## Islamic Primary School The updated arrangements of Anti-epidemic measures in schools

E/IC/SC/22/<u>109</u> 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023

Dear Parents,

In view of the latest developments of the epidemic, the Education Bureau (EDB) announced yesterday (February 28) the updated arrangements of anti-epidemic measures in schools. The arrangements are as follows:

### 1. Proper Use of Masks

- 1.1 The Government has fully lifted the compulsory mask-wearing requirement starting from 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023. All school staff, teachers, students and visitors are no longer required to wear masks in school premises. But parents can still arrange for their children to wear masks if needed.
- 1.2 Wearing masks can effectively reduce the risk of viral transmission and at the same time, protect the wearer and other persons. If teachers, school staff and students have fever or respiratory symptoms, they should wear well-fitted surgical masks according to the CHP's recommendations. They should not go to work or school and should avoid going to crowded environments. They should seek medical advice as soon as possible.

### 2. Monitoring Body Temperature and Undergoing Rapid Antigen Test

- 2.1 The requirement for students of primary, KGs and special schools (including boarding sections) to undergo daily RAT before going to school will be maintained until 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2023. For the arrangements thereafter, EDB will review the situation and make timely announcement. When the latest arrangement is confirmed, parents will be informed as soon as possible.
- 2.2 Before returning to schools, parents should ensure that their children have taken their body temperatures and undergone RAT. RAT should be conducted in the morning and only those with a negative result are allowed to return to schools. Parents must fill in the "Rapid Antigen Test Record Sheet" in the handbook and sign it after receiving the RAT negative result. Students testing positive should not return to school and inform the school of their positive results as soon as possible and stay at home. Those students should take sick leave during the period when they are tested positive. When they are tested negative, they can resume schooling.

### 3. Emotional Support

In view that students had been wearing masks for a period of time, some students may feel uncomfortable with the cancellation of mask-wearing requirement, we recommend that parents refer to the relevant information provided by EDB

https://mentalhealth.edb.gov.hk/en/promotion-at-the-universal-level/promotional-resources-for-schools/97.html to help students gradually adapt to new living habits and stay positive upon resumption of normal school life.

Although the government has further relaxed epidemic prevention measures, parents and students should always pay attention to the latest news about the epidemic situation. Always pay attention to personal and environmental hygiene.

Yours sincerely,

Ko Tak Yin Headmistress

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Dear Headmistress,

I have read and acknowledged the above content of this notice.

Parent's Signature: _	
Parent's Name:	
Student's Name:	

Class:	