



### Matters Regarding the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance

Dear Parents,

The "Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance" has come into effect as of 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2026. The Ordinance mandates that 25 categories of specified professionals within the social welfare, education, and healthcare sectors must report suspected cases of severe child abuse. The key points of the Ordinance are as follows:

Background and Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Effective Date: 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.</li><li>• Purpose: To identify and intervene in cases of severe child abuse early, establishing a comprehensive protection network for children.</li><li>• Applicable Persons: Individuals under the age of 18.</li></ul>
Mandatory Reporters	The specified three sectors encompass a total of 25 types of professionals, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education Sector: Teaching staff, principals, educational psychologists, etc.</li><li>• Social Welfare Sector: Social workers, etc.</li><li>• Healthcare Sector: Doctors, nurses, etc.</li></ul>
Definition of Severe Harm	Any injury that poses an immediate threat to a child's life or health and requires urgent medical treatment, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physical Abuse: Results in fractures, burns, organ damage, internal injuries, muscle or tendon damage, severe bleeding, loss of consciousness, etc.</li><li>• Psychological Abuse: Leads to mental disorders or long-term psychological trauma.</li><li>• Sexual Assault: Coercion to participate in rape, incest, or obscene acts.</li><li>• Neglect: Failure to provide basic necessities that endanger life or health.</li></ul>
School Handling Mechanism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reporting Method: If there are adequate reasons for suspicion, the case will be promptly reported to the Director of Social Welfare, the police, or through the organization's designated internal mechanism.</li><li>• Legal Protections: The legislation provides "defense of justification" and statutory protection for reporters.</li><li>• Anonymous Handling: No one is allowed to disclose the identity of the person making the report.</li><li>• Emergency Situations: If a child is in life-threatening danger, the police should be notified immediately (999).</li></ul>

Attached is a link to the Child Protection website for parents' reference. If parents have any needs or questions, please feel free to contact the School Social Worker, Miss Wong. Let us work together to create a loving and caring environment for our children to grow up in. <https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/teacher/student-guidance-discipline-services/gd-resources/index.html>

Principal: Cheung Lai Wan

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To: Ms. Cheung Lai Wan  
Principal  
Shamshuipo Kaifong Welfare Association Primary School

I acknowledge the contents of the notice regarding the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance.

Class\_\_\_\_\_ Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_