



# TAMPINES SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Guardian

## **TPSS Circular Term 3 2021**

We thank you for your support and collaboration when the school had to switch to Home-Based Learning (HBL) at the end of Term 2. Your understanding was critical as we responded to the changes brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. As school re-opens for Term 3, the teachers are looking forward to welcome students back to school.

### **1. Update on COVID-19 Safe Management Measures (SMM)**

#### a) Health and safety measures at TPSS

In view of the evolving COVID-19 situation, it is important to continue with precautionary measures to ensure the safety and well-being of our school community. As such, the following measures will be carried out:

- Wearing of masks in school at all times;
- Daily screening and temperature-taking will continue;
- Regular cleaning of high-touch surfaces and disinfection of premises daily;
- Students will practise frequent hand-washing throughout the school day and practise wipe down of tables and shared equipment after use;
- Fixed exam style seating in the classrooms;
- Recess timings to continue supporting segregation of students by cohort level.

Students and staff with Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) symptoms will be required to stay away from school and are advised to see a doctor immediately. Please also be aware of MOE's revised Leave of Absence and Approved Absence policies, which have been shared through Parents Gateway (PG) on 25 June 2021.

#### b) CCA Implementation

To ease the return of the students to school, e-CCAs are to be conducted in Week 1 and Week 2. Based on MOE guidelines, face-to-face CCAs will resume in Week 3.

#### c) Implementation of TraceTogether (TT)

Students should have the TraceTogether App in their phone or the TraceTogether token with them throughout the school day to facilitate accurate contact tracing, should the need arise. Visitors and staff must check in using their TT token or app to be allowed entry into the school. They must have the token or app with them throughout.

### **2. Staggered Return of Students in Week 1**

To ease into full resumption of school when Term 3 begins on Monday (28 June 2021),

- Secondary 3 to 5 students will return to school;
- Secondary 1 and 2 students will be on HBL till Wednesday (30 June 2021) and will return to school on Thursday (1 July 2021).

We encourage parents and guardians to support students by ensuring that they are ready for HBL and/or return to school. The Semester Two Timetable can be found at:

<https://tampinessec.moe.edu.sg/others/students-portal>

It is not compulsory for students to report to school in full uniform. They can wear the school Polo T-shirt or House T-Shirt. Please refer to the Tampines Companion for the attire, grooming and attendance expectations of all students. The Tampines Companion can be found at:

<https://tampinessec.moe.edu.sg/qql/slot/u799/Student%20Companion%202021.pdf>

### **3. Academic Matters in Term 3**

#### a) Structured school assessments

Students will be sitting for the Term 3 Weighted Assessment (Milestone Test) from 2 August to 13 August 2021.

Please note that to facilitate the conduct of the GCE O Level Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension Exam on 6 July 2021 (Tuesday), students will be dismissed at 1 pm.

#### b) Online Mock Sec 3 Subject Combination Selection

The Mock Sec 3 Subject Combination Selection exercise will be from 12 July to 18 July 2021. This is to enable students and parents/guardians to become familiar with the subject combination process and online platform.

Please refer to the letter for Sec 2 parents/guardians issued via PG on 28 June 2021 for further details. Do take the opportunity to have a conversation with your child/ward on selecting subjects that are suitable for him/her based on aptitude and attitude.

### **4. School Communication**

In line with MOE's approach, the school will continue to leverage PG as one of the main means of communicating with parents. Parents are requested to enable push notifications on the PG app to receive timely updates about school events as well as information sent directly by MOE.

If you wish to contact the school for general inquiries, you may call the school at 67835423 or email at [tpss@moe.edu.sg](mailto:tpss@moe.edu.sg). If you wish to inquire specifically about your child's / ward's progress in school, a list of our teacher's email addresses can be found on the school website at <https://tampinessec.moe.edu.sg/our-people/form-teachers>

Please note that, except in emergency situations, teachers may not respond to communication initiated after 6.30 pm until the next working day.

### **In Conclusion**

Annex A contains a summary of the key school events for Term 3. You may also refer to our school website (<http://www.tampinessec.moe.edu.sg>) for the most updated information.

As always, we appreciate your efforts to keep updated on our school programmes and we will continue to work closely with you to achieve the best for all Tampinesians.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Lan Mingjun  
Principal



## Summary of Key School Events in Term Three 2021

Date	Event	Involvement
5 July	Youth Day School Holiday	School closed for the day
6 July	GCE O Level MT & MTB Listening Comprehension Exam	Sec 4E, 4NA (OOS) and 5N students  Sec 1 to 3 students will be dismissed at 1 pm to facilitate conduct of the exam.
20 July	Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday	School closed for the day
2 – 13 August	Milestone Test (Lower Sec)	Sec 1 - 2 students
6 August	National Day School Celebrations	Modified curriculum for the day
9 – 10 August	National Day Public & School Holidays	School closed for the day
2 September	Teachers' Day Celebrations	Modified curriculum for the day
3 September	Teachers' Day School Holiday	School closed for the day
6– 12 September	Term 3 School Break	Students need not come to school unless they have supplementary lessons.