

THE BRITISH SCHOOLS



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Dear Parents,

These are difficult and uncertain times for everyone. Nobody quite knows what is going to happen in the next days, let alone weeks or months. The British Schools will follow all recommendations and instructions from the Uruguayan government, while we continue to evaluate our distance learning programme and develop its potential.

The fees we charge are for a full academic year divided into 10 monthly payments, and not simply for the month currently in course. It has been assumed by some members of the community that, with the School closed, our costs have diminished considerably. While some costs have been minimised and more savings are being evaluated, the School still has considerable expenses to cover each month. In this regard it is important to state quite clearly that the School will not benefit financially from the pandemic and cost savings will be returned to parents in an organised and timely manner.

We know that many families in our community are facing difficult times. For this reason, and to try to help our community whilst still providing an education to the best of our ability in these circumstances, The British Schools is offering the following options:

Parents of all students will be able to choose one of the following options, either A or B:

- A. To defer the monthly payments of April and May 2020 School fees to November and December 2020, interest-free. To be eligible for this option, parents must be up-to-date with School fees, including March 2020.
- B. To pay April and May 2020 School fees with a discount of 15%. This discount applies to all students, except those whose parents select Option A.

Parents who choose Option B, including those who have already paid the full year up front, will be offered the possibility of donating, all or part of the discount, to an external fund which will, in its entirety, be transferred on to the Uruguayan government's coronavirus fund, *Fondo Coronavirus*.

Parents must submit their decision here: [Formulario: Cuotas Abril y Mayo 2020](#) before the 10th April 2020.

Please submit one form per family.

We look forward to your continued understanding and support. Our teachers are working hard to provide lessons and teach pupils under challenging conditions, while our administrative staff are trying to ensure that everything runs as smoothly as possible. Our Learning Support department is available for anyone who needs to contact them.

I hope to see you all again soon, but until we do, stay safe and well.

Regards,

Mark Rosevear
Principal

Andrea Píriz
Administrator

Estimados Padres:

Estamos transitando tiempos difíciles e inciertos para todos. Nadie sabe con certeza qué pasará los próximos días, menos aún en las próximas semanas o meses. The British Schools acatará todas las recomendaciones e instrucciones indicadas por el gobierno Uruguayo, mientras continuamos evaluando nuestro programa de aprendizaje a distancia y seguimos desarrollando su potencial.

El Colegio cobra 10 cuotas mensuales consecutivas que corresponden al total del año académico y no al mes actual en curso. Algunos miembros de nuestra comunidad han asumido que, al estar cerrado el Colegio los costos deberían haber disminuido considerablemente. Mientras algunos costos han sido minimizados y se está evaluando un mayor ahorro, el Colegio sigue teniendo gastos considerables para cubrir por mes. Con respecto a esto, es importante aclarar que el Colegio no se beneficiará financieramente de esta pandemia y el ahorro se reintegrará a los padres de manera organizada y en el momento adecuado.

Somos conscientes de que muchas familias de nuestra comunidad están pasando tiempos difíciles. Por esta razón y con la intención de ayudar a nuestra comunidad mientras que brindamos la mejor educación posible en estas circunstancias, The British Schools ofrece las siguientes opciones:

Los padres de todos los alumnos podrán elegir una de las siguientes opciones, A o B:

- A. Diferir los pagos mensuales de las cuotas de abril y mayo de 2020 para los meses de noviembre y diciembre de 2020, sin intereses. Para poder tomar esta opción, deben estar al día con la cuota del Colegio, incluso marzo 2020.
- B. Realizar el pago de la cuota de abril y mayo 2020 con un descuento del 15%. Este descuento aplica a todos los alumnos, con la excepción de aquellos padres que optan por la Opción A.

Los padres que opten por la Opción B, incluso aquellos que han abonado el año adelantado, se les ofrecerá la posibilidad de donar, la totalidad o parte del descuento, a un fondo externo

que será transferido, en su totalidad, al Fondo Coronavirus, implementado por el gobierno Uruguayo.

Los padres deberán informar y entregar lo decidido a: Formulario: Cuotas Abril y Mayo 2020, antes del 10 de abril de 2020.

Por favor sírvanse completar un solo formulario por familia.

Esperamos seguir contando con su comprensión y apoyo sostenido. Nuestros docentes están trabajando duro para impartir las clases y seguir enseñando a los alumnos bajo condiciones desafiantes, mientras que el personal administrativo se asegura de que todo siga fluyendo de la mejor manera. Nuestro departamento de Learning Support está disponible para quien necesite contactarlos.

Esperamos vernos pronto, pero mientras tanto, cuídense.

Mark Rosevear
Principal

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