

Back to school

Measures will be put in place when schools and pre-schools reopen on June 2 in phases

SCHOOLS

- In the first phase of resuming school on June 2, Primary 6, Secondary 4 and Secondary 5 students will attend school on weekdays.
- The others will alternate one week of school and one week of home-based learning.
- For junior colleges and Millennia Institute, up to half of the students will return to school at any one time.
- For special education schools, students will return from June 2 to June 8.

Entering and leaving

- Everyone entering the school will be screened.
- Visitors will have their temperature taken at the entrance.
- Schools will adopt the SafeEntry system to track visitors, vendors and staff.
- Students will arrive and leave at slightly different times. Staggered timing will minimise congestion, especially on public transport.
- Teachers and students will wear masks or face shields, except when eating or when involved in activities like workouts.

During class

- Assemblies to be held in classrooms.
- Students will take their temperature daily.
- Teachers will check for flu-like symptoms in students.
- Students will sit 1m apart.
- Teachers will wear a face mask or shield when teaching. Students will wear a mask or shield.
- Students will wipe down surfaces and wash their hands before leaving the classroom.
- For physical education (PE) lessons, students and teachers will not need to wear masks when exercising. They will practise safe distancing.
- Equipment will not be shared during PE and will be wiped down at the end of the lesson.

Recess

- Timings will be staggered.
- Canteens will have queue markers and designated seating.
- Primary school pupils encouraged to wear face shields in the canteen when eating and drinking.
- Students will wipe down their area, wash their hands and put on their masks after their meal.



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Other areas in the school

- Common areas will be cleaned frequently.
- High-touch surfaces like railings and door handles will be cleaned regularly.
- To cut down on intermingling, students will play in designated areas within their class.
- They will have to wash their hands with soap and water after playing.



PRE-SCHOOLS

- The Early Childhood Development Agency will work with pre-schools and early intervention centres on the Covid-19 ABCs of keeping children safe.
- A stands for access, B for behaviour and C for classrooms.

Access

- Entry of visitors will be restricted.
- Staff and children who face higher risk of infection (for example, if a household member is under home quarantine) will also have their entry restricted.
- SafeEntry and travel declarations for staff, children and visitors.
- Strict temperature/health checks for all staff and children multiple times a day. Those who are unwell will not be allowed entry.

Behaviour

- Mask/shield to be used by all staff and children aged two years and older.
- Stepped up handwashing and personal hygiene among children and staff.
- Stepped up cleaning and disinfection of premises and equipment, especially high-touch points and items.
- Smaller groups for activities and no mixing between the groups.
- Cross-sharing of materials will be avoided as far as possible and there will be designated key equipment such as seats and cots.



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Classrooms

- Staff and children will be kept within their own bays, floors or classes as far as possible.
- Staggered drop-off and pick-up of children to reduce interaction.
- Staggered use of common areas and facilities by different classes.
- Suspension of cross-deployment of staff across centres.
- Suspension of cross-class activities for children and staff.



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