

Dear the Worshipful Mayor, Cllr Roger Whyborn

First of all, we would like to express our gratitude for the care and support from the people of Cheltenham after the outbreak of the COVID-19 in China. Now we are very concerned about the situation in the United Kingdom and Cheltenham. Learning that the new cases are increasing and the people are going through a critical time similar to the situation we suffered a couple of months ago, we are deeply concerned. On behalf of the Weihai government and all the people here, we would like to convey our sincere sympathy to you and all citizens in Cheltenham. We hope you will overcome the difficulties it has presented at an early date.

Since the outbreak of the epidemic, the Chinese government has adopted the strictest prevention and control measures, which proved to be effective, and the battle against the virus here has achieved preliminary success. No new cases have appeared since March 12 in Weihai. Now businesses and people's life have come back to normal.

Weihai and Cheltenham have been sister cities since 1987. As the first international sister city of Weihai, we attach great importance to this friendly tie. Over the course of more than 30 years, we are always good partners and friends of mutual assistance. Although our task for future virus prevention and control are still tough, we would like to spare some of our face masks to assist you in battling against this virus because we can't just sit back and watch while

people in Cheltenham are suffering. We believe, under your leadership, Cheltenham will surely overcome the struggle it has presented.

We wish you and all the people of Cheltenham a safe recovery and healthy future.

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Mayor of Weihai Municipal Government

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