

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**Friday, 27 March 2020**

### **Confirmed COVID-19 Case at PPIS Child Development Centre (Bedok Reservoir)**

---

1. Today, PPIS received confirmation that one of our children from Kindergarten 2 at PPIS Child Development Centre (Bedok Reservoir) had tested positive for COVID-19. The child was last in school on 11 March 2020 and had not displayed any symptoms then. The child had also cleared the necessary health checks and temperature-taking exercise that was conducted on that day prior to entering the centre.
2. To date, all staff and children from PPIS Child Development Centre (Bedok Reservoir) are well. Those who have travelled out of Singapore have also been placed on Leave-of-Absence (LOA) dutifully.
3. Since the onset of COVID-19 in January 2020, all seven PPIS Child Development Centres have implemented precautionary measures, including increasing the frequency of temperature screening, travel declaration forms, restricting visitors, ensuring personal and environmental hygiene practices among children and staff, and suspending large group activities.
4. As part of these measures, PPIS Child Development Centre (Bedok Reservoir) was last sanitised on Wednesday, 25 March 2020. We will do another sanitisation on Saturday, 28 March 2020.
5. Following the sanitisation of the centre tomorrow, ECDA has allowed for the centre to resume normal operations on Monday, 30 March 2020 barring further developments.
6. PPIS Child Development Centres will continue to be stringent in observing high levels of personal and environmental hygiene, as well as constant health monitoring of our young children.

7. Additionally, PPIS has also implemented further precautionary measures within the organisation to safeguard against COVID-19. Given the escalation of COVID-19 cases, particularly with an increasing number of them being imported cases, all PPIS staff are not allowed to travel abroad with immediate effect. This travel ban is in place until further notice.
  
8. PPIS will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide updates to staff, as well as the families and children we serve, whenever necessary. Our centres will continue to take directions from the Ministry of Health (MOH), ECDA and other partnering agencies.
  
9. Everyone has a part to play and PPIS is committed to fulfil our social responsibility in upholding these health practices within the organisation.