

Arrangements for Kindergarten, Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres and Child Care Centres under the Latest Development of Human Swine Influenza

The Education Bureau has announced on 23 June 2009 that classes for kindergartens (KGs) and kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs) will not resume within the current school year, following the 14-day class suspension as from 12 June 2009 in view of the increased risk of Human Swine Influenza outbreak and the chance of severe cases among young children.

Appreciating the concern of KGs, KG-cum-CCCs and standalone CCCs on the financial burden this may pose to them, special arrangements have been put in place under the Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission Scheme (KCFRS) so that the Student Financial Assistance Agency (SFAA) will disburse fee remission under KCFRS to the respective KGs/KG-cum-CCCs/CCCs for the remainder of the 2008/09 school year, with reference to their actual intake of KCFRS recipients as at 11 June 2009 (the day before class suspension). The special arrangement will apply to KCFRS beneficiaries who are attending kindergarten classes in KGs/KG-cum-CCCs as well as those who are receiving whole-day child care services in KG-cum-CCCs or standalone CCCs.

In view of the fact that the new school year of some KGs/KG-cum-CCCs will commence in August, the Education Bureau will liaise with the Department of Health and promulgate the arrangement regarding resumption of classes for KGs/KG-cum-CCCs concerned towards the end of July. SFAA will align the operation of KCFRS accordingly in the light of the decision of the Education Bureau and make public announcement, where necessary.

If you have further enquiries, you are most welcome to contact the KCFR Section of SFAA at 2154 2130.