

A Message to Our Straight Talk Family

It is with great sadness that we announce the closure of Straight Talk English School as of the end of September.

First and foremost, we would like to offer our sincerest apologies for the suddenness of this announcement. We understand that many of our students and their families will be disappointed and inconvenienced by this news, and we are deeply sorry that circumstances have required us to make this decision so quickly.

Since opening our doors in 1999, Straight Talk has been far more than just a language school. It has been a community. Over the past 27 years we have had the privilege of teaching thousands of wonderful students, watching children grow into adults, and building friendships with families that have supported us through every stage of our journey. We are profoundly grateful for the trust, loyalty, and encouragement you have shown us over the years. Your support has meant more than words can adequately express.

This decision has not been made lightly. Like many small businesses, we have faced a steady decline in student enrollment while operating costs have continued to rise. Maintaining a school of this size in our current location has simply become unsustainable. In addition, after many years of dedicating ourselves to educating people, my own age and health have become important factors that can no longer be ignored.

While this chapter is coming to an end, it is not quite the end of Straight Talk.

We are pleased to announce that a smaller version of Straight Talk will resume in the future for students who wish to continue studying with us. Classes will be offered from a new, more manageable location, which will be announced at a later date. We sincerely hope many of you will continue this journey with us.

To every student, parent, staff member, and friend who has been part of Straight Talk since 1999, thank you. You have enriched our lives in countless ways, and it has been an honor to serve this community for so many years.

Although this is a difficult goodbye, we hope it is also the beginning of a new and simpler chapter. We look forward to seeing many familiar faces again when Straight Talk reopens in its new home.

With heartfelt gratitude,

David Owen

Founder, Straight Talk English School

生徒様、ならびに保護者の皆様 へ

平素より Straight Talk English School をご愛顧いただき、誠にありがとうございます。

このたび、誠に残念ではございますが、今月 9 月末をもちまして Straight Talk は閉校することとなりました。

まず、このような突然のお知らせとなりましたことを、心よりお詫び申し上げます。保護者の皆様、生徒の皆様には、ご心配とご迷惑をお掛けいたしますことを深くお詫び申し上げます。

1999 年の開校以来、27 年にわたり多くの生徒の皆様、そして保護者の皆様に支えられながら教室を続けてまいりました。これまで賜りました温かいご支援、ご理解、ご信頼に、心より感謝申し上げます。皆様との出会いは、私たちにとって何もののにも代えがたい宝物です。

閉校という決断は、決して容易なものではありませんでした。しかしながら、近年の生徒数の減少に加え、教室運営にかかるさまざまな費用の増加により、現在の規模・現在の場所で教室を維持することが大変困難となりました。また、私自身の年齢や健康面についても、今後の運営を考える上で大きな要因となりました。

なお、Straight Talk が完全になくなるわけではありません。今後は規模を縮小し、継続をご希望される生徒の皆様を対象に、新しい場所でレッスンを再開する予定です。新しい教室の場所や開始時期につきましては、決まり次第改めてご案内いたします。

これまで 27 年間にわたり、Straight Talk を支えてくださったすべての皆様に、改めて心より御礼申し上げます。

皆様とのご縁に深く感謝するとともに、また新しい教室でお会いできる日を楽しみにしております。

本当にありがとうございました。

Straight Talk English School
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