

Dear Parents/ Guardians

Health Advisory on Localised Community Spread of Zika Virus Infection

Recently, MOH has confirmed more than 50 cases of locally transmitted Zika virus infection in Singapore. All the cases are residents or workers in the **Aljunied Crescent/Sims Drive area**. They are not known to have travelled to Zika-affected areas recently, and are thus likely to have been infected in Singapore. This confirms that local transmission of Zika virus infection has taken place. At this point, the community transmission appears to be localised within the Aljunied Crescent/Sims Drive cluster. Given that the Zika virus is spread by the *Aedes* mosquito vector, MOH cannot rule out further community transmission in Singapore, since some of those tested positive also live or work in other parts of Singapore.

2 The health and well-being of our pupils and staff are of utmost importance. As such, we will continue with our daily routine checks of the school premises for mosquito breeding and twice weekly oiling. We have also stepped up the frequency of fumigation to twice a month. Our next fumigation will be done on 1 Sep 2016 and we will continue to work with NEA to prevent mosquito breeding on school grounds.

3 We will remind all our pupils and staff to monitor their health and protect themselves against mosquito bites by applying insect repellent regularly. Pupils and staff should seek medical attention if they are unwell, especially with symptoms such as fever and rash, and stay away from school until they have recovered. We will take guidance from MOH's health advisories and work with relevant authorities to ensure that appropriate measures are taken for the protection of our pupils and staff.

4 On your part, we seek your co-operation to seek medical attention for your children if they are unwell. You could also do your part to minimise the risk of further spread of Zika by taking immediate steps to prevent mosquito breeding at home by doing the 5-step Mozzie Wipeout.

5 For more updates, you may refer to MOH's webpage on Zika (www.moh.gov.sg/zika) for the latest health advisory.

6 Thank you.

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