

Parents and Guardians

A “New Way of School Life” is about to begin.
We ask for your understanding and support.

From the MEXT Manual for Management of Safety and Sanitation in Schools in Relation to COVID-19 “New Way of School Life” (Ver. 1, May 22, 2020)

Many unknowns still surround COVID-19, and as of yet there is no effective vaccine for the virus. For the foreseeable future, we as a society must learn to coexist with this new infectious disease.

With this in mind in order to ensure that children have access to a healthy learning environment, knowing that lowering the risk of infection to zero is not a reality, we must engage in educational activities which implement the “New Way of Life” and avoid the 3 C’s, reducing the risk of infection as much as possible.

“New Way of School Life” Main Points

BASIC PRECAUTIONS



- Students and staff will be required to **wash hands** frequently, using running water and soap for at least 30 seconds.
- Masks** will be worn at all times by both students and school staff.
*Masks may be removed during gym class or if there are worries of heat stroke.
- Schools will be **ventilated** regularly.
*Classroom temperatures will also be monitored.
- High-touch areas and surfaces will be **cleaned with disinfectant** at least once a day.
- A **physical distance** of 1 -2 meters will be kept between seats, as much as possible.
- Please **keep your children home** if they present a **fever or any other cold symptoms**. *Absence will be treated as Principal-approved non-attendance.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE EDUCATION

[All students must bring the following items to school]

Clean handkerchief or tissues, mask, clean cloth or plastic to place the mask on.

Children will be given accurate education about COVID-19, and taught

- how to **avoid the risk of infection** on their own.
- how to **act without prejudice or discrimination**.
- In the case that your child may be infected with COVID-19 or other similar circumstances, **attendance will be suspended**.
- Decisions will be made on the necessity and scale (whole school, whole grade, single class) of school closure**, etc. after consideration of school activities and the state of infection in the region and advice from the Health Center.

DECISION REGARDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE

If you have any concerns or anxieties regarding school life, please contact your school or support centers, etc. at any time.

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