

Education Bureau alerts public to fraudulent WhatsApp message

The Education Bureau (EDB) today (March 27) called on the public to stay vigilant against a fraudulent WhatsApp message that falsely claims to be issued by school personnel. The message requested parents to transfer a tuition fee to apply for the Gifted Education Fund: Off-school Advanced Learning Programmes. The EDB has reported the case to the Police.

The EDB solemnly clarifies that all Gifted Education Fund: Off-school Advanced Learning Programmes for primary and secondary school students are free of charge and must be registered through the programme providers designated by the EDB. For details, please visit the EDB website (edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/curriculum-area/gifted/ge_fund/gef/programme/current.html).

Members of the public should stay alert to suspicious messages and not disclose any personal information or transfer any fee. Anyone who has been scammed should contact the Police immediately. For enquiries, please call the EDB at 3698 3486.