

Guidelines on Conducting Visual Arts Learning Activities for the Prevention of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

(This guideline will be timely updated in response to the latest recommendations of the Centre for Health Protection and released via the web page “What’s New” of Arts Education Key Learning Area of the EDB)

Schools should take the following precautionary measures during Visual Arts (VA) lessons and related activities to minimise the risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19 on campus. This set of guidelines is written with reference to the Health Advice of the Centre for Health Protection, “Guidelines on Safety for Visual Arts in Primary Schools” (2015) and “Guidelines on Safety for Visual Arts in Secondary Schools” (2015).

1. Preventive Measures

- 1.1 Teachers, students and staff should wear a mask at all times.
- 1.2 Remind students to maintain good personal hygiene, wash hands before and after lessons, and avoid sharing any tools and materials.
- 1.3 Make good use of space in the VA room during lessons for maintaining a proper physical distance between students.
- 1.4 Disinfect tools and equipment before and after use.
- 1.5 Clean and disinfect the VA room after use.
- 1.6 Provide liquid soap, disposable paper towels and lidded rubbish bins in the VA room.
- 1.7 Doors/windows of VA room(s) should be kept open as appropriate to increase flow of fresh air. If fans (e.g. wall, circulating or exhaust fans) are used in indoor areas, exchange of outdoor air should be increased at the same time by, say, opening windows or maximising fresh air intake of air conditioners. Schools should minimise as far as possible having air blowing directly from one person (or a group of people) to another. If air-conditioning systems are used, schools should open windows from time to time to ensure there is sufficient fresh air supply, and should ensure that the air-conditioning systems function normally. For rooms without windows or are poorly ventilated, schools should install adequate air purifiers in order to minimise indoor pollutants or viruses. The dust-filters of air-conditioning systems should be cleaned and the filters of air purifiers should be replaced regularly. Schools should also ensure that exhaust fans are located on the different walls / far from the air conditioners to reduce the risk of drawing back the exhausted air into the indoor areas. The ventilation inlets or outlets must not be obstructed.

2. Reference

- 2.1 Health Advice to Schools for the Prevention of COVID-19:
<https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/102742.html>
- 2.2 “Guidelines on Safety for Visual Arts in Primary Schools” (2015) and “Guidelines on Safety for Visual Arts in Secondary Schools” (2015):
<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/arts/va/safety>

