## ISLAMIC PRIMARY SCHOOL E/IC/SC/21/<u>121</u> NOTICE Revised Anti-epidemic Measures for Mass School Events and Arrangements for COVID-19 Vaccinations

31<sup>st</sup> May, 2022

Dear Parents,

On 19<sup>th</sup> May, the "Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Health Protection Measures for Schools," was updated by the Centre for Health Protection and the Education Bureau. The school will implement the various anti-epidemic measures in the school according to the guidelines. We hope parents can continue to cooperate while we resume face-to-face teaching. With these measures, all students can study in a hygienic and healthy school environment.

According to the "Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Health Protection Measures for Schools," schools also need to comply with the relevant guidelines when conducting assemblies/activities. The guidelines state: "If schools have to organize on-campus half-day mass events such as Speech Days, Parents' Days, Open Days, campus visits, etc., they should maintain adequate social distances and strictly observe various anti-epidemic measures, including ensuring that the venues are well-ventilated. All attending participants should wear masks, and in principle, a one-metre physical distance should be maintained between each participant. For school visitors, they must use the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile application as well as comply with the requirements of "Vaccine Pass" upon entry into the school premises." And "If a school organizes a speech day, it must shorten the time of the ceremony as far as possible and reduce the number of performance activities. Participants sit side-by-side facing one direction (to avoid face-to-face interactions). All kindergarten, primary and secondary school students can attend the speech day."

Our school will arrange some meaningful activities for all students after the Examination in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Term, such as outings, ball games, etc. Details will be announced later. Also, on Saturdays, primary and secondary schools and KGs may also arrange students to conduct half-day non-academic extra-curricular activities without students taking their masks off (for example, music, sports activities, school team training, etc.). Therefore, our school has resumed all Saturday interest classes from 28<sup>th</sup> May. According to the letter from the Education Bureau to the school, students who have completed the vaccination will be better protected. In order to facilitate parents and allow students to obtain protection as soon as possible, the school has made an appointment with medical institutions for on-campus services and can provide **students with the Sinovac vaccination**. If parents want their students to be vaccinated with the **BioNTech vaccination**, the school recommends that parents make their own arrangements.

Details for on-campus vaccinations are as follows:

Date of vaccination	17 <sup>th</sup> June, 2022 (Friday)
Clinic name	New Town Medical Center
Object	Students and their family members who are unvaccinated or eligible for a second or third dose of the vaccine
Place	School Hall
FEE	Free of charge
Vaccination arrangement	P.1-P.3 students and families: 2:15.p.m. P.4-P.6 students and families: 3:15.p.m.

If parents wish to arrange for their children/family members to be vaccinated at school (**Sinovac**), please sign and return this **notice** to the class teacher **on or before** 7<sup>th</sup> **June**. The class teacher will then give parents to sign the consent forms and health questionnaires.

## Remarks:

Students must be accompanied by an adult, and all family members who are three years old or above can also be vaccinated together, **but you must bring \*\*the** <u>original of Identity documents of all</u> <u>recipients</u>, student handbook or student ID card with photo, consent forms and the health questionnaires.

\*\* Identity documents include HK ID card, HK Birth Certificate, HKSAR Re-entry Permit, HKSAR Document of Identity for Visa Purposes, Permit to Remain in HKSAR (ID 235B), Non-HK Travel Document (e.g. VISA Reference Number Label with Foreign Passports or Two-way Permit), Passport with valid permission VISA.

