



To	: All Parents (Hong Kong Centre)
From	: Stella Wong, Executive Director
Re	: Suspension of Service from 1 st to 14 th April and Resumption of Face to Face Service from 19 th April
Date	: 25 th March, 2022
Circular No	: WDM017/22

Dear Parents,

Warm greetings from Watchdog!

Since the fifth wave of Covid-19 hit Hong Kong, we have seen the rapid and exponential growth in the number of COVID-19 cases. Lately, it is noted that the growth has slowed down and apparently is reaching a plateau. We hope to see a continual drop in cases. As you are aware, the government has recently announced various measures targeting to cease the transmission of the COVID-19 cases. Watchdog will be implementing measures similar to the government, with the aim of maximizing opportunities for our children's face to face training. Hence, we would like to ask you to take special note of the following changes and arrangements:

Resumption of Face to Face Training Sessions

In light of the EDB's announcement of resumption of schools for kindergartens on April 19th, 2022, all our training sessions, including both group sessions and individual training, will also resume being on face to face basis from the same date.

Rearrangement of Summer Holidays into two Block Periods: April and August

We have rearranged our summer holidays into two block periods - the 1st block to be from April 1st - 14th and the 2nd block to be from August 15th - 26th. With this arrangement, we will be able to extend our school year by four weeks, with the end of school year to be **August 12th, 2022**, so that more face to face training sessions for our children can be made possible. This means that we will have a shorter summer break in August and the **2022/23 school year will begin on August 29th, 2022**.

Extending Our Training Term Dates

Therefore under the revised term dates, the face to face trainings falling within the extra four weeks (16th July to 12th August) will be included within the EETC provision. We anticipate that by that time, COVID-19 infection rates being hopefully more contained, face to face trainings will pose a lesser risk to our children. This revision however means that this year, we will not be offering a separate summer programme at our Hong Kong centre.

Summary of Important Dates

April 1 - 14th Summer Holiday Part 1 (inclusive of the Easter break)

April 19th Resumption of Face-to-Face Training Sessions
August 12th Last Day of school year 2021/22
August 15th - 26th Summer Holiday Part 2
August 29th First Day of school year 2022/23

Nevertheless, as we all understand, uncertainties remain under the COVID-19 situation and the government policies that may be rolled out in the coming months cannot be predicted. Therefore, we will regularly review the situation and keep you updated of the arrangements regarding our service provision. In the meantime, let us all work together to combat infections by each playing our role to minimize social contacts to cease the transmission chain and its associated clusters.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call *Ms Pinky, our administrative secretary* or *Ms Ophelia, our social worker* at 25217364 (Hong Kong Centre)

Best regards,



Stella Wong
Executive Director