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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are well.

Further to my letter to you dated 4 June 2020 and following the survey which concluded last week, I write to provide you with an update on the teaching arrangement for our Autumn Term.

Many thanks to those who have participated in the survey; we value the comments and feedback from our parents and guardians very much. The result of the survey shows that the opinions were almost evenly split between the two preferences of returning to Haggerston School and continuing online teaching for the Autumn Term. The comments from our parents and guardians have indicated that there remains concerns over the risks presented by Covid-19, which include: the risk of our students getting infected through the use of public transport to travel to school; concerns over cleaning practices in the school; and further disruption to classroom learning potentially caused by a second wave with winter months approaching, as we will have to revert to online teaching if the pandemic situation worsens.

We understand the benefits of face-to-face classroom teaching that can bring to our students, which includes social and communicative skills development. However, we must balance these benefits of classroom teaching against the concerns raised by our parents and guardians in relation to the returning to school. The School's Management Team have considered the views of our parents and guardians and the pros and cons of the mode of teaching delivery carefully. In light of the current Covid-19 situation, which remains dynamic, we have decided to continue with the online teaching arrangement for the Autumn Term (September – December 2020).

In December 2020, 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 and other factors that relate to the operational aspects of our school, before we decide on the teaching arrangement for the

Spring Term (January – March 2021).

We thank you for your continued patience, support and understanding. As stated in our last letter to you, it is our genuine desire to have our students back in school as soon as possible, but only when it is safe to do so.

Our teachers undertook trainings over the summer holiday period to enhance their teaching skills both in the classroom and online setting, taking on board your comments on our online teaching last term. We are therefore confident that our dedicated teaching team will be able to provide the same high-quality teaching to our students in the coming school term online.

We will start our Autumn Term on Saturday 19 September 2020 at 9:30am. Details of the timetable for each class will be issued to you via the respective WhatsApp Group for each class. Term dates for the new school year 2020 - 2021 are now available on our school website.

We will operate an ‘online enrolment enquiry desk’ via Zoom on Saturday 12 September 2020 between 10am and 4pm to answer any questions in relation to our Autumn Term teaching arrangement and to process enrolment. Please WhatsApp 07949431548 to reserve your slot.

I look forward to meeting you all on Saturday 19 September 2020 at our online morning assembly, which still start at 11:30am

Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards,

Dr. Bonnie Kwok

Headteacher