



ELIAS PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
Where Potential Becomes Reality

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Dear Parents/ Guardians of Eliasians

INFLUENZA A (H1N1 2009)

- 1 MOH announced on Wed, 6.5.2009 that it is preparing for a progressive step-down of the Disease Outbreak Response System Alert (DORSCON) status from Orange to Yellow by Mon, 11.5.2009, if the situation remains status quo.
- 2 The alert status was adjusted as the new strain of Influenza A (H1N1 2009) seems milder than what experts had originally feared and appears to be more like seasonal flu.
- 3 As Singapore makes the progressive transition to a Yellow alert status, some measures that were previously put in place in our school has been lifted from Thu, 7.5.2009. These include twice-daily temperature-taking and screening for visitors to schools for temperature, flu-like symptoms and travel history.
- 4 While these measures have been lifted, our school remains vigilant in monitoring the well-being of staff and students. MOE has advised schools to continue to review their travel plans, particularly to affected areas. We will also continue to teach and remind our students to maintain high standards of personal hygiene, such as proper hand-washing and cough etiquette.
- 5 In addition, as part of measures to maintain our school's preparedness to resume the temperature-taking regime should there be a need to, Elias Park Primary School (EPPS) will be continuing with daily temperature-taking at the beginning of each session until further notice. We thank you in advance for helping to ensure that your child(ren) brings their personal Oral Digital Thermometers to school everyday.
- 6 We seek your cooperation to complement what our school is doing to inculcate values of personal and social responsibility. We thank you for your understanding and partnership with us in implementing our new arrival and dismissal procedures. We appeal for the consideration of parents who have been stopping their cars along Pasir Ris St 52 for Eliasians to alight, to use the drop-off point at the RC Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) instead. This will ensure the safety of your children and also keep them dry on rainy days as there is a covered walkway which connects the RC MPH drop-off point all the way to our classroom block, through Gate D. The drop-off point is accessible from the HDB Driveway parallel to the classroom block of EPPS.
- 7 We will continue to keep you updated of new developments. More information on Influenza A (H1N1) can be found at www.flu.gov.sg and the Ministry of Health website.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY (OFF-IN-LIEU FOR VESAK DAY)

- 8 Vesak Day falls on Sat, 9.5.2009. As it is not a school day, Mon, 11.5.2009 has been declared a school holiday for all students and teaching staff. Your child(ren) will return to school on Tue, 12.5.2009.
- 9 Please contact the school if you need any clarification. Our staff would be happy to assist you.

Yours in Partnership,

Mrs Wong Siew Shan