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To: Supervisors / Principals of all Schools

Dear Supervisors / Principals,

**Guard Against the Spread of
Scarlet Fever and Other Communicable Diseases in Schools**

According to the information from the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH), there are recent signs of increased scarlet fever activity again in the recent two months after the decrease of the activity from upsurge since July last year. The CHP recorded two scarlet fever cases complicated with toxic shock syndrome on 19 January 2012. We enclose herewith a copy of the letter “Be Vigilant Against Scarlet Fever” of 20 January from the CHP for your reference. Schools should also put in place various hygienic and preventive measures against scarlet fever as recommended by the CHP. This Bureau would like to remind schools to stay vigilant and continue to implement proper preventive measures to guard against the spread of scarlet fever and other communicable diseases in schools after the Chinese New Year vacations.

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 be 'Y F Lee', written in a cursive style.

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for Secretary for Education