

Empowered Teens (eTeens) STI (Sexually Transmitted Infection) /HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) Prevention Programme

Dear Sir/ Madam

- 1. Health Promotion Board (HPB), in collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Ministry of Education (MOE), will be conducting a programme titled Empowered Teens (eTeens) to educate JC/CI students about preventing STIs/HIV. The programme provides information on transmission and prevention of STIs/HIV, and helps guide students to make good life choices to avoid risky sexual behaviors.
- 2. The following topics are taught:
 - a) Infectious diseases (STIs and HIV);
 - b) Modes of transmission for STIs and HIV;
 - c) Modes of protection against infection, specifically abstinence and the correct and consistent use of condoms;
 - d) Consequences and impact STIs/HIV;
 - e) Ways of managing the impact of STIs
- 3. The programme is delivered through a 1-hour talk. A video and presentation are used to convey key learning points. The programme depicts the health, social and financial implications of STIs/HIV on an individual and the family if he/she gets infected with STIs/HIV and emphasises the importance of responsible decision-making and knowing where to seek help. Presenters are engaged by HPB and follow a presentation guide approved by MOE.
- 4. Additional information is available on the MOE website¹.
- 5. If you do not wish your child/ward to attend this programme, please complete the opt-out form on page 2 of this document. For further clarifications about this programme, please email us at hpb_yhp@hpb.gov.sg.

Yours sincerely

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¹ https://go.gov.sg/moe-sexuality-education

eTeens Opt-out Form

Please complete this section if you DO NOT wish your child to attend the eTeens Programme and return it to the school.

I, (name)		do not wish my son/	daughter/ward*,
(name) _		of class	, to attend the
eTeens STIs/HIV Prevention Programme conducted by the Health Promotion Board.			
My reason(s) for opting out:			
	My child is too young		
	I would like to personally educate my child	d	
	I am not comfortable with the topics/conte	nt to be covered	
	Religious reasons		
	I have previously taught my child the topic	s/content to be cover	red
	I do not think it is necessary for my child to attend		
	Others (please state):		
Signature of Parent/Guardian Date			