

28 July 2020



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back from the school break. It has been a challenging school term for all during this phase 2 as we need to adapt to many changes caused by the COVID-19 situation. On behalf of Grace Orchard School, I would like to thank you for the continuous partnership in the education and well-being of your child/ward.

Please take the time to go through this parent letter that will contain all the important information for the 2nd half of Term 3 (27 July – 4 September).

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

The school continues to ensure safe management measures are in place to keep our students safe. We appreciate your continued support to ensure that your child practices good personal hygiene and social responsibility while at home and in public places. We would like to remind all parents/guardians that if your child or any adult household member is unwell with flu-like symptoms such as fever and cough, your child should not go to school. Please inform the teacher when your child or the household member has been referred for COVID-19 testing and the results after that.

SCHOOL RELOCATION

Grace Orchard School will be undergoing a redevelopment of the current school site at 6A, Jurong West Street 52, and to facilitate the expansion plan, GOS will be relocating to a holding site at 170 West Coast Road for an estimated period of 4 years, starting from Semester 2, 2021. We have informed parents through a letter on 9 July and have also posted the details on the school website. The Student Care Centre (SCC) will also be relocated together with the school to provide continuous service to our students. We will provide you with further details on the scheduled date and relocation plans in Semester 1, 2021.

FOR YOUR ACTION

1) School Fees for July to September

The school fee payment date in Term 3 is on **11 Sep, Fri**. For parents/guardians who have not opted for GIRO deduction, or whose applications are unsuccessful, please submit the payment to the General Office via cash/cheque (made payable to **Grace Orchard School A/C 2**).

2) Sale of Uniform

As part of the COVID-19 safety measures, the school uniform supplier (Jeep Sing Fashion) will **NOT** be selling the school uniform in the school. Parents/guardians can visit their retail store or make purchases online (delivery charges apply).

Retail Store	4012 Ang Mo Kio Ave 10, #01-09 Techplace 1 (Singapore 569628) Monday to Friday: 10am to 6pm / Saturday: 10am to 2pm Sunday & Public Holiday: Closed Main Office: +65 6456 3198 (during operating hours) Payment: Cash, NETS, PayNow, DBS PayLah!
Online Purchase	https://jeepsinguniform.com/collections/grace-orchard-school
Note	When out-of-stock occurs, the uniform vendor will contact parents/guardians directly for collection when the stock arrives. For students on the financial assistance scheme , parents/guardians will need to collect the uniform from the retail store. Please bring along the uniform collection form attached to the FAS approval letter for the collection.

UPCOMING SCHOOL PROGRAMME / ACTIVITIES

1) **Youth Hub – No activities for Term 3**

To avoid the intermingling of students, Youth Hub will be closed for Term 3.

2) **28 to 29 July – IMDA Lab On Wheels**

The IMDA Lab On Wheels aims to ignite students' in technology and prepare students to be future-ready digital citizens in a Smart Nation by providing engaging and experiential workshop activities in schools. The activities will be conducted during curriculum time and the classes involved are Love 1 – 7, Peace 1 – 2, Hope 4, Hope 7, Kindness 3 and Victory 7.

3) **29 July – Racial Harmony Day**

We will commemorate Racial Harmony Day in our school on 29 July during curriculum time. It aims to help students appreciate diversity and our school values of 'Love' for others and 'Respect' for the different cultures within Singapore. All students are strongly encouraged to wear their ethnic costumes on that day.

4) **30 July, 13 August and 27 August – Home-Based Learning for Kindness Level**

The school is piloting to include HBL as a regular feature in the GOS curriculum. We are starting with the Kindness level and will roll out to the other levels later.

Date	Thursdays, 30 July, 13 August and 27 August 2020	
Time	7.45 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	
Objectives	Students to be more independent and self-directed in their learning.	
Note to Parents	On HBL days, students from Kindness Level will stay at home to access their Google Classroom (with Google Meet) and follow the HBL Timetable to complete their learning activities as guided by their teachers. The HBL will follow the regular school hours from 7.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., with the last hour being given to them to complete their assignment independently.	
	HBL Timetable	
	7.45 a.m. - 8.00 a.m.	Google Meet–Temperature and attendance-taking
	8.00 a.m. - 9.30 a.m.	Learning Activity 1 as scheduled

	9.30 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.	Recess Break
	10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.	Learning Activity 2 as scheduled
	11.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Completion of Assignments
<p>The teacher may adjust the duration and timing of the Learning Activities; however, the start time of the HBL remains at 7.45 a.m. Thus, it is important to remind and teach your child that HBL Day is still a school day, except that he/she has his/her lessons online at home.</p>		

