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To: Supervisors / Principals of all Kindergartens and Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres

Dear Supervisor / Principal,

**Suspension of Face-to-Face Classes at Kindergartens and
Kindergartens-Cum-Child Care Centres**

In the light of the recent outbreak of upper respiratory tract infections, with an aim of reducing the risk of virus transmission in schools, the Government announced today that kindergartens and kindergartens-cum-child care centres would suspend face-to-face classes and all school activities for two weeks starting from this Saturday (14 November) to 27 November 2020 (Friday).

During the face-to-face class suspension period, schools should make the following administrative arrangements:

- (i) Schools should remain open to take care of those students who have to go back to schools because of the lack of carers at home, and schools should maintain adequate social distances amongst students. Schools should arrange staff to be on duty to handle school affairs, answer parents' enquiries and take care of those students who have returned to schools.
- (ii) Schools can adopt other modes to facilitate children to continue learning at home and help them sustain their curiosity and motivation for learning. On this, the Education Bureau (EDB) reminds schools and parents not to allow children for prolonged use of digital screen gadgets. Children should be given appropriate rest for their eyes when using these gadgets. Hence, as a matter of principle, e-learning in the form of real-time online teaching is not suitable for

kindergartens. The EDB issued a letter¹ to all kindergartens on May 10 this year disseminating some principles and strategies in supporting kindergarten students to learn at home for schools' reference.

- (iii) Schools should activate the established school-based contingency plans (refer to EDBC No. 9/2015 for details), adopt contingency measures during suspension of face-to-face classes and make respective arrangements, including adjustments to activities inside and outside schools, school bus services, etc., and keep close contact with the parents, etc.
- (iv) If school staff or students are feeling unwell (even the symptoms may be very mild), they must not return to school and should seek medical advice promptly to receive appropriate diagnoses and treatments.

Schools should remind parents that students should take appropriate disease preventive measures and parents should stay vigilant on the health condition of their children. Students should avoid going to crowded places or poorly ventilated public places, etc., and should maintain a balanced diet, exercise regularly, and take adequate rest in order to strengthen their immunity.

Schools should clean and sanitise their premises thoroughly. Schools are urged to follow closely the guidelines issued by the Department of Health and by the EDB earlier to take proper health protective measures. Schools should also keep close communication with their respective Senior School Development Officers / Senior Services Officers (Joint Office for Kindergartens and Child Care Centres).

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Education

¹ https://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/en/edu-system/preprimary-kindergarten/about-preprimary-kindergarten/KG%20Letter%20and%20Annex_E_20200511_Final.pdf