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To: Supervisors / Principals of All Kindergartens and Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres

Dear Supervisor / Principal,

**Principles and Experience Sharing
on Supporting Kindergarten Children's Learning at Home
– Mutual Encouragement and Professional Exchanges**

On the premise that children's health should be safeguarded in view of the impacts brought by the epidemic or other infectious diseases this year, the Education Bureau (EDB) announced on 12 November the suspension of face-to-face classes for all kindergartens. In light of the worsening epidemic situation, on 29 November, the EDB announced that the suspension would continue until the beginning of school Christmas holidays. The EDB appreciates kindergartens' concerted effort to devise a wide variety of activities by using diversified means, which help sustain children's motivation and curiosity as well as cater for their emotional needs and moral development while learning at home, in facing this 'new normal' in learning.

Further to our letter on 11 May 2020 that shared with all kindergartens in Hong Kong some principles and strategies on supporting children's learning at home¹, a seminar on *'Principles and Experience Sharing on Supporting Children's Learning at Home'* was organised by the EDB on 25 November. Academic in early childhood education, educational psychologist and kindergarten principals explored practical strategies together and shared their experiences on topics like principles of children's learning at home, catering of children's needs and engagement of parents in children's learning.

Kindergarten children of tender age are not advised to use electronic screen products for a prolonged period. As a matter of principle, e-learning in the form of real-time online teaching is not suitable for kindergartens. We encourage kindergartens to adopt diversified modes in supporting children's learning at home. In the above seminar, the speakers shared many precious views and experiences, including those on how to cater for children's emotion and their moral development, how to make use of different means to engage children in creative tasks and games, and the importance of home-school communication and collaboration during the suspension of face-to-face classes. Handouts of the seminar have been uploaded to the EDB's website. Kindergartens can browse them through the following path on our homepage (Chinese version only) :

Home > Education System and Policy > Kindergarten Education > Resources > Experience Sharing

We welcome schools to share with us more experiences in facilitating children's learning at home, so that we can further disseminate the practices with all kindergartens in Hong Kong. For enquiries, please contact the Kindergarten Inspection Section at 2892 6453.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Education