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To: Supervisors / Principals of Private Schools Offering Non-Formal Curriculum

Dear Supervisor / Principal,

**School Arrangements
under the Extended Chinese New Year Holidays**

In view of an increase in the number of confirmed and suspected Novel Coronavirus infection cases and the increasing risk of the spread of the virus in crowded environment as many people travel abroad and visit relatives during the Chinese New Year holidays, the Education Bureau (EDB) announced on January 25 that all schools would extend their Chinese New Year holidays to February 16 (i.e. class resumption on February 17) to safeguard students' health. The EDB subsequently issued a letter on January 27 to inform all schools about the relevant arrangements which include cancelling all activities inside/outside schools to avoid crowds in order to reduce the risk of infection.

Based on the above principle, arrangements on the deferral of class resumption are also applicable to private schools offering non-formal curriculum. Schools should make appropriate re-arrangements on activities inside and outside school and inform the parents of the arrangements accordingly, including the make-up lessons or refund policy. In tandem, we urge schools to clean the premises thoroughly to ensure a clean and hygienic environment, as well as implementing the health advice from the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) to strengthen the preventive measures. We have already uploaded the letters issued by the CHP on our website (<http://www.edb.gov.hk>) for school reference.

We will release the latest information on Novel Coronavirus from time to time. Schools are advised to pay attention to our website (<http://www.edb.gov.hk>). For

enquiries, please contact your respective School Development Officers.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia Chan', written in a cursive style.

(Ms Cynthia CHAN)
for Secretary for Education