailing Term 3 ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Eugene Lin
Principal

Key Events for Term 3

Date	Event
28 Jun – 30 Jun	Full Home Based Learning (Sec 1 and 2 students to stay at home)
5 Jul	Youth Day School Holiday
6 Jul	GCE O-Level MTL Listening Comprehension Exam (Please note that all students not sitting for the GCE O-Level MT Listening Comprehension Exam will be dismissed earlier at 1.00 pm)
8 – 16 Jul	GCE O-Level MTL Oral Exams
12 – 16 Jul	GCE N-Level English Language Oral Exams
20 Jul	Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday
21 Jul	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration
22 Jul – 3 Aug	GCE O-Level English Language Oral Exams
23 Jul	Blended Learning Day (Sec 1 to 3 students to stay at home)
26 Jul – 4 Aug	N-Level Prelim Exams
29 Jul – 2 Aug	GCE N-Level MTL Oral Exams
6 Aug	National Day Celebrations in school (Students will be dismissed earlier at 10.00 am after the celebrations)
9 Aug	National Day Public Holiday
10 Aug	Day after National Day (School Holiday)
13 Aug	Blended Learning Day (Sec 1 to 3 students to stay at home)
23 Aug – 1 Sep 13 Sep to 14 Sep	O-Level Prelim Exams
27 Aug	Blended Learning Day (Sec 1 to 3 students to stay at home)
2 Sep	Teachers' Day celebrations in school (Students will be dismissed earlier at 11.00 am after the celebrations)
3 Sep	Teachers' Day School Holiday
4 – 12 Sep	September School Holidays