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To: Principals of all Kindergartens, Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres, Secondary, Primary and Special Schools

Dear Principal,

### Advice on Quality of Drinking Water in Schools

The Education Bureau (EDB) attaches great importance to the quality of drinking water in schools and the health of students. As the new school year is approaching, please be reminded to take appropriate measures in accordance with the advice from the Department of Health (DH) and the Water Supplies Department related to the quality of drinking water. Schools can get the relevant information via the following path:

EDB Homepage ([www.edb.gov.hk](http://www.edb.gov.hk))> School Administration and Management> Administration> About School> Reducing Lead Exposure  
(<http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/sch-admin/admin/about-sch/reducing-lead-exposure/index.html>)

Please note that the "Health advice to schools and kindergartens for reducing lead exposure" prepared by the Centre for Health Protection of the DH has been included in the above-mentioned webpage.

If water has been standing in pipes for a prolonged period (such as after several hours of non-use, overnight, over a weekend or after a school holiday), schools should run water at a drinking fountain or tap, usually for two to three minutes prior to using it for drinking or food preparation. Drinking fountains and taps should be flushed at least twice a day – in the morning before school starts and at midday before lunch time. Schools should also drain away the water in the dispenser before use and switch off the power supply of the dispenser every night and during long holidays. For water conservation, schools should store the drained water from taps and dispensers for non-drinking purposes.

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For enquiries, please contact respective Senior School Development Officer or Senior Service Officer of your school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Katie Leung', written over the printed name.

(Ms Katie LEUNG)

for Secretary for Education