Dear Parents,

As advised by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH), outbreaks of communicable diseases such as hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD), chickenpox, influenza and dengue fever may occur in institutions and schools from time to time. 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.

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:

- Seek medical advice as soon as possible if your children develop symptoms of diarrhoea, vomiting or skin rash. If symptoms such as fever, sore throat, cough, influenza, diarrhoea or vomiting are developed, they should put on a mask immediately and seek medical care promptly. Please also notify the school and let your daughter 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 your daughter is sick or has 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 your daughter from school and consulting the doctor immediately, if she is not feeling well.
- Provide your daughter with handkerchiefs or tissue papers and remind her not to share towels or tissue papers with others.
- Remind your daughter to keep her hands clean, cover her nose and mouth while sneezing or coughing and dispose of used tissue paper properly.
- Before sending your daughter to school, measure her body temperature, record the reading and sign the temperature record sheet which should be handed to the school every day.

At the beginning of the new school year, we have urged drivers and attendants of school buses/nanny vans not to drive/board these vehicles and make appropriate arrangements if they have a fever or any symptoms of communicable diseases. They should also inform the school and parents of the situation immediately. 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.

We would like to appeal to parents again for co-operation in maintaining a clean and healthy household environment. Please also remind your daughter to pay attention to personal hygiene and take all necessary preventive measures against communicable diseases.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

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