

Stay Alert to Prevent Chikungunya Fever

Dear Parents,

According to information from the World Health Organization, 119 countries and regions have reported local cases of Chikungunya fever (mainly concentrated in South America, Africa, the islands of the Indian Ocean, and Southeast Asia). Hong Kong has recorded a total of 70 confirmed cases of Chikungunya fever this year. One confirmed case involved a patient residing in Fairview Park; however, this case does not involve any teachers or students of our school.

The Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health urges everyone to stay vigilant against Chikungunya fever and reminds the public to always adopt anti-mosquito measures and personal protection, whether locally or when traveling abroad (especially to affected areas). Parents are kindly requested to remind their children to pay attention to mosquito prevention and take personal protective measures to avoid mosquito bites, thereby preventing Chikungunya fever and other mosquito-borne diseases.

- 1. Parents should remind their children to take personal protective measures during outdoor activities: wear light-colored long-sleeved shirts and long trousers, and apply insect repellents containing DEET to exposed skin and clothing.
- 2. If your child develops symptoms of Chikungunya fever such as fever, joint pain, or rash, please seek medical attention promptly. The public should not self-medicate, especially with aspirin or non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (such as ibuprofen), as these may cause serious side effects, including an increased risk of bleeding.
- 3. If your child returns from affected areas, they should continue using insect repellents for 14 days as a preventive measure against mosquito bites. If feeling unwell, such as having a fever, they should seek medical attention promptly, inform the doctor of their travel history, and rest at home. If students are absent due to illness, the school will provide learning support to minimize any impact on their academic progress.

The school will strengthen efforts to prevent stagnant water and eliminate mosquito breeding sites. Parents are kindly asked to take note of the above arrangements and visit the Centre for Health Protection's website: https://www.chp.gov.hk/tc/healthtopics/content/24/6122.html for more information and the latest updates.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Mui Chi Man (Principal)