

## Commencing schools under health guidelines during COVID -19 pandemic

Schools to be commenced on :- 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (except western province and isolated areas due to COVID 19 pandemic)

### Instructions for Principals

#### Prior Preparation to commence the school

- Attending the prior preparations on 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2021, adhering to the health guidelines with a limited number of parents and past pupils, use their suggestions and ideas for further modifications.
- Organizing awareness programs for staff members on how to work during new normal under COVID -19 pandemic situation by MoH / PHI.
- Follow the Circular No 15/2020, "Preparedness of schools and educational institutions to prevent the spread of COVID-19"

#### Maintain the health guidelines after the commencement of the school

- Welcome students and empower them to meet COVID – 19 challenges
- Making it compulsory for students to wear facemasks when coming to school and going back. / let primary students to remove facemasks when necessary while keeping distance.
- Check body temperature, when entering the school and recheck when necessary.
- Making it compulsory to wash hands at the entrance to the school and monitor the process on daily basis.
- Keeping distance between students.
- Preventing excessive student gatherings arranging school intervals on class basis to suit the school.
- Preventing the exchange of water, food etc. brought by students from home.
- Preventing engaging in the risky contact sports and keeping distance when engaging in physical exercise.
- Keeping all emergency contact information displayed in the office for the use when required and making the staff aware in this regard.
- If someone fall sick during school hours, keep him/ her in the sick room and take necessary action as per the PHI / MoH of the area.
- Entrusting duties to the staff to prevent the spread of COVID – 19 through the implementation of the health promotion committee in the school under the direct supervision of the school.
- Make every possible step to make the school a healthy and safe place and inform parents to assure them the same.
- Maintain check lists on prior preparation and after commencement for the assurance of health and safety of the premises.
- Promote activities to improve mental wellbeing of the students
- Make every possible step to aware parents not to send their students until recommendations taken from the MOH/PHI who's with fever/respiratory diseases/students of quarantine families /students from families subjected to testing of COVID 19
- Arranging a system/ methods to teach and educate students who are not attending schools and under quarantine in their homes due to any circumstances of the COVID 19