

4 October 2019

**Prohibition on Face Covering Regulation
Effective Starting from 5 October 2019**

Dear Parents,

Our school is informed that in view of the social situation, the Prohibition on Face Covering Regulation, made under the Emergency Regulations Ordinance (Cap. 241), was passed by the Chief Executive in Council on 4 October 2019 and will take effect starting from 00:00 on 5 October 2019 (Saturday). In view of this, to avoid breaching the law inadvertently, our school advises parents to remind your children not to cover their faces in any manner when they go out. In fact, covering the faces to avoid being identified is not a usual and reasonable practice in interpersonal communication. There is absolutely no need and no reason for students to cover their faces when they participate in normal and usual activities, as well as interact with teachers and peers. Therefore, in principle, students should not wear masks or cover their faces in any manner both inside and outside schools, except for religious or health reasons. If students feel unwell, the best solution is to seek medical treatment and rest at home. We urge parents to set an example and serve as a role model for your children.

We also like to take this opportunity to remind parents to advise your children not to participate in chaotic, dangerous or illegal activities. We hope that parents could join hands with us to protect students so that they can focus on their studies and grow healthily in a peaceful and safe environment.

Yours faithfully,

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