

CHI YUN SCHOOL**2021-2022****Arrangements for Face-to-Face Classes for Schools in the 2022/23 School Year**19th Aug, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Taking into account the latest epidemic situation, the readiness of schools as well as professional advice of health experts, the Education Bureau (EDB) has decided that half-day face-to-face class arrangements will continue in the 2022/23 school year for the time being until further notice. Face-to-face classes will be held in the morning, no more than half a day. Class time: 9:10am – 12:15 pm (Day students dismiss at 1:15 pm).

1. Arrangements for Extra-Curricular Activities

Since students who have completed their vaccinations will be better protected, they can participate in non-academic activities outside the classroom according to the guidelines announced by the Education Bureau. Students who have completed two doses of the vaccine for more than 14 days, can participate in non-academic extracurricular activities (such as music, sports and reading) arranged by the school for another half day of school.

2. Taking care of other needs of students

- Students who need to return to school outside of face-to-face classes must complete two doses of COVID-19 vaccine for more than 14 days;
- Boarders in the hostel of schools (including special schools) under the jurisdiction of the Education Bureau must complete two doses of COVID-19 vaccine for more than 14 days.

3. Regular rapid antigen tests (RATs)

- All staff and students of the school are required to conduct COVID-19 rapid antigen tests (RATs) daily and only those who have obtained a negative result will be allowed to enter the school¹, the test should be carried out every morning.
- Students who take the school bus should take a RAT at home before class every morning, write the date and the student's abbreviation on the RAT stick, and send the photo of the negative result to the bus driver (white school bus with registration number RG2648, mobile phone number 93031702 / yellow school bus with registration number KZ2589, mobile phone number 92694758).
- For day students who are picked up by parents are required to take RAT at home

every morning, write the date and the student's abbreviation on the RAT stick, and submit the photo of negative result to the guard when they return to school.

- If the test result is positive, they are not allowed to enter the school, they should notify the school as soon as possible and stay at home, they should also register their results on the "Declaration System for individuals tested positive for COVID-19 using Rapid Antigen Test" of the Department of Health (<https://www.chp.gov.hk/ratp/>) within 24 hours. The Education Bureau will provide RAT kits for students with financial need.

4. Let's Get Fully Vaccinated

Vaccination is the most effective way to protect against COVID-19 and can reduce the risk of severe cases and fatalities. Students (especially the younger ones) is one of the priority protection groups. If students have already received the first and second doses, we encourage students to receive the third dose of vaccination as soon as possible in accordance with the latest recommendation of the Government for comprehensive and enhanced protection.

5. Hygiene and Epidemic Prevention Measures

- The school will continue to strictly implement the various epidemic prevention measures set out in the "Health Protection Measures for Schools" issued by the Education Bureau and the "Health Advice to Schools for the Prevention of Coronavirus disease" issued by the Centre for Health Protection, including that all persons wearing masks at all times, maintain proper social distancing, take body temperature for all staff and students before entering the school, in order to protect the health of staff and students. In addition, the school will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected during summer holidays, and will keep the campus environment clean and hygienic at all times to prepare for the face-to-face classes.

6. Measures to be taken by Schools for Persons with Red Code / Amber Code

The Government announced on 8 August 2022 that the "Vaccine Pass" function would be strengthened and the quarantine arrangements for those persons arriving in Hong Kong would be adjusted. Starting from 9 August 2022, cases confirmed with COVID-19 have been categorised as persons with a "Red Code", and inbound persons from overseas places or Taiwan have been categorised as persons with an "Amber Code". Their "Vaccine Pass" QR codes are displayed in red or amber accordingly. According to the guidance of the Education Bureau, we will take the following corresponding measures:

- Schools will not allow persons with "Red Code" (that is, confirmed cases) to enter the school premises in accordance with relevant requirements. The arrangement applies to persons working or studying at school and visitors. If a school notices that a person with a "Red Code" is attempting to enter the school premises, the school

should stop such person from entering. Since the person concerned should not have left his/her quarantine location, the school should report such case to the Police immediately.

- If individual school staff and students are required to undergo quarantine in the “3+4” mode, even if they have received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine for more than 14 days, they must obtain at least the “Amber Code” before returning to school to work and study during medical surveillance. The school staff/students concerned need to meet the requirement of obtaining a negative rapid antigen test (RAT) result before returning to school to work/study every day. Anyone with an "Amber Code" is not allowed to enter the school premises as a visitor.
- School staff/students with "Amber Code" are not allowed to participate in any mask-off activities at school. If a person with “Amber Code” working or studying at school needs to have lunch at school, the school should install partitions and arrange these persons to have meals in a location separate from other school staff and students. The school staff or students concerned must maintain appropriate social distances and face one direction (avoid face-to-face interactions).
- Since students are exempted from using "LeaveHomeSafe" when entering the school premises, schools should remind students to proactively declare their statuses of having "Red Code" or “Amber Code”. For students having "Red Code", they are not allowed to go back to school; for those having “Amber Code”, they can return to school after obtaining a negative RAT result on each school day.
- For parents having “Red Code" or “Amber Code”, they are not allowed to enter the school premises/buffer zones, and should arrange other relatives not having "Red Code" or "Amber Code" to pick up and drop off their children.

For further enquiries, please contact the class teacher or hostel instructor at 2386 2010.

Yours faithfully,



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