

SBCEC PARENTAL CONSENT AND WAIVER FORM FOR ONSITE ATTENDANCE FOR LIMITED FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES AND RELATED SCHOOL ACTIVITIES SY 2022 - 2023

THE PROGRAM

St. Benedict Childhood Education Centre, Inc. will be implementing the Hybrid-Flexible Learning Experience "Hy.F.L.Ex" Program for School Year 2022 – 2023, as explained in the SBCEC Hybrid-Flexible Learning Experience (Hy.F.L.Ex) Program Primer, and as announced in the official school correspondence to all stakeholders.

The school has taken note of Department of Education Order No. 34, s. 2022 released last 12 July 2022 and will be informing the school community in due course of any changes to the aforementioned program.

RATIONALE AND PURPOSES

St. Benedict Childhood Education Centre, Inc. (SBCEC) applied for and was awarded a **SAFETY SEAL** by the Department of Education last 31 May 2022 to conduct limited face-to-face classes and/or related school activities. This recognition affirms that the school has complied and is complying with the minimum public health standards against the COVID-19 virus set by the concerned government agencies.

Furthermore, this **SAFETY SEAL** signifies that **St. Benedict Childhood Education Centre**, **Inc.** is ready to transition from Online Distance Learning (i.e., the Flexible Learning Experience "F.L.Ex" Program) for *all* its learners, to Hybrid-Flexible Learning (i.e., the Hybrid-Flexible Learning Experience "Hy.F.L.Ex" Program), with *some students* studying online, while *other learners* attend classes on campus.

This **Parental Consent and Waiver Form for Onsite Attendance for Classes and Related School Activities** or "*SBCEC Consent and Waiver Form*," for brevity, is a **requirement** for all students who will be physically reporting to school on designated days, for limited face-to-face classes and/or related school activities, under the SBCEC Hy.F.L.Ex Program for School Year 2022 – 2023.

DURATION

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BENEFITS

The Hybrid-Flexible Learning Experience "Hy.F.L.Ex" Program offers Benedictine students and their families the choice to continue learning online full-time or to spend part of their school week on campus.

For those learners who opt to return to the phased implementation of limited face-to-face classes, there will be opportunities to physically interact and socialize with their fellow students, in a monitored and safe environment.



Similarly, students who had and have difficulties with online classes will be able to learn directly and in-person from their teachers during the onsite Hy.F.LE.x sessions.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Any information disclosed by our students in relation to the conduct of the Hy.F.L.Ex Program will be kept strictly confidential; and personal data, including a student's vaccination status, will be treated in accordance with the Data Privacy Act of 2012. Be assured that information about you and/or your child/ren will not be shared outside of the concerned SBCEC departments.

CHOICE OF MODALITY (PARTICIPATION IN ONSITE CLASSES AND/OR RELATED SCHOOL ACTIVITIES)

The preferred learning modality (whether full-online or limited face-to-face) will have no bearing on a student's ability to access quality Benedictine education. Whether your child is studying online or onsite, he or she will be given the same lessons, class activities, and learning materials.

Choosing to study online full-time will not result to any penalty, or loss of benefits or reduction of any basic right to which your child/ren is/are entitled.

EXCLUSION (LIMITATIONS/INELIGIBILITY)

As per Department of Education Order No. 17, s. 2022, and as stated in our Primer (p.84), <u>COVID-19 vaccination for students is preferred, but not mandatory.</u> Therefore, a student's vaccination status is not a determining factor in his or her participation in onsite classes. However, in accordance with the established health and safety protocols, and as stated in our Primer (pp.78-80), every student who attends classes in school must pass the daily health screening in accordance with existing health protocols.

LOGISTICS

In order to maintain health and safety protocols --

- Only students who are officially registered for onsite classes on a particular day are allowed to enter the campus.
- Parents and guardians are not allowed inside the school, except in the following cases:
 - a. For those who have official business with the Accounting Office subject to the requirement that he/she must use the designated entrance and exit.
 - b. For those who have official business with the Office of the Principal, Office of the Vice-Principal, Discipline and Formation Office, etc. subject to an appointment which must be set beforehand via the assigned Help Desk Contact Person.
- If your child has a companion (i.e., nanny, driver, etc.), said companion will have to wait outside the school premises. In this regard, SBCEC expects the concerned parents/guardians/employers to brief and train the child's companion/employee on the health and safety protocols.
- For **DROP-OFFS for onsite classes,** parents, guardians, and/or companions must practice quick drop-offs and not hold up the line. To minimize contact, they are not allowed to loiter at the school entrance.
- For **PICK-UPS for onsite classes**, parents, guardians, and/or companions must wait at the main gate for their children or wards to be called via the school's public address system.



