

**DELIA MEMORIAL SCHOOL (BROADWAY)**Notice to Parents / Guardians4<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Dear Parents / Guardians,

**Stepping Up Precautionary Measures against Human Swine Influenza**

The Government has activated the Emergency Response Level under the Preparedness Plan for Pandemic Influenza upon confirmation of an imported case of human swine influenza (Influenza A H1N1) on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009.

To protect students' health, we would like to appeal to parents' cooperation again for reminding students to maintain personal hygiene and keep the school environment clean. Please take note of and implement the following measures:

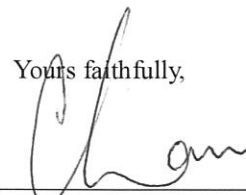
- ❖ Do not send children to school if they have fever (Temperature is not higher than 37.5°C / 99.5°F is considered normal).
- ❖ Inform school immediately if children are sick or have been admitted to hospital for surveillance.
- ❖ If children have influenza-like symptoms of fever, coughing, sore throat etc, they should wear a mask and seek medical advice as soon as possible. Please keep sick children at home until symptoms have improved and fever has subsided. Then, take rest for at least 2 more days before returning to school.
- ❖ Co-operate with schools by picking up children not feeling well from school and consulting the doctor immediately.
- ❖ Before sending children to school, measure their body temperature, record the reading and sign the temperature record sheet, which should be handed to the school every day.
- ❖ No spitting. Always wrap nasal and mouth discharges with tissue paper, and dispose of the tissue paper properly in a lidded rubbish bin.
- ❖ Provide children with handkerchiefs or tissue papers and remind them not to share towels or tissue papers with others.

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. If the leave period cover school tests and examination, we would arrange the student to sit for the tests or examinations on their return to school and their test and examination papers would be marked in the same way as the other students. As such, parents need not worry.

For effective prevention of communicable diseases, we have to be vigilant and strengthen personal and environmental hygiene. Parents' support is important and forms an integral part in combating communicable diseases. We would like to appeal to parents again for collaboration in order to maintain a clean and healthy household environment. Please also remind your children to pay attention to personal hygiene and to take all necessary precautionary measures against communicable diseases.

For enquires and the latest information on Human Swine Influenza, please browse the Daily Influenza Situation Update at the CHP website [www.chp.gov.hk](http://www.chp.gov.hk). Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,



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