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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome Back to Term 4

1. Keeping TGPS Safe for Students and Staff

We are glad to update that the student and staff who were tested positive at the end of last term are recovering well and should be fit to return to school soon. The small group of students and staff who were identified for quarantine are also fine and they will be back in school early this week.

There is no evidence so far that the cases are linked and more importantly, there is also no evidence of transmission in school.

So thank you for your continued support, cooperation and understanding, as we partner together to keep TGPS open and safe for our students and staff. Please be assured that we have been and will continue to tightly implement safe management measures.

With the recent increase in community cases, MOE has announced a 4-pronged approach that schools will implement:

a) Enhance Testing

We have distributed 3 Antigen Rapid Test (ART) kits to all students, as part of our efforts to further reduce the risk of transmission in schools. Please refer to our PG message ***“National ART Kit Distribution for Students in MOE Primary Schools” (dated 13 Sep 2021)*** for details.

b) Stay Home if Unwell

Please keep your child/ward at home if he/she is unwell or if a household member is undergoing quarantine or required to be in isolation. We have attached the infographics (***Stronger Together – Reminders on Ring-Fencing Measures***) that we have previously shared with you in this PG message for your ease of reference.

c) SMM in School

We will continue to practice and enforce personal hygiene and socially responsible habits in school, e.g. proper mask wearing, safe distancing, cohort recesses, wipe-down routines, staggered dismissal etc. Our students are doing well so far, but do encourage and remind them regularly at home as well.

d) Rapid Isolation and Ring-Fencing

We will continue to rapidly isolate and ring-fence known cases and their close contacts to minimise transmission risks and disruption to the rest of the students, staff and families. This sustainable approach will allow our children to continue learning safely.



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3. PSLE Matters

- a) For the upcoming PSLE, the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) have updated the arrangements so that as many candidates as possible can sit for their papers while keeping candidates and staff safe. P6 parents would have received the PG notification from MOE (dated 28 Aug 2021) regarding these arrangements.
- b) Similar to the arrangements for the 2020 PSLE, schools will be implementing a study break for the P6 cohort prior to the PSLE written examinations to minimise the risk of school-based transmissions and reduce the number of students placed on QO and LOA. Please refer to table below for the duration of the study break.

	Examinations Start Date	Study Break Duration
PSLE	30 Sep (Thurs)	3 Days 27 Sep (Mon) – 29 Sep (Wed)

During the study break, P6 students are strongly encouraged to remain at home to reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19. Our teachers will inform P6 students and parents on the support that we will provide during this period.

Kindly note that the study break will only apply to P6 students. Normal lessons will go on for all other levels.

c) HBL for P1 and P2 Students

As we will be implementing stringent safe management measures during the PSLE examination, more classrooms will be used as examination venues.

As such, Home-Based Learning (HBL) will be conducted for P1 and P2 students on the following dates:

	HBL Days
P1	30 Sep (Thu) – 1 Oct (Fri)
P2	4 Oct (Mon) – 5 Oct (Tues)

We will update P1 & P2 students and parents separately on the HBL arrangements. Normal lessons will go on for all other levels.

If you need any clarifications, please contact us at 6454 8769.

Yours sincerely,

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