



# 倫敦克尼中文學校

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy new year to you all. I hope you all had a good Christmas break.

Further to our letter to you dated 30 August 2020, I write to provide you with an update on the teaching arrangement for our Spring Term (January to March 2021).

Following the Prime Minister Mr. Boris Johnson's announcement yesterday evening stating that there is now a national lockdown until at least mid-February, it requires: everyone to stay at home unless leaving home for restricted government approved reasons; and schools be closed and switched to remote teaching from today until at least half-term in mid-February subject to some limited exceptions. Whilst the government has started making both the Oxford/AstraZeneca and the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccines available, it is not clear when our parents, guardians, teaching staff and students will be able to have the vaccines. In light of the situation outlined above, we do not consider it safe for our teachers and students to return to Haggerston school to study in the Spring Term (January to March 2021), as this would expose our teachers, students, parents and guardians to serious risk of ill-health and could fuel the pandemic. We can confirm that we will continue to run our classes online via Zoom for the Spring Term, which will start on Saturday 9 January 2021.

We are pleased that our decision to switch to online teaching immediately following the first lockdown in March 2020 has allowed us to provide a consistent approach towards our teaching and learning without causing disruptions to our students learning progress. As demonstrated over the last two terms, our online teaching has worked well for us: our students have been able to develop their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in a structured way through our tailor-made online lessons, based on the Pearson Edexcel GCSE Chinese syllabus. The overall results of our students' end-of-term exam (Autumn Term) are excellent and this shows our online teaching methods work effectively and our assessment method provides a good way of evaluating our students' learning progress.

We remain totally committed to supporting all our students, parents and guardians with their Chinese language learning. To help us evaluate and improve our online teaching, we would like to ask you to complete an online survey. **Please use the link below to complete the short survey form by Sunday 10 January 2021:**

<https://forms.gle/rUrUpLHKQug5dsvw7>

We will write to you again during the Easter Holiday period regarding the teaching arrangement for our Summer Term (April to July 2021).

I wish you and your family a much happier 2021.

Dr. Bonnie Kwok

Headteacher