The "Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Health Protection Measures for Schools" also mentions arrangements for teachers and students subject to Compulsory Testing. The guidelines state: "If a staff or student is a "person subject to compulsory testing" under the regulation, the staff or student concerned must undergo a COVID-19 test (including multiple tests as required by the testing notice) during the specified period according to the testing notice (including the compulsory testing notices of restricted areas). They must follow the testing notices to undergo nucleic acid tests. While awaiting the results, the staff or students should undergo RAT. If the RAT result is negative, they can return to schools for work or study (including the day of testing). Schools must require the staff or student concerned to present related proof (for example, SMS in mobile phones or laboratory testing reports, or photos of RAT results). If a school notices any person contravening the Regulation and returns to the school, it should prohibit the related person from entering the school premises, remind him/her to undergo COVID-19 test as soon as possible, and report the case to a law enforcement office "

In order to protect the health of students on campus, the guidelines require that all teaching and non-teaching staff, service providers and visitors (including parents and guests participating in graduation ceremonies) must comply with the requirements of the "vaccine passport" before entering the campus. The guidance states: 'The government announced on 20 March 2022 the adjustment of the vaccination requirements for the "Vaccine Pass" (including receiving the third dose of vaccination) to further encourage members of the public to receive vaccination as early as possible.' Parents can also refer to the CHP's "Vaccine Pass" vaccination schedule <u>Vaccine Pass\_ENG\_T1\_0329\_1700</u> (coronavirus.gov.hk).



## Note:

- A person who received a "full course" COVID-19 vaccination will be deemed to have fulfilled the requirement for the 2nd dose, provided that the vaccine is on the list of recognised vaccines ("the List") on the Government's COVID-19 Thematic Website (https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/list\_of\_recognised\_covid19\_vaccines.pdf), and the person has received the "dose(s) required" stipulated under the List. For the person to fulfill the requirement for the 3rd dose, he/she should receive an additional dose on the List after the "full course". For a person who has been fully or partially vaccinated with vaccines not on the List, he/she is required to start over with vaccines available in Hong Kong following the local recommended schedule.
  For a person who will turn 18, he/she will be given a 3-month window, counting from his/her 18th birthday, during which his/her eligibility will follow the category applicable to persons aged 12 to 17, and thereafter his/her eligibility will follow the category applicable to persons aged 18 or above.
- 3. For a person who will turn 12, he/she will be given a 3-month window, counting from his/her 12th birthday, during which he/she will be exempted from Vaccine Pass requirements, and thereafter his/her eligibility will follow the category applicable to persons aged 12 to 17.
- 4. Recovery is defined as 14 days after the date of the most recent documented positive test.
- 5. For the purpose of the Vaccine Pass, all doses received before COVID-19 infection will be take into account regardless of the interval between the date of vaccination and the date of the most recent documented positive test. A recovered person is still recommended to follow the Department of Health's Scientific Committee on Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases and Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases in counting only those doses received at least 14 days before the most recent documented positive test for his/her vaccination course.

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The Centre for Health Protection and the Education Bureau will update the epidemic prevention guidelines from time to time in light of the epidemic situation. Parents should pay

attention to news and notices issued by the school. The school needs the support of parents to create a healthy and happy campus. I hope that with the efforts of all parties, we will get out of the haze of the epidemic as soon as possible, and teachers, students and parents will return to normal and healthy lives as soon as possible!

Yours sincerely,

Ko Tak Yin Headmistress

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## Reply Slip <u>Revised Anti-epidemic Measures for Mass School Events and</u> <u>Arrangements for COVID-19 Vaccinations</u>

Dear Headmistress:

I have read and understood the content of the above notice, and I (please add " $\checkmark$ " in the appropriate space)

- 1. Would like my child to be vaccinated by Sinovac. (If you choose vaccination, please continue to answer)
  - Do not want my child to be vaccinated by Sinovac.

Do not want my child to be vaccinated with Sinovac,
But my child has been vaccinated with a \* 1st dose / 2nd dose / 3rd dose of vaccine (\*Sinovac / BioNTech),
I \*have / have submitted the latest vaccination record. (Please delete inapplicable)

2. There are \_\_\_\_\_ members of my family, <u>including students</u> who wish to be vaccinated with Sinovac vaccine (\* the vaccinated person must be over 3 years old on the day ) on 17<sup>th</sup> June. If there is 1 member, please fill in \_1\_. (The class teacher will give you the consent forms and health questionnaires.)

Parent's signature:	
Parent's name:	
Contact number:	
Student name:	Class:
Date:	