

NorthLight School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings from NorthLight School! With the end of the Circuit Breaker period on 1 June 2020, we will progressively bring students back to school from 2 June 2020 (Term 3), in a careful and safe manner.

RESUMPTION OF CLASSES

As our curriculum is vocational in nature, MOE has allowed us to bring students back progressively to allow our students to make full use of the school facilities. All students from Year 4, 5 and 6 will attend school daily starting 2 June. Students from Year 1 to 3 will progressively return to school based on the following schedule. On days when they are not in school, they will learn via Home-Based Learning (HBL).

Table 1: Staggered Return of Levels to School (For NLS only)

Date	Levels in school	Levels doing HBL at home
2 June (Tue)	Year 4 , 5 & 6	Year 1 - 3
3 June (Wed)	Year 3 - 6	Year 1 - 2
4 June (Thu)	Year 2 - 6	Year 1
5 June (Fri) onwards	All	Not applicable

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Schools will ensure that safe management measures are in place to keep our students safe:

- Daily temperature-taking with additional visual and question screening will continue to be carried out for all students and staff. <u>Please ensure your child/ward brings an Oral Digital Thermometer to school</u> on a daily basis.
- While teachers actively look out for students' well-being, please ensure your child practises good personal hygiene and social responsibility. You should take your child to the doctor if he/she is unwell and we would appreciate it that you keep your child at home until he/she recovers.
- Students and staff who are unwell, or who have adult household members (above 18 years of age) on home quarantine / Stay Home Notice or have flu-like symptoms such as fever and cough (and are on MC), will be required to stay away from school. They will be placed on Approved Absence (AA) for the duration of the household member's medical leave. For students to be placed on AA, please provide the FT with a copy of the adult household member's HQQ/SHN notice or medical leave.
- Students and staff are required to wear their masks (preferred) or face shields.
- o Schools will clean high-touch surfaces more frequently and disinfect the premises daily.
- Students will practise frequent hand-washing throughout the school day and practise wipe down of tables and shared equipment after use.
- o 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.
- Schools will also stagger dismissal and recess timings to reduce congestion.
- Please note that <u>Gate 3 (along Balestier Road) will be closed</u> during this period to facilitate temperature screening at Gate 2.

SUSPENSION OF CCAs AND AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Due to the COVID-19 situation, all Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) and after-school enrichment activities will be suspended till further notice. However, schools will be exploring the delivery of CCA via digital means.

SUSPENSION OF INDUSTRY EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAMME

The Industry Experiential Programme (IEP) for Year 4 students will be suspended for the entire term. We will continue to engage our students through our customised in-house IEP. Dismissal time is indicated in Table 2.

CANCELLATION OF NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARD (NAPFA)

To ensure that our students remain active and keep healthy, we will resume Physical Education (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.

CANCELLATION OF NATIONAL SCHOOL GAMES

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.

DISMISSAL TIME

The suspension of CCAs and IEP has resulted in structural changes to the timetable. Hence, all students will be **dismissed at 1:30pm on Thursdays**. This will take effect from Thursday, 4 June. We will resume normal curriculum time once the situation improves. Table 2 below shows the revised school hours during this period.

Table 2: Revised School Hours

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:45am - 3:00pm	7:45am - 3:00pm	7:45am - 3:30pm	7:45am - 1:30pm	7:45am - 12:30pm
Dismissal Time for Y1s and Y2s at				
2:50pm	2:50pm	3:20pm	1:20pm	12:20pm

Students are encouraged to return home upon school dismissal and avoid congregating at crowded places.

NORTHLIGHT ACADEMY

Year 5 and Year 6 students will resume their attachments with the respective organisations when term starts. Students whose attachments have been affected by the Covid-19 situation will return to school for their in-house work attachment. The school will work closely with the respective organisations for all students to resume their attachment once the situation improves.

TERM CALENDAR

As school holidays have been brought forward, the following is the new schedule for Term 3:

Table 3: Term Calendar

Term 3 (Part 1)	2 June- 17 July		
Term 3 Mid-term Holiday	20 July – 24 July		
Term 3 (part 2)	27 July – 4 Sept		
Term 3 Holiday	7 – 11 Sept		
Term 4	14 Sept – 20 Nov		
Term 4 Holiday	23 Nov – 31 Dec		

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. If you have any further queries, please contact the General Office at 65806490.

Thank you and keep safe!

Best Regards,