5) **7 August – National Day Celebration**

Date	Friday, 7 August 2020						
Time	AM Session: 7.30am – 10.00am PM Session: 9.45am – 12.10pm						
Theme	Together, A Stronger Singapore						
Objectives	Students will be able to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience the growth in themselves • Understand the impact of their actions • Know the different places in Singapore 						
Student's Attire	Red t-shirt with school PE shorts or school PE attire (with school skirt for girls)						
Note to Parents	<p>To prevent overcrowding during the dismissal, please take note of the staggered dismissal time if you are fetching your child.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Staggered Dismissal Time</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>AM students</td> <td>10.00am – Kindness and Glory classes 10.10am – Love classes 10.20am – Victory classes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PM students</td> <td>12.10pm – Hope classes 12.20pm – Peace classes 12.30pm – Joy, Love classes 12.40pm – Private Transport</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Staggered Dismissal Time		AM students	10.00am – Kindness and Glory classes 10.10am – Love classes 10.20am – Victory classes	PM students	12.10pm – Hope classes 12.20pm – Peace classes 12.30pm – Joy, Love classes 12.40pm – Private Transport
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6) **3 September – Teachers' Day Celebration**

Date	Thursday, 3 September 2020
Time	AM Session: 7.30am – 10.00am PM Session: 9.45am – 12.10pm
Student's Attire	School uniform

Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide a meaningful platform for students to honour and appreciate the staff • To celebrate and reinforce the school's emphasis on positive teacher-student relationships amongst all staff and students 						
Note to Parents	<p>Please take note of the dismissal time if you are fetching your child.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="598 472 1369 786"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="598 472 783 510"></th> <th data-bbox="783 472 1369 510">Staggered Dismissal Time</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="598 510 783 633">AM students</td> <td data-bbox="783 510 1369 633"> 10.00am – Kindness and Glory classes 10.10am – Love classes 10.20am – Victory classes </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="598 633 783 786">PM students</td> <td data-bbox="783 633 1369 786"> 12.10pm – Hope classes 12.20pm – Peace classes 12.30pm – Joy, Love classes 12.40pm – Private Transport </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Staggered Dismissal Time	AM students	10.00am – Kindness and Glory classes 10.10am – Love classes 10.20am – Victory classes	PM students	12.10pm – Hope classes 12.20pm – Peace classes 12.30pm – Joy, Love classes 12.40pm – Private Transport
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Thank you for taking the time to read all the information in the letter. Please complete and return the acknowledgment slip (Annex A) to your child/ward's class teacher by 30 July, Thursday. We look forward to a fruitful term of collaboration with you for your child/ward's learning and development.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs Lisa Goh
Principal

2020 TERM 3 SCHOOL CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT / ACTIVITY	REMARKS
29 July	Racial Harmony Day Celebration	Lessons as usual
31 July	Public Holiday – Hari Raya Haji	NO school for students
7 August	National Day Celebration AM Session: 7.30am – 10.00am PM Session: 9.45am – 12.10pm	AM students to report by 7.30am PM students to report by 9.45am
10 August	Public Holiday – Day after National Day	NO school for students
3 September	Teachers’ Day Celebration AM Session: 7.30am – 10.00am PM Session: 9.45am – 12.10pm	AM students to report by 7.30am PM students to report by 9.45am
4 September	Scheduled School Holiday – Teachers’ Day	NO school for students
5 – 13 September	Term 3 School Holiday	NO school for students

2020年第三学段校历

日期	事项 / 活动	备注
7月29日	种族和谐日	照常上课
7月31日	公共假日– 哈芝节	学生没有上课
8月7日	国庆日庆祝活动 – 全校联合活动 早上班：7.30am 至10.00am 下午班：9.45am 至12.10pm	所有学生得于早上7.30前抵校
8月10日	公共假日 – 国庆日后一天	学生没有上课
9月3日	教师节庆祝活动 – 全校联合活动 早上班：7.30am 至10.00am 下午班：9.45am 至12.10pm	所有学生得于早上7.30前抵校
9月4日	原定学校假期 – 教师节	学生没有上课
9月5至13日	第三学段学校假期	学生没有上课

KALENDER SEKOLAH UNTUK PENGGAL KETIGA 2020

TARIKH	ACARA / ACTIVITI	CATATAN
29 Julai	Hari Keharmonian Kaum	Sesi pembelajaran seperti biasa
31 Julai	Cuti umum - Hari Raya Haji	Tiada sekolah untuk semua murid
7 Ogos	Perayaan Hari Kebangsaan - Khas untuk murid (sesi AM): 7.30am-10am Khas untuk murid (sesi PM): 9.45am-12.10pm	Murid (sesi AM) laporkan diri pada jam 7.30 pagi Murid (sesi PM) laporkan diri pada jam 9.45 pagi
10 Ogos	Cuti umum – Hari selepas Hari Kebangsaan	Tiada sekolah untuk semua murid
3 September	Perayaan Hari Guru – Khas untuk murid (sesi AM): 7.30am-10am Khas untuk murid (sesi PM): 9.45am-12.10pm	Murid (sesi AM) laporkan diri pada jam 7.30 pagi Murid (sesi PM): Laporkan diri pada jam 9.45 pagi
4 September	Cuti Sekolah – Hari Guru	Tiada sekolah untuk semua murid
5-13 September	Cuti sekolah penggal ketiga	Tiada sekolah untuk semua murid

Please return this Acknowledgement Slip to the Class Teacher by Thursday, 30 July 2020.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP – LETTER TO PARENTS (TERM 3 PART 2 – 2020)

Dear Class Teacher,

I, _____, parent / guardian of _____
(Name of Parent / Guardian) *(Name of Child / Ward)*

of _____ have received and read the letter given by the school.
(Class)

Signature: _____

Date: _____
