

Dear Parents / Guardians and Students

From May 8, it has been decided that the classification of the Novel Coronavirus infection under the Infectious Diseases Act will be shifted to Class 5. Along with this, we will change the handling of the Coronavirus in school lifestyle as follows. We appreciate your understanding.

( 1 ) **Monitoring of Health Condition**

- We will distribute a “Health Self-check Sheet” instead of the “Health Check Card” that we currently use.
- Please refer to the items on the Health self-check sheet to monitor your health condition at home.

( 2 ) **Deciding whether to go to school**

① **In case the student himself / herself is positive**

- The period of suspension of attendance will be the period of “ 5 days after the onset of infection plus another 1 day after the symptoms has improved”
- After the suspension of school attendance is lifted, please wear a mask until 10 days has passed since the onset of symptoms.

② **In case a family member living together has turned positive**

- Please make sure to monitor health condition described in ① above.
- If you have unusual symptoms, please follow ③ below.

If you don't have any special symptoms, you can go to school.

**(Notice)** After coming to school, if there is a change in your health condition while you are at school, please notify the teacher immediately.

③ **In case the student has unusual symptoms such as fever, sore throat, cough, etc.**

Please recuperate at home or visit the hospital.

- If you go to the hospital and are found to be positive, the response will be as described in ① above, going back to the date of onset of symptoms.
- If you do not come to school for reasons aside from a positive covid result, you will be treated as absent in principle.

④ **In case you are worried about infection and would like to refrain from going to school**

Because Covid is classified as similar to seasonal influenza, cases that will not be considered as absence are limited to cases where the school deems that there are reasonable reasons, such as the following:

- The person or a family member living with him or her has an underlying disease.
- The number of infected people in residential areas and school areas is rapidly increasing.

**If you are worried about deciding whether to go to school or not, please do not hesitate to consult with the school.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in various measures to prevent the spread of infection in your home and in school. School education activities during the Coronavirus pandemic are about to enter a new phase. On the other hand, even after the transition of classification of Covid to Class 5, the infectivity of the virus does not decrease. While steadily taking basic infectious disease countermeasures (monitoring of health conditions, ventilation, and hand hygiene in cooperation with families), we will support students to have a fulfilling high school life and help them make their career aspirations come true.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

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