

# SWD announces latest arrangements for aided child care centre services and special child care centre services

In view of the latest pandemic situation, aided child care centre services and special child care centre services provided by non-governmental organisations will resume gradually, a spokesman for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) said today (February 10). Details are as follows:

1. Aided child care centres providing day care services for children aged under 3 (including aided standalone child care centres and aided child care centres attached to kindergartens) will flexibly arrange for children to return to the centres after the Lunar New Year holidays having regard to their circumstances (e.g. individual centres' operational modes and individual parents' needs). Service users may contact the respective centres for details of the arrangements.
2. Special child care centres will gradually resume centre-based classroom training after the Lunar New Year holidays having regard to the centre's and service users' circumstances, as well as the parents' preferences. To minimise the risk of infection, classroom training will be conducted on a half-day basis.

All centres shall follow the guidelines issued by the Centre for Health Protection on infection control measures. To ensure that children are taken care of in a well-ventilated and safe environment, staff must wear masks, keep adequate social distancing, wash hands frequently, check body temperatures, etc, as appropriate. The SWD will continue to provide the centres with the latest guidelines on prevention of diseases.

The SWD will keep in view the developments of the pandemic and make further public announcements if necessary.