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Supervisors/Principals of all
International Schools, Private Independent Schools,
English Schools Foundation Schools

Dear Supervisor/Principal,

Measures Against the Spread of Human Swine Influenza

To guard against human swine influenza (HSI), the Government's present strategy is containment for as long as it takes to delay community transmission of the disease. Though there is no sign of spread of HSI in the community for the time being, we have to stay vigilant and get well prepared.

Our Bureau has been working closely with the Department of Health and will notify schools at an appropriate time if there is a need to suspend classes. As for large-scale activities, schools should consult parents to see whether adjustments to the programmes have to be made after taking into account the latest HSI development.

To help schools in their prevention against HSI, we have compiled a "Handbook on Prevention of Human Swine Influenza in Schools" covering topics on basic principles in preventing the diseases, day-to-day preventive measures and arrangements to be made by schools during class suspension and

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upon resumption of classes etc. The Chinese version has been uploaded in EDB's website. The English version will be available shortly.

Schools can click on the navigation bar on "Prevention of Flu and Other Communicable Diseases" on the right hand side of EDB's homepage (www.edb.gov.hk) or browse and download the handbook via the following path of webpage:

EDB Homepage (www.edb.gov.hk) > School Administration > Administration > Prevention of Influenza and Other Communicable Diseases in Schools > 1. Prevention of Swine Influenza > Guidelines > Handbook on Prevention of Human Swine Influenza in Schools

Schools are requested to pay close attention to any announcements to be made in the media and the Bureau's website: www.edb.gov.hk. For further enquiries, please contact your respective Regional Education Office.

Yours sincerely,



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for Permanent Secretary for Education