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Follow Up from our Briefing at The Ministry of Education on June 23rd, 2009
7 Day Leave of Absence (LOA) for Students Returning From H1N1 Affected Countries

Dear Parents,

As part of the measures to reduce the risk of Influenza A (H1N1) among students when school reopens on August 31st, 2009 The Ministry of Education (MOE) has recommended to all schools that students returning from affected countries do not attend school for seven calendar days *after* the day of their arrival to Singapore. This will reduce the risk of H1N1 spreading within the school community.

Many families in the Chatsworth community will be travelling overseas to affected countries during our holidays and therefore parents are responsible for checking the following upon their return. First, parents must check the Ministry of Health website for the updated list of countries that are regarded as affected as they are changing week by week. Please be informed that if the country you visited is on the list then your child is required to stay home for a 7 day clearance of any symptoms *after* the day of their arrival in Singapore.

I.e. If your child arrives in Singapore from an affected country on Sunday the 23rd of August then the student can begin school on August 31st 2009. Any arrival from an affected country after this date must be carefully calculated and checked for their return date to school.

In addition to a leave of absence for affected students, school will also implement other precautionary measures. Temperatures will continue to be taken by parents daily before school starts and then recorded and sent to homeroom teachers. Anyone with a fever of 38.1 degrees or higher must be kept at home and symptoms monitored daily and actions taken as per the Ministry of Health instructions.

We seek your cooperation and understanding in our school's efforts to implement these measures. Let us work together to maintain a healthy and safe environment for all in our school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Julian Leah'.

Julian Leah, Principal