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To: Supervisors / Principals of all Schools

Dear Supervisors / Principals,

**Be Vigilant Against Avian Influenza**

Upon the confirmation of a case of avian influenza (H5N1) infection by the Department of Health (DH), the Government has raised the influenza response level under the Framework of Government's Preparedness Plan for Influenza Pandemic from "Alert" to "Serious". In this connection, we would like to advise schools to stay alert in preventing the spread of avian influenza on school premises.

A copy of the relevant letter issued on 4 June 2012 by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of DH is enclosed for your reference. Schools should maintain a clean and hygienic school environment and remind students to avoid touching birds and poultry or their droppings. If any students develop symptoms of respiratory disease, they should consult their doctors promptly and take rest at home and refrain from going to school as advised by their doctors.

Schools should make reference to the Handbook on Prevention of Avian Influenza in Schools (revised in February 2011) compiled by this Bureau to implement proper preventive measures and convey the relevant information to parents immediately 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 schools notice any increase in respiratory illness or absenteeism among your students, please report promptly to CHP (Tel: 2477 2772; Fax: 2477 2770) and forward a copy of the Notification Form by fax to your respective Regional Education Offices/Joint Office for Pre-Primary Services.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Y F Lee', written in a cursive style.

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for Secretary for Education