

**Gongshang Primary School
PERI Plus Upgrading (2020 to 2021)**

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is the purpose of the PERI upgrading works?

In 2009, the PERI (Primary Education Review and Implementation Committee) made recommendations to realise a more holistic approach to primary education. To support schools in the implementation of its programmes, new design norms for schools were also set in place. These include redesigned classrooms to support differentiated pedagogy, creation of learning spaces such as the Outdoor Experiential Learning, flexible open spaces, PAL Room, and the building of the Student Care Centre. Gongshang Primary School has also been identified to have an MOE Kindergarten and an MOE Kindergarten Care Centre.

2. How long will the PERI Upgrading in the school take?

The PERI Upgrading works which will be held on-site in the school will commence in Jan 2020 until the 2nd quarter of 2021, if there are no delay in the plans.

3. What does the PERI upgrading work involve?

The upgrading work will be done in two phases:

- *Phase 1 (Jan to Dec 2020)*
 - *Demolition of existing car porch, car park and existing link way to the school*
 - *Construction of new driveway, carpark, link way, guard house, main gate*

- *Phase 2 (Jan to Mid-2021)*
 - *Piling work*
 - *Construction of new teaching block*
 - *Erection of temporary covered linkway to the school*
 - *Demolition of former East View Secondary School*
 - *Works to existing blocks*
 - *External works and boundary works*

4. What are the different measures which will be taken during the period of upgrading works?

The school will work very closely with the project team to look into different measures to ensure minimal disruption to the school programmes.

i. Dust and Noise Control measures

- *Installation of screens, nettings, certified noise barriers and noise curtains*
- *Noisy machineries retrofitted with acoustic enclosure*

- *Use of noise monitors for real time monitoring*
- *Use of recycled water to reduce dust spread*
- *Provision of air conditioners to classrooms*

ii. *Traffic Management*

- *Deployment of full-time traffic controllers by construction company*
- *Provision of clear directional signs for both public and school*
- *Prioritize school's vehicular movement during morning and at dismissal times*
- *No delivery to construction site during dismissal timing*

iii. *Safety and Health measures*

- *No access into school premises by workers (unless prior permission given, to facilitate work done within school premise)*
- *Weekly vector control*
- *Weekly soil and vibration monitoring*
- *Weekly ECM (Erosion Control Measures) inspection*
- *Daily dust and pest control of construction site*

iv. *Public Relations*

- *Regular updates to residents in the neighbourhood*
- *Responding to feedback from school and the public*

5. How does this impact movement of students and other stakeholders in the morning and at dismissal timing?

Traffic flow and student movement accessing the school through the side gate (Gate 4) and vehicles along **Tampines Avenue 7** will not be affected by the changes.

For those accessing the school through the existing main gate along **Tampines Street 42**, the following changes will take place:

For Pupils & their parents accessing the school through gates along Tampines Street 42:

- Access to and from the school will be through the former East View Secondary School gates.
- Parents/guardians will wait outside the former East View Secondary School main entrance to pick up the children.
- Vehicles entering the school after dismissal time will only be allowed in to pick up the children **after** the last school bus has left the school premises.

6. How will the re-routing impact my child if he/she is taking the school bus?

For students taking the school bus, there will not be any impact on the dismissal procedure.

The students will continue to assemble in the school hall and will be led to their respective school bus by the service provider.

7. Will there be any impact on my child if he/she is with the school-based or community based Student Care Centre?

For students who are with the school-based SCC (CLS), there will not be any change in the school process of them being picked up by the SCC provider after school hours. For dismissal in the evenings, you will be informed by CLS.

*For students with the external community-based SCCs, the students will assemble in the **school hall** and the service provider will pick them up from the school hall.*

Additional Note:

While the school will continue to take pro-active measures and work with the project team to ensure that the above-mentioned measures are in place, there may be some deviation from the process from time to time. The project team will continue to ensure that the measures are viable, effective and there may be alternative options taken depending on the needs at the ground.

School will ensure that there will be regular updates and information. However, we seek the understanding of all parents that some of the information may come as 'just-in-time' updates in view that new developments or issues may arise.