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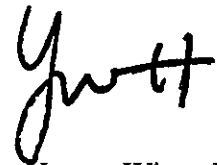
Dear Parents,

Stay Vigilant Against Communicable Diseases in Coming School Year

1. As advised by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH), outbreaks of communicable diseases such as dengue fever, seasonal influenza, chickenpox, hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) and scarlet fever may occur in institutions and schools from time to time.
2. Therefore, before the commencement of the new school year, we have thoroughly cleaned and disinfected the school premises. We would also urge all students/staff members to pay attention to their personal hygiene and environmental hygiene of the school.
3. For students' health sake, we would appeal to you that in addition to maintaining a clean and healthy household environment, please remind your children to constantly observe personal hygiene and keep the school environment clean. Please take note of the following measures:
 - In view of the latest situation of dengue fever, preventive measures should be taken to protect against mosquito bites. Please refer to the guidelines published by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, which can be accessed at: https://www.fehd.gov.hk/english/pestcontrol/library/pdf_pest_control/mosquito_school.pdf.
 - Seek medical advice as soon as possible if your children develop symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting and skin rash. If symptoms such as fever, sore throat, cough or influenza are developed, they should put on a mask immediately and seek medical care promptly. Please also notify the school and let the children stay at home for rest until symptoms have improved and fever has subsided for at least two days, or follow the medical advice on sick leave, whichever is longer.
 - Children with HFMD should stay at home for rest until fever has subsided and all the vesicles have dried and crusted. As an extra precaution, if enterovirus 71 is confirmed to be the pathogen, children should take 2 more weeks of sick leave after all vesicles have dried up.

- Inform the school immediately if children are sick or have been admitted to hospital for surveillance. Such information and contact details of students would be reported to CHP or relevant government departments on a need basis to help institute effective control measures to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.
 - Co-operate with the school by picking up children not feeling well from school and consulting the doctor immediately.
 - Provide children with handkerchiefs or tissue papers and remind them not to share towels or tissue papers with others.
 - Remind children to keep hands clean, cover nose and mouth while sneezing or coughing and dispose of used tissue paper properly.
 - Parents should measure children's temperature before they leave home for school.
 - When schools are advised by CHP to implement the additional measure on temperature monitoring, we will inform you of the details of the arrangements.
4. In case of any students being absent due to sickness, we would provide learning support for them so that their learning progress would not be affected.
5. We would like to appeal to parents again for co-operation in maintaining a clean and healthy household environment. Please also remind your children to pay attention to personal hygiene and to take all necessary preventive measures against communicable diseases.

Yours faithfully,



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