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To: Supervisors / Principals of all Schools

Dear Supervisors / Principals,

**Be Vigilant to Guard Against the Spread of  
Avian Influenza and Other Communicable Diseases in Schools**

This Bureau issued letters on 20 and 21 December 2011 to remind all schools to stay vigilant and thoroughly clean and disinfect the school premises during the Christmas and Chinese New Year vacations so as to guard against the spread of avian influenza and various kinds of communicable diseases in schools. In view of the recent situation of the avian influenza, this Bureau would like to remind schools again to stay vigilant and continue to implement proper preventive measures. To facilitate schools to understand the relevant situation, we enclose herewith a copy of the letter “A case of human infection with H5N1 avian influenza in Shenzhen” of 3 January from the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health for your reference. Schools should also put in place various hygienic and preventive measures against avian influenza as recommended by CHP.

Schools should also make reference to the Handbook on Prevention of Avian Influenza in Schools (revised in February 2011) compiled by this Bureau, implement the preventive measures properly and take proper contingency measures and disseminate relevant information to parents swiftly when situation warrants. Schools can get access to the Handbook via the following path:

*EDB Homepage (www.edb.gov.hk) > School Administration > Administration > Prevention of Communicable Diseases in Schools > A. Latest Information > 2. Guidelines/Useful Materials > Handbook on Prevention of Avian Influenza in Schools (revised in February 2011)*

If any suspected outbreak of communicable diseases in schools is noticed, schools should report the case to the Central Notification Office of DH (Fax: 2477 2770; Tel: 2477 2772) by completing the “Suspected Infectious Disease Outbreak in School / Kindergarten / KG-cum CCC / Child Care Centre” Notification Form to facilitate the office to conduct an early epidemiological investigation and outbreak control. Schools should also forward a copy of the Notification Form to their respective Regional Education Offices/Joint Office for Pre-Primary Services.

This Bureau will continue to keep in close contact with CHP and release the latest information on communicable diseases to schools. For enquiries, please contact your respective Senior School Development Officers/Pre-primary Services Officers.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Y F Lee', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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for Secretary for Education