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Dear Parents, and guardians,

Continuation of Suspension of Face-to-face Classes for Schools

Since the latest epidemic situation is still very severe, the Education Bureau (EDB) announced on 14 February that kindergartens, primary school, secondary schools and private schools will continue the suspension of face-to-face classes and on-campus activities until 6 March, 2022. In response to this arrangement, our school has made contingency arrangements as listed below.

Online lessons

- 1. Real-time online teaching will be continued until 6 March. Subject teachers will conduct real-time lessons via 'TEAMS' according to the real-time teaching timetable in use.
- 2. Arrangement including taking attendance will be continued. Attendance will be taken at 8:15 a.m. Students should be punctual in attending the lessons. Parents should call the school if students are not able to attend the class. Absentees will be recorded.

P.6 Final Examinations

1. In view of the latest epidemic development, the EDB has decided upon careful consideration that schools do not need to conduct the Primary 6 (P6) second term examination or submit the scores for Secondary School Places Allocation (SSPA) 2022. The allocation band of P6 students will be determined by their scaled school examination scores obtained at the end of Primary 5 and the mid-year of P6 (i.e. the same arrangement in SSPA 2020 for which the P6 second term examination was cancelled due to the epidemic situation).

Lunch Catering Service

Refund of lunch order for February (9/2-28/2) will be arranged by the service provider upon resumption of on campus lessons.

School Events and School Activities

- Online Parents' Day will be conducted on 25 February. For details, please refer to Circular 26.
- Post-lesson activity groups and learning support service groups scheduled on Monday Saturday in February will be conducted via online platform TEAMS. Arrangements for individuals will be notified separately.

Implementation of "Vaccine Pass"

- The implementation of 'Vaccine Pass' at schools will start from February 24. We assure you that all school staff, and persons providing on-campus services has fulfilled the requirement. We wish to remind all parents and guardians of students to fulfil the requirement if they wish to enter the school premises on the captioned date and onward.
- 2. Vaccination is the most effective way to protect against COVID-19 and reduce the risk of serious cases and fatalities if infected. The minimum age for receiving the CoronaVac vaccine (Sinovac vaccine) has been lowered to three years old starting from 15 February. In view of the severe epidemic situation in the community, the EDB strongly urges parents to arrange their children to get vaccinated as early as possible to protect themselves. A high vaccination rate will help construct a more effective protective barrier and create favourable conditions for early resumption of face-to-face classes. The EDB will closely monitor the situation, take into account the advice from the health experts, and review the related measures in a timely manner.

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Other School Administration Arrangement

- 1. The school will post all firsthand notifications via eClass parent App. Parents please click and check the push messages, e-Circular / e-Notice issued in a timely manner.
- 2. One of our teaching staff had tested preliminarily positive COVID-19 on February 13. The teacher has been doing online teaching at the school premises, and did not have contact with students at work. S/he has undergone temperature screening and wore a mask while performing duties at school and has observed other disease prevention measures. Upon notification of the case, the school has been following up the case with the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) and is waiting for further instructions from them. Meanwhile, the school has advised all colleagues having contact with the teacher concerned to undergo COVID-19 testing according to the guidelines of the CHP. Moreover, a thorough cleaning and disinfection of all the facilities at the premises was done on February 15.
- 3. Our school will continue to implement measures for social distancing and infection control to safeguard the health of staff and the students. Staff members are also reminded to take note of their personal hygiene and stay vigilant at all times, and are advised to seek medical advice immediately in case of feeling unwell.

Parents should also take epidemic preventive measures and pay close attention to the health conditions of their children. They should avoid bringing their children to crowded places with poor ventilation. Students should maintain a balanced diet, exercise regularly, and take adequate rest in order to strengthen their immunity. If students are feeling unwell (even if the symptoms may be very mild), they should seek medical advice promptly to receive appropriate diagnoses and treatments.

Our schools will ensure that the environment is clean and hygienic and continue to strictly observe the health measures as stipulated in the "Health Protection Measures for Schools" issued by the EDB and the "Health Advice to Schools for the Prevention of COVID-19" issued by the Centre for Health Protection."

Should there be any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at 2577 3489. We thank you for your continued support.

(Headmistress)

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