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To: Supervisors / Principals of All Secondary Schools, Primary Schools, Special Schools, Schools offering Non-Local Curriculum, Kindergartens and Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres and Private Schools offering Non-Formal Curriculum (PSNFCs)

Dear Supervisor / Principal,

**Face-to-Face Class Arrangements for Schools in Hong Kong
in the 2021/22 School Year -
Recommendation on Students Aged 12 to 17 Years to
Receive One Dose of the Comirnaty Vaccine**

Further to the letter of 2 August 2021 setting out the face-to-face arrangements for schools in Hong Kong in the 2021/22 school year, having considered the recommendation jointly made by the Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases and the Scientific Committee on Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases under the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health and the Chief Executive's Expert Advisory Panel on 15 September 2021 which advises persons aged 12 to 17 years to receive only one dose of the Comirnaty vaccine, we update the arrangements for whole-day face-to-face classes and related activities with details as follows:

When individual schools have achieved the below vaccination rate, the Education Bureau (EDB) will, taking into consideration the actual circumstances of the schools, allow the students of such schools to resume normal school life, including whole-day face-to-face classes, luncheons, as well as extra-curricular activities:

- (i) the number of teachers and school staff (including teaching and non-teaching staff) directly employed by the school having received two doses of COVID-

- 19 vaccine for more than 14 days has reached 70% or more of the total number of teachers and school staff directly employed by the school; and
- (ii) the number of students aged 18 years or above having received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine for more than 14 days and students aged 12 to 17¹ years having received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine for more than 14 days has reached 70% of the total number of students of the school.

If an individual school could not fulfill the above requirements for the whole school for whole-day face-to-face classes, but the number of students of a particular class level (not applicable to teachers and school staff) has reached the required vaccination rate, we can also allow the school concerned to arrange whole-day face-to-face classes and other activities for students in that particular class level.

For a school operating half-day classes, for individual students aged 12 to 17 years who have received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine for more than 14 days and individual students aged 18 years or above who have received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine for more than 14 days, the school can arrange non-academic extra-curricular activities (e.g. music and physical activities) for such students on the other half-days (outside the half days with schooling).

For a school having fulfilled the above requirements and would like to arrange the whole school or students of an individual class level for whole-day face-to-face classes, after obtaining the endorsement of the Incorporated Management Committee /School Management Committee, the school should duly complete the Annex and notify the respective school development section of the EDB of the class resumption arrangements at least four working days before the target commencement date. The EDB will, in general, send the reply slip within two working days. The school should inform parents, students and related stakeholders of its plan as early as possible. The school should keep the vaccination records of teachers and school staff properly. The abovementioned whole-day class arrangements are not applicable to Private School Offering Non-Formal Curriculum. If a school has already informed the EDB of the arrangements of whole-day face-to-face classes for the whole school or particular class level(s), there is no need to re-submit the related application notice.

The EDB would like to reiterate that schools should continue to strictly implement all the anti-epidemic measures as stipulated in the “Health Protection Measures for Schools” issued by the EDB which is updated from time to time, and the “Health Advice to Schools for the Prevention of COVID-19” issued by the Centre for Health Protection.

¹ The ages of the students are counted as at the date on which the school submits the application. As for those students who have not yet received the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine but just reach 18 years old afterwards, they will still be counted as students eligible for whole-day face-to-face classes for the whole school / individual levels. These students are encouraged to receive the second dose of COVID-19 vaccines as early as possible.

For enquiries, please contact your respective Senior School Development Officers / Senior Services Officers.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Verena', with a stylized flourish at the end.

(Dr Verena LAU)
for Secretary for Education

**Notice of Whole-Day Face-to-Face Classes
for Whole School / Individual Class Level(s)**

To: _____ District School Development Section [Fax no. : _____]

In accordance with the letter issued by the Education Bureau (EDB) on 16 September 2021, we certify that we have fulfilled the conditions for arrangements of whole-day face-to-face classes for the whole school / individual class level(s) (‘✓’ as appropriate in the following box):

- whole-day face-to-face classes for the whole school - (i) the number of teachers and school staff (including teaching and non-teaching staff) directly employed by the school having received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine for more than 14 days has reached 70% of the total number of teachers and school staff directly employed by the school, and (ii) the number of students aged 18 years or above having received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine for more than 14 days and students aged 12 to 17 years having received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine for more than 14 days has reached 70% of the total number of students of the school.
- whole-day face-to-face classes for individual class level(s) - (i) the number of teachers and school staff (including teaching and non-teaching staff) directly employed by the school having received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine for more than 14 days has reached 70% of the total number of teachers and school staff directly employed by the school, and (ii) the number of students aged 18 years or above having received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine for more than 14 days and students aged 12 to 17 years having received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine for more than 14 days has reached 70% of the total number of students in _____ (please fill in the class level(s))

With the endorsement of our Incorporated Management Committee / School Management Committee, our school plans to initiate the above-mentioned arrangement from ____ (day) _____ (month) 2021 on (_____) (day of the week (e.g. Monday)). We will strictly observe the relevant health guidelines and put in place all necessary health protection measures to keep the school environment clean and hygienic. We have also been keeping parents and other stakeholders informed of the related arrangements.

School Name:	School Chop (if any)
Name of Supervisor / Principal (in BLOCK letters):	
Signature of Supervisor / Principal:	
Date:	
Fax No.:	

