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TRANSLATION

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Dear staff members,

The Commission had invited CPE and the ES to a meeting about the A/H1N1 influenza. Following conclusions have been taken and will be applied as follows.

- 1) Parents and staff need to visit regularly our **Web Site**, and following pages: www.grippe.lu and www.sante.lu. The school has distributed a document containing 7 hygiene advices to the parents.
- 2) Parents and teachers must respect following **precautions**:
 - ❖ Wash hands more often and longer with normal soap.
 - ❖ Apply even better manners in case of sneeze etc.
 - ❖ Avoid kisses and handshake in case of saying hello.
 - ❖ All persons representing symptoms of flu should not come to school, even if it doesn't concern the A/H1N1 flew, this in order to avoid risks and panic.
 - ❖ The school rules foresee that staff or pupils who got the virus A/H1N1 notify this **to the school. The Luxembourg authorities made this declaration compulsory too.**Parents and teachers play a key part to prevent, by their education towards hygiene and respect towards others, the propagation of the virus.
- 3) Since the virus is mainly transmitted by respiratory ways, the school where pupils meet or are seated around the same table and where the teacher comes to talk to the pupils respectively helps them, being very close to them, is a premise in which it is impossible to stop the propagation by precaution measures different from the **personal hygienically behaviour** and the compulsory solution that **a contaminated child or teacher stays at home**. Asking a certificate of "good health" is not useful because the contamination is possible already 24 hours before the appearance of symptoms.
- 4) **The school will only close a class in case of strict necessity**. We hope that this will not happen; we will decide case by case. The school will follow up the recommendations and restricting disposals.
- 5) Knowing that the following measures are of **doubtful efficiency**, we will ask our cleaning company to wash with soap, intensively and daily, the seats and taps as well as the door and window handles. In the infirmary the applied measures will be reinforced. We will use special soap only if it shows that this will not create reactions for allergic or more sensible pupils.
- 6) The school will **not inform publicly** about cases of flu **and will not answer phone calls about this topic**. We must respect the criteria of confidentiality and decide case by case whom to inform internally. Please ask the parents not to create rumors or propagate them and **trust the school** and its staff for the management of the matter.
- 7) **The school and the CPE exchange** all information which could be useful to reduce the propagation of the flu virus. The infirmary of the school and of the CPE will consult each other and act together.

- 8) **The infirmary** of the European school Luxembourg II will evaluate the situation at the Village pédagogique and the nursery school, collect the information, diffuse them in accordance with the present letter to the concerned ones and propose to the Direction measures to be taken. Both schools cooperate. **The school keeps records about individual measures taken.**
- 9) The **occasional use of masks** is decided by the nurses. It is strongly recommended not to wear masks without being instructed by the medical persons.

Kind regards,

The Direction of the European school Luxembourg II

copy by email to all parents.