

世界龍岡學後劉德客紀念小學 LUNG KONG WORLD FEDERATION SCHOOL LIMITED LAU TAK YUNG MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

15th July, 2022

2019-20 School Year Vaccination Mop-up for Primary School Students

The School Immunisation Teams (SIT) under the Centre for Health Protection provides free immunization services to children under Hong Kong Childhood Immunisation Programme (CIP) to prevent infection diseases in children. Starting from the 2019/20 school year, immunization teams will generally visit primary schools in Hong Kong during the school year to provide the recommended vaccinations for Primary 1, Primary 5 (female students), and Primary 6 students. In Hong Kong, the immunization programme has been effective, with the reported cases of rubella and measles (also known as German measles) decreasing significantly from thousands per year in the 1980s and 1990s to a low of less than 100 in the last 10 years.

In the two school years of 2019/20 and 2020/21, face-to-face classes in Hong Kong schools have been affected by the 2019 coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic, some primary school students were unable to receive the required vaccines at schools under the interschool vaccination programme. Measles, mumps, German measles, and chickenpox are highly infectious diseases. Even if there is only a small decrease in vaccination coverage, it will weaken the immunity of the population and lead to outbreaks of infectious diseases in schools, resulting in illness, complications and even death.

To maintain high vaccination coverage, if your child is currently in Primary 3 and has not completed the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) or Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella (MMRV) vaccinations for Primary 1, parents should make appointments for your child to receive free vaccination mop-up at the School Immunisation Teams (SIT) office as soon as possible.

Parents can call 2375 4364 during office hours and make an appointment to receive vaccinations at the Immunisation Team's office (the address and opening hours of each offices are listed at <u>https://www.chp.gov.hk/tc/features/102121.html</u>). Parents may also choose to arrange vaccinations at their own expense with private doctors.

If you have any questions, feel free to call 2404 5333 and contact Ms. Chan Hoi Ling.

Yours faithfully, Mr. Chan Chun Wah Principal