



4 August 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian

MANAGING THE H1N1 SITUATION

This letter updates parents on how we are managing the H1N1 situation in our school.

According to the Ministry of Health (MOH), the current flu strain is mild, except for complications among some high risk patients. MOH's influenza surveillance data suggest that H1N1 prevalence should peak within a week or two before transmission slows down. In alignment with MOH's approach, the Ministry of Education has reviewed the precautionary measures for managing H1N1 in schools.

As our children are more vulnerable and many of them have underlying medical conditions, the approach taken in managing the H1N1 situation in the SPED schools may be different from the other schools. In safeguarding the well-being of our students, we will continue to adopt the following measures.

- Conduct once-daily temperature taking and visual screening for students and staff for fever and flu-like symptoms
- Conduct temperature and visual screening of visitors for fever and flu-like symptoms
- Monitor students and staff with flu-like symptoms
- Issue Leave of Absence (where applicable)
- Suspend daily assemblies
- Educate our students to maintain high standards of personal hygiene and exercise social responsibility
- Maintain cleanliness of school premises

We appreciate your efforts in monitoring your child's health closely. If anyone is unwell at home, you can minimise his/her contact with your child. In the event that your child is unwell, please take your child to see a doctor promptly and ensure that your child is well before returning to school. MOH's data shows that patients with underlying medical conditions have a higher possibility of developing complications when they contract flu A (H1N1). If your child has an underlying medical condition, please take extra precaution to ensure his/her health and well-being.

Should your child be issued a medical certificate (MC) by the doctor, please inform us immediately and submit the MC to the school as soon as possible.

We seek your understanding and support to slow down the spread of flu H1N1 in our school. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and keep you updated on new developments.

Should you have any queries, you can call the school at Tel: 6459 9951

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda Kho', with a horizontal line underneath.

Ms Linda Kho
Principal

Cc: Ms Denise Phua, School Supervisor, Pathlight School Board
Ms Loy Sheau Mei, Vice Principal – Academics
Mr Lim Whee Boon, IT Manager
Mrs Teh Tsui Tsui, Student Affairs Manager



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To: The Principal,
Pathlight School

Re: MANAGING THE H1N1 SITUATION

I, _____ (Name of Parent/Guardian*), parent/guardian* of _____ (Name
of child/ward*) of class _____ have noted the contents of communication note to
parents dated 4 August 2009.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian*

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Date

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