

Lesson Plan for “The First Lesson of the New Academic Year 2021/2022”

1. Introduction

In order to raise students’ awareness of epidemic prevention, enhance the understanding of protecting oneself, family and the community during the time of consistent epidemic prevention through reflecting on the “epidemic”¹, the Education and Youth Development Bureau (hereinafter referred to as the “DSEDJ”) has formulated the lesson plan for “The First Lesson of the New Academic Year” for schools to implement thematic educational activities on epidemic prevention in the academic year 2021/2022. Please download the lesson plan for the “First Lesson of the New Academic Year” at <https://portal.dsedj.gov.mo/webdsejspace/site/ddca/index-e.jsp?con=firstlesson>



2. Basic explanation

- 2.1 Schools should design specific elements of classroom teaching for “The First Lesson of the New Academic Year” including teaching objectives, teaching content, teaching activities and teaching methods in accordance with the school-based characteristics as well as the age characteristics, the pattern of physical and mental development and experience of students in different grades and education levels. Schools can refer to this Plan and the “Requirements of Basic Academic Attainments”.
- 2.2 This Plan can be carried out on the first day of the academic year 2021/2022 (e.g. the day of the school opening ceremony) or during the lessons in the first week of the new academic year (e.g. weekly assembly, class management lesson, moral and civic education lesson, general studies lesson, physical education and health lesson/ thematic education lesson of pre-primary students, and so on.)
- 2.3 As K1 students are still going through the period of adaptation to school life, schools should flexibly adjust the relevant teaching arrangements for the “The First Lesson of the New Academic Year” for them.

¹Refer to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus pneumonia all over the world during the school year 2019/2020.

3. Suggestions on teaching

3.1 Pre-primary education level

- ✓ Selection of topic: it is recommended that “Protecting oneself”, a teaching topic related to epidemic prevention should be selected.
- ✓ Teaching objectives: develop the habit of maintaining personal hygiene and the awareness of maintaining environmental hygiene; learn how to prevent common infectious diseases.
- ✓ Teaching hours: it is suggested that the duration of teaching is one lesson or 30 minutes.
- ✓ Teaching content and method:
 - The teaching content and method have to be in line with the stated teaching objectives. For example, teaching students the methods for preventing the epidemic, for example, wearing a face mask and washing hands frequently. Schools can refer to the content of the Special Webpage Against Epidemics of the Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Center of the Macao SAR Government.
 - Schools should attach importance to children’s life experience, emphasise children’s participation and experience. Teachers should use game-based learning in the classroom. For example, when demonstrating and teaching students how to wash hands correctly, teachers can play rhythms and children’s songs (e.g. hand washing songs).
 - Please refer to the attachment for an example of teaching the “The First Lesson of the New Academic Year” in pre-primary education level (PPT).

3.2 Primary education level

- ✓ Selection of topic: it is recommended that “Loving Oneself, Protecting the Family”, a teaching topic related to epidemic prevention should be selected.
- ✓ Teaching objectives: care about one’s own health, learn about the early symptoms of novel coronavirus pneumonia epidemic, be able to take the initiative to inform family members, look after the health of family members, be willing to maintain personal hygiene consistently.

- ✓ Teaching hours: it is suggested that the duration of teaching is one lesson or 40 minutes.
- ✓ Teaching content and method:
 - The teaching content and method have to be in line with the stated teaching objectives. For example, teach students about the impacts of the epidemic on people’s lives as well as the epidemic prevention measures taken by the country, the Macao SAR Government, the effectiveness of such measures, as well as the inoculation of vaccines, among other epidemic preventive measures. Schools can refer to the content on the Government Information Bureau of the Macao SAR Government, the DSEDJ, the Special Webpage Against Epidemics of the Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Center as well as other news media and information.
 - Integrate epidemic prevention education, civic education and health education into the lesson through multiple learning methods such as raising questions, group discussion or designing practical actions.
- ✓ Please refer to the attachment for an example of teaching “The First Lesson of the New Academic Year” in primary education level (PPT).

3.3 Secondary education level

- ✓ Selection of topic: it is recommended that “Protecting the community for oneself and others”, a teaching topic related to epidemic prevention should be selected.
- ✓ Teaching objectives: have the ability to reflect on the epidemic, be willing to fulfil the obligation and responsibility to prevent the epidemic as a citizen.
- ✓ Teaching hours: it is suggested that the duration of teaching is one lesson or 40 minutes.
- ✓ Teaching content and method:
 - The teaching content and method have to comply with the stated teaching objectives. For example, introducing the implementation of free vaccination programme in response to novel coronavirus pneumonia epidemic in China and in Macao; guiding students to fulfil the obligation and responsibility as citizens.
 - In accordance with the differences in students’ ability development, schools should provide open learning activities for students to reflect on the epidemic.

For example, students of junior secondary education level can reflect on the epidemic from the perspective of Macao society whereas students of senior secondary education level can reflect from a national or an international perspective.

- ✓ Please refer to the attachment for an example of teaching “The First Lesson of the New Academic Year” in secondary education level (PPT).

4. Links to reference information

4.1 Government Information Bureau of the Macao SAR Government:
<http://www.gcs.gov.mo>

4.2 The Education and Youth Development Bureau of the Macao SAR Government:
<http://www.dsedj.gov.mo>

4.3 The Special Webpage Against Epidemics of the Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Center of the Macao SAR Government:

<https://www.ssm.gov.mo/apps1/PreventCOVID-19/ch.aspx#clg17458>

Attachment: Examples of teaching “The First Lesson of the New Academic Year” in pre-primary education level, primary education level and secondary education level.