

# Chinese New Year holidays for kindergartens and kindergarten-cum-child care centres brought forward

The Government announced today (January 24) that all kindergartens and kindergarten-cum-child care centres will start their Chinese New Year holidays early on Saturday (January 26) and will remain on holiday until the end of their originally scheduled Chinese New Year holidays.

The Education Bureau (EDB) has issued letters to schools to explain the measures and arrangements that should be in place during the holidays, including those relating to activities within and outside the schools, lunch arrangements and school bus services.

During the non-scheduled period of school holidays, schools should remain open. If necessary, students can go to school as usual. Schools should arrange for staff to be on duty to handle school affairs and parents' enquiries, and to look after any students who may arrive at school. Schools should clean their premises thoroughly to ensure environmental hygiene.

Parents should take measures to prevent influenza and pay attention to the health conditions of their children. Students should avoid visiting crowded places with poor ventilation. They should build up good body immunity by having a balanced diet, regular exercise and adequate rest.

The EDB will continue to keep close contact with the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health and provide support to schools when necessary.