



## School Plans FAQs

### **Who is Future Lingo and how long have you been teaching Mandarin?**

Future Lingo has been teaching Mandarin Chinese in UK schools since April 2017 and in that time has taught over 700 students. We are looking forward to helping all students in the UK gain an understanding of China and Mandarin Chinese, to prepare them for the future. We provide schools with Mandarin Chinese lessons via Co-curricular, Enrichment & After School clubs.

### **Is there more to the lessons than simply learning how to speak Mandarin?**

Definitely! Lessons are fun and interactive. Activities could include Chinese calligraphy painting, Chinese lantern making, Chinese food tasting, etc.

### **Are there any exams the students need to take?**

We have elements of light assessment within our classes, so students can get an idea about how they are progressing. These include speaking, listening, reading and writing demonstrations.

### **Can the lessons lead to any qualifications?**

Yes. Our teachers can teach towards GCSE or HSK Mandarin qualifications, for those students that have been doing well in Mandarin previously for a few years.

### **Our lessons/after school clubs are 1.5 hours long not 1 hour. Do you provide lessons in 1.5 hour blocks?**

Yes! Lessons do not have to be 1 hour long, it could be 1.5 hours for instance. Also, if you would like a lesson less than 1 hour e.g 50 minutes, this is possible and will be charged as 1 hour.

### **At our school we have a set format for lesson, e.g we like to start every lesson with a famous quote and have a set PPT design. Can Future Lingo accommodate for this?**

Yes! If your school has a specific lesson format, we can try to accommodate this into the lessons, making them feel like a regular school lesson. Also, you can meet with the school's Future Lingo teacher, before lessons commence, introducing them to your school's policies and procedures e.g Safeguarding arrangements and behaviour / reward system.

### **Is there a student limit per class?**

Yes. To maintain our high standards of teaching and ensure each student has ample opportunity to practise their Mandarin speaking skills, we have a limit of 16 students per class. If throughout the year more student would like to take up Mandarin, we can discuss opening up another class. Also, additional students will not be able to join a class after the second week of teaching, as we want every student to be learning at the same pace and not be left behind.



### **What insurance does Future Lingo Ltd possess?**

We possess all relevant insurances. Public Liability Insurance, Employers Liability Insurance and Professional Indemnity Insurance.

### **How does Future Lingo recruit the teachers that will be teaching in our school?**

Our experienced teachers are recruited using “Safer Recruitment” in line with statutory guidelines *Keeping children safe in education (2018)*. This includes an Enhanced DBS with Child Barring List Check (paid for by Future Lingo). We keep all records in our own Single Central Record and we will be able to sign 3rd party supplier forms that you may require from us.

### **How much does it cost us as a school?**

The charge to the school is £60 per hour. If you would like to be invoiced monthly for hours in that corresponding month, rather than in bulk before the term starts, we can do this for a 10% fee (effective £66 per hour).

### **We have a limited budget, what should we do?**

Schools usually choose to make use of the Language department budget, Pupil Premium budget or Enrichment/After School activities budget. Furthermore, you could choose to charge parents a small amount (e.g. via Parent Pay), for their child to attend our sessions, so your school can break even or even make a profit.

### **Will we get a contract for taking up a plan?**

Yes. Your School will sign a contract given by Future Lingo Ltd. We will also send you Terms & Conditions for the contract. The contract must be signed at least 30 days before the first day of teaching.

### **Are we stuck in a long contract?**

No. Our plans are for 1 term (approx. 12 weeks) . We will review with your school near the time your plan is scheduled to end, to see what plan would be most suitable for your students after the current one ends. Invoices are to paid in full before teaching commences, unless being invoiced monthly.

### **Can we have a 1 session trial?**

Yes! For example, we can set up a trial Mandarin session in June and then if it goes down well with students, we can start weekly from September. The trial will be charged at a one off fee of £65 for the hour. This must be paid before the session.



**Is there any discount for MATs?**

Yes. If 3 or more schools in your Multi Academy Trust have at least 1 hour a week of lessons, the hourly rate in all schools is £55 instead of the usual £60.