

Dear Parents,

Supporting Students Affected by the Manila Hostage Incident

Several students and their families were involved in the recent Manila hostage incident in the Philippines. Quite a number of students who have learnt about the incident through the wide media coverage might have also been affected.

While grief and feeling disturbed are normal emotional reactions when we are faced with tragic incidents, our school is concerned about the possible impact of the incident on our students. We will provide students in need with appropriate counselling and help them ventilate their emotions and understand the incident from multiple perspectives, through which they could learn to handle their emotions positively and treasure their families and friends.

I would like to appeal to your support in observing your children's recent emotion and behaviours (e.g. you may look out for unusual fear of darkness, insomnia and nightmares etc.). Through listening patiently and care, you could help your children develop a sense of security. You could access the EDB homepage for the following reference and give support and encouragement to your daughter according to her needs:

1. 'How to Cope with Traumatic Incidents — Suggestions for Parents'
[http://www.edb.gov.hk/FileManager/TC/Content_4368/how%20to%20cope%20with%20traumatic%20incidents%20-%20parents%20\(chi\).pdf](http://www.edb.gov.hk/FileManager/TC/Content_4368/how%20to%20cope%20with%20traumatic%20incidents%20-%20parents%20(chi).pdf)
2. 'Regarding the Manila Hostage Incident_ Counselling Children Q & A'
[http://www.edb.gov.hk/FileManager/TC/Content_4368/counselling_for%20students_q&a%20\(chi\).pdf](http://www.edb.gov.hk/FileManager/TC/Content_4368/counselling_for%20students_q&a%20(chi).pdf)

If you find your children emotionally disturbed for a prolonged period and their daily routines are adversely affected, please contact the Class Teacher / Miss Mandy Yung, our Coordinator of the Counselling Team / Miss Ching Siu-ling, our School Social Worker. Should you have any enquiry, please contact Miss Josephine Lee, our Vice-Principal at 23379123. Thank you and God bless.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lucilla Yip
Principal

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I acknowledge receipt of the circular regarding **Supporting Students Affected by the Manila Hostage Incident**.

Name of Student: _____ Class: _____ No.: _____

Name of Parent: _____ Signature of Parent: _____