

倫敦克尼中文學校



LONDON HACKNEY CHINESE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

London Hackney Chinese Community School is valued by many parents, guardians and students. Since 1987, we have been working hard to ensure that all members of our Chinese School Community, including our students, parents, guardians and our alumni, are given the opportunity to study our Chinese language and culture lessons and other courses in a supportive and engaging environment.

Until the lockdown in March 2020, we continued to run our Chinese classes as well as our Parenting & Computing course at Haggerston School following Government/scientific guidelines, ensuring that we provide vital support to all members of our School Community during this difficult time. Since the start of our Summer Term, despite the lockdown, we have been providing our Chinese lessons online. We have also been running a series of Parenting Courses during our assembly time to ensure that we are aware of the many different ideas to deal with the lockdown positively. Recent feedback from our parents, guardians and students show that the online lessons are well received. We thank you for encouraging your children to adapt to this new type of learning. We would also like to extend our thanks to our parents Mr. George Wong and Mr. Andrew Wong, who have been providing us IT support, ensuring the smooth running of our online lessons.

We have currently planned for the arrangement of our new school year 2020 to 2021: As the Covid-19 situation is dynamic, at this point in time, we are not in a position to confirm whether it would be safe for us to return to Haggerston School in September 2020. Therefore, our current default position is to continue with the online format of teaching in the new School Year. However, in August, we will review the situation, this includes conducting a survey with parents and guardians to seek your opinions as to whether you would support the idea of bringing your children back to school, as well as the observation of Government/scientific guidelines.

If the results of the survey indicate a preference for returning to Haggerston School <u>and</u> that the Government/scientific guidelines state that it is safe to do so, we will start our new school year in

Haggerston School on the understanding that there will be health and safety procedures put in place to

ensure all students can study in a safe environment. Detailed arrangement will be announced prior to

us returning to Haggerston School.

We would like to point out that should we be able to return to Haggerston School in the new school

year, we may have to revert to online teaching if the pandemic situation worsens at any time. If that is

the case, we will review our teaching arrangement (as to when we can safely return to Haggerston

School) on a termly basis and in accordance with Government/scientific guidelines in order to

minimize disruption to our students.

Notwithstanding the fact that Haggerston School has indicated an increase in the school rent in the

new school year, we understand that some parents and guardians may have been financially impacted

by the pandemic. For this reason, we have decided to keep the school fee level the same as last year. In

addition, we have set up a hardship fund to ensure that all students can continue to study with us.

To allow us sufficient time to plan for the new school year, we encourage our parents and guardians to

enrol their children as early as possible. We offer a 5% early-bird discount to all those who pay their

school fees before 4 July 2020. The early-bird enrolment also includes entry to our online Charity

Quiz Party (worth £5) to support our school. It will take place on 4 July 2020.

We thank you for your continued patience, support and understanding. It is our genuine desire to have

our students back in school as soon as possible, but only of course, when it is safe to do so.

As promised, we will, to the best of our ability, continue to support all students with their Chinese

learning and ensure their well-being, whether that be online or in school.

Please find attached information about our enrolment for School Year 2020 to 2021. If you have any

questions, please feel free to contact me via email: bonniekwok88@hotmail.com or WhatsApp:

07949431548.

We look forward to meeting you this Saturday via Zoom.

Kind regards.

Dr. Bonnie Kwok

Headteacher

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