



Loving for Today • Learning for Tomorrow • Living for Eternity

School Memo

19th January 2019

Dear Parents,

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) has announced yesterday that due to the prevalence of seasonal influenza, if a kindergarten has 3 or more confirmed cases of influenza A within 96 hours, the CHP will recommend the temporary closure of that kindergarten for a period of seven days.

Small World has not experienced any confirmed cases of influenza A this year, so we expect classes to continue as normal. Please be assured that we will notify our parent community if there is any change to this situation.

Vigilance against Communicable Diseases

Due to the increase in Seasonal Influenza activity in Hong Kong lately, the Education Bureau has urged all schools to reinforce preventive measures. We would like to monitor our students' temperature. Therefore, we kindly ask that all our parents in Small World check and record their child/ren's temperature every day before school, record it on the Temperature Record Sheet and send the Record Sheet daily in your child/ren's schoolbag. If your child has a fever and symptoms of influenza or other respiratory infections, please consult your doctor immediately and keep your child at home until 48 hours after the fever has subsided. It is also important for everyone to have good personal hygiene. The following tips are advised:

- Keeping hands clean, washing hands with liquid soap and water properly;
- Covering nose and mouth while sneezing or coughing and dispose of nasal and mouth discharge properly;
- Having a balanced diet, regular exercise, adequate rest and avoiding too much stress;
- Maintaining good indoor ventilation and avoiding crowded public places;
- Consulting your doctor for medical advice promptly upon the development of influenza-like symptoms.

More information can be found on the government's Centre for Health Protection website at [CHP website](#).



Happy 33rd birthday, Small World!

Small World turned 33 last Sunday, 13th January 2019—we thank God for bringing this lovely kindergarten to Hong Kong through the vision of our founder, Mrs. Gail Maidment. We also thank all the families, parents, students and staff who have trusted Small World through the years. We look forward to another wonderful year of loving, learning, living and leading!



Here is an update and a few reminders following on from our January schoolgramme.

Eye Screening

The optometrist, Mrs. Suzan Salnikow will conduct eye screening tests on **21st & 22nd January.**

School Photos by Techni Photo

Our School photo is scheduled on **Monday, 28th January 2019** for the Panda, Giraffe, and Dolphin AM/PM Classes whilst **Tuesday, 29th January 2019** for the Koala, Otter, and Penguin AM/PM Classes.



Chinese New Year Celebration

Our Chinese New Year celebration is on **Friday, 1st February.** Children and staff are encouraged to dress in their Chinese costume or they can wear something red/gold on this day. Our Mandarin teachers will lead the children to sing Mandarin songs and perform the Lion Dance.

School Holidays

The **Chinese New Year Break** is from **4th to 8th February.**

The **11th of February, Monday,** is a **Teachers Only Day.** There will be NO SCHOOL on those days. Class will resume on **Tuesday, 12th February.**



Small World Gift Policy

Saying thank you is a beautiful way to express gratitude and appreciation to someone, and very often that is the best gift a student can give a teacher. If, however, you or your child wishes to give a small gift as a further token of appreciation, kindly note that cash gifts cannot be accepted, and the value of gifts received is capped at HK\$300 per household.

Red Packet Collection

This term we will be organising a "Children Helping Children" Red Packet Campaign at Small World Christian Kindergarten. This will form part of the fundraising drive for all children at Changing Young Lives Foundation (CYLF). CYLF is a local charity that identifies underprivileged children and youth with the hope to change their lives for the better through development, education, participation and protection programmes. Please encourage your child to donate one of their red packets to the foundation. Every dollar will be sent to Changing Young Lives Foundation. Details will be given out later about the date we will start collecting these red packets.



Small World (Generations) Playgroup

We are excited for the launch of Small World (Generations) Playgroup's NEW Quarry Bay location in February! In the upcoming term, families will have the choice of two great venues in Central and in Quarry Bay. Please visit this link <https://www.generations.edu.hk/playgroup/> to find out more! You can also follow their Facebook and Instagram.





Guardian Pass

Each parent/guardian will be asked to present their "Guardian Pass" to teachers when collecting their child in school, as this facilitates an efficient and safe method of releasing children. If there is any change in your household (e.g. new helpers, etc.), kindly inform your child's class teachers and the school office in writing. Please remind your helpers to bring their guardian passes to school during pickup.



With blessings,

Tess Baguio

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School Principal

And Jesus grew in wisdom
and stature and in favour
with God and men.
Luke 2:52



Small World Christian Kindergarten is a proud International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC) member. The IEYC is a research-based curriculum recognizing global best practice in early childhood education and the developmental needs of 2-5 year olds.