17 January 2020

Dear Parents of Year 1 students,

The School Immunisation Team of the Centre of Health Protection will visit our school on

**27 February 2020** to offer the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) or Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella (MMRV)vaccine to eligible Year 1 students. This immunisation clinic is recommended for students who have never received the MMR/MMRV vaccine or who have only received one dose of the MMR/MMRV vaccine after the age of one.

The combined **Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)** vaccine will be offered to eligible Year 1 students **born before 1 Jan 2013**.

Varicella has recently been incorporated into the Hong Kong schedule for children **born on or after 1 Jan 2013** who do not have a history of clinician-diagnosed chickenpox. Students who meet these criteria will be eligible to receive the combined **Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella (MMRV)** vaccine. A prior history of varicella infection is not a contradiction to receiving MMRV. Infection at less than 12 months of age has been associated with an increased risk of a second episode.

Please carefully review the attached form and sign the desired consent or refusal. Completed forms can be returned to the Health and First Aid Coordinator in the Medical Office along the child’s original Immunisation Records before 21st February.

Please note that this vaccine is a parental option. Although our Health and First Aid Coordinators support our students, it is a very busy time and some students who are fearful may feel more comfortable with an individual visit to their family doctor.

Please read the enclosed information sheet carefully. If you have any queries please contact the School Immunisation Team at 2615 8584 or 2615 8567 during office hours.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Abigail Tibbetts & Sarah Walker

Health & First Aid Coordinators