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To: Supervisors / Principals of Private Schools Offering Non-Formal Curriculum

Dear Supervisor / Principal,

Further Suspension of Face-to-Face Classes for Private Schools Offering Non-Formal Curriculum

In view of the continuous worsening situation of the COVID-19 epidemic, the Government will adopt more stringent measures against the epidemic. In this connection, further to the Government's earlier announcements on suspension of face-to-face classes for all levels for Private Schools offering Non-Formal Curriculum (PSNFCs) (commonly known as "tutorial schools") for two weeks until 15 December, the Education Bureau (EDB) today (December 8) decided that the suspension of all face-to-face classes of PSNFCs would be further extended until 23 December.

During the period of suspension of face-to-face classes, school activities should be suspended, and schools should inform parents of the arrangements accordingly, including the make-up lessons or refund mechanism. In tandem, we urge schools to ensure a clean and hygienic environment, as well as strictly observe the "Health Protection Measures for Schools" issued by the EDB and "Health Advice to Schools for the Prevention of COVID-19" issued by the Centre of Health Protection (CHP) and put in place all the health protection measures.

We will release the latest information on COVID-19 and the related arrangements from time to time. Schools are advised to pay attention to our website

(<u>https://www.edb.gov.hk/</u>). For enquiries, please contact your respective School Development Officers.

Yours sincerely,

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(Dr Verena LAU) for Secretary for Education