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**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

**SPORT AND YOUTH MEDICAL AND PUBLIC**

**HEALTH SERVICES**

**primary SCHOOL** ………………………..……………………………………………

**SCHOOL YEAR:** ……………………………...

**SCHOOL VISITS OF HEALTH OFFICERS**

Dear parents/guardians,

We would like to inform you that Health Officers from the Ministry of Health, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth periodically visit schools for carrying out various preventive medical examinations and screening tests. These are performed within the framework of the Ministry of Health’s efforts, to ensure children’s health. The examinations contribute to the overall assessment and monitoring of children's health by the School Health Service, aiming the early detection, treatment and monitoring of possible relevant medical problems.

The examinations are being carried out with care and absolute confidentiality so as to ensure the individuality and dignity of each child. They include an examination of the cardiovascular system (e.g., for possible presence of heart murmur or arrhythmia), the respiratory system, the abdominal cavity, the boys’ genitourinary system (to exclude the presence of cryptorchidism or phimosis), the spine (e.g., for kyphosis or scoliosis) and the oral (mouth) cavity. Other examinations which will take place are height & weight measurement, visual and auditory acuity tests and, where necessary, colour blindness tests.

**Health Officers are scheduled to visit our school on the …………………………………… to examine the pupils of grades …………………………… Please note that in case you wish, you can be present during your child's medical examination.**

It is possible that the Health Officers visit may need to be rescheduled, either due to unexpected obligations of the School Health Service or other activities of the school. Due to the above, if you are planning to be present during your child's medical examination, you are encouraged to contact the school on the morning of the scheduled day so as to confirm whether the examination will be carried out as planned.

***NOTE: Your child can only be examined, if you have given your consent on the relevant form sent to you by the School Health Service, through our school, at the beginning of the school year.***