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RISKS, CONSENT AND WAIVER

As the parent/s legal guardian of (printed full name of student) or , I/we hereby acknowledge that I/we have been informed of the details of the conduct of the (phased) onsite classes and related school activities under the SBCEC Hybrid-Flexible Learning Experience "Hy.F.L.Ex" Program, through the SBCEC Hy.F.L.Ex Primer for SY 2022-2023 and through the Orientation for Parents and Guardians.

I/we further acknowledge that I/we will be responsible for any information regarding said program that I/we might have missed for failing to read the Primer and/or to attend the Orientation.

I/we understand that **St. Benedict Childhood Education Centre, Inc.** has the right to enforce school rules, regulations, procedures, and protocols in the conduct of the Hy.F.L.Ex Program, including but not limited to a) minimum health standards b) physical access to school premises, and c) logistics and traffic arrangements. As a member of said community, I/we am/are expected to respect and abide by said rules, regulations, procedures, and protocols.

I/we understand that **St. Benedict Childhood Education Centre, Inc.** shall implement the minimum public health standards set by the government to minimize risk of the spread of COVID-19, but it cannot guarantee that my/our child will not become infected with COVID-19, given that COVID-19 is highly contagious.

I/we understand that my/our child/ren's in-person attendance in school will include associating with teachers, fellow learners and school personnel, and other authorized persons inside and outside of the school that may put my/our child at risk of COVID-19 transmission, notwithstanding the precautions undertaken by the school.

I/we also understand that learners who want to participate in face-to-face classes and other related school activities are <u>not required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 but they are highly</u> <u>encouraged to do so</u> as per Department of Education's policy.

I/we acknowledge that my/our child/ren's participation in onsite classes and related school activities is completely voluntary. While there remains the risk of possible COVID-19 transmission to my/our child/ren, and to the members of my/our household, I/we freely and fully assume the said risk and I/we permit my/our child/ren to attend said classes and activities.

I/we am/are aware that symptoms of COVID-19 include, but are not limited to, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

I/we confirm that, at present, my/our child/ren has none of those symptoms and is/are in good health. I/we will not allow my/our child/ren to physically go to school to attend classes and related school activities if my/our child/ren or any member of my/our household develops any of the said symptoms or any other symptoms of illness that may or may not be related to COVID-19. I/we will also inform the school and not allow my/our child/ren to attend face-to-face classes and related school activities if my/our child/ren or any of my/our household members tests positive for COVID-19. My/our child/ren and I/we, with m/our household members, will follow the required health and safety protocols and procedures adopted by the school and our community.



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With full understanding, I/we, on behalf of myself/ourselves, my/our household members, and my/our child/ren – hereby freely and voluntarily give my/our consent to my/our child/ren's participation in the aforementioned program starting **25 July 2022.** I/we also attest that I/we had sought the views of my/our child/ren and he/she/they has/have expressed willingness to participate in the said program.

To the extent allowed by law and rules, I/we hereby agree to waive, release, and discharge all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, and rights against **St. Benedict Childhood Education Centre, Inc.**, its President, members of the Board, directors, officers, officials, administrators, faculty members, non-teaching staff, maintenance personnel, successors and assigns, as well as officials and personnel of the Department of Education relative to the conduct of the **SBCEC Hybrid-Flexible Learning Experience "Hy.F.L.Ex" Program**.

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ABSOLUTE AND IRREVOCABLE CONFORMITY/ACKNOWLEDGENT:

Signature over printed name/s of Parent/s or Guardian signed

REMINDERS -- Please

- 1. <u>Print (pp. 1 to 4) and sign</u> the SBCEC PARENTAL CONSENT AND WAIVER FORM FOR ONSITE ATTENDANCE FOR LIMITED FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES AND RELATED SCHOOL ACTIVITIES SY 2022 – 2023.
- 2. Have your child submit his or her CONSENT AND WAIVER FORM to his or her Homeroom Adviser on his or her <u>first face-to-face class day</u> (please refer to the attached HyFLEx calendar).
- 3. Note that we cannot allow any student to attend onsite classes without the CONSENT AND WAIVER FORM.
- 4. Note that each student must have his or her own CONSENT AND WAIVER FORM. Please prepare a CONSENT AND WAIVER FORM for each of your children who are enrolled with us.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

For further information, questions, or concerns, kindly send an email to our Discipline and Formation Office at <u>dfo@sbcec.edu.ph</u>.

YOUR COOPERATION IS HIGHLY APPRECIATED, AND WILL HELP ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

Date