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Dear Senior School Parents,

As you will be aware, over the past few days, Covid-19 cases in Uruguay have increased. Whenever we have a confirmed case, we contact the authorities, and accept their recommendations. This has affected the attendance of staff and students at The British Schools.

Today we have 27 teachers in quarantine. This puts a lot of pressure on all staff members in the School, who are covering classes. Due to the large number of teachers that we have at home, many classes are already being run online. This means that for some students at School, they are receiving online classes from their teacher at home, with a cover teaching present in the class. This puts a real strain on our resources and becomes untenable.

This morning, we opened the School to students in 1YL, 4YL and 5YL. I was present at one of the entrances, welcoming the students. It became clear that many parents have already made the decision for their children to stay at home, as they are entitled to.

Therefore, as from tomorrow, Wednesday 24th March, the Senior School will be closed to all students. Students will all be expected to attend classes online. As before, links to classes in 1YL-4YL will be shared with students by the Heads of Year. Links to 5YL and 6YL classes will be shared by the individual teacher.

For students that need to collect materials and have not been asked by the authorities to quarantine, the Senior School will be open tomorrow and Thursday, from 08:00 until 16:00. The collection of material becomes more difficult for students that do need to quarantine, as they are not allowed to leave their homes. Furthermore, following the protocols from the authorities, parents are not permitted to enter the School. If a student is in this category, they should arrange for a friend, who does not have to quarantine, to collect their materials for them. These students should send an email to their Head of Year, indicating who will do this for them. If this is impossible to arrange, students

should contact their Head of Year, who will advise further.

I cannot give a date as to when we will be able to return to School. This will obviously depend to a certain extent on the recommendations given by the authorities. However, as soon as we have any further information we will be in contact.

Warm regards,

Andrew Bunt
Head of Senior

Estimados Padres de Senior School:

Como será de su conocimiento, en los últimos días los casos de Covid-19 en Uruguay han aumentado. Cuando tenemos casos confirmados, contactamos a las autoridades y seguimos sus recomendaciones. Esto ha afectado la asistencia del personal y de los alumnos en The British Schools.

Hoy tenemos 27 profesores en cuarentena. Esto genera mucha presión en los miembros del personal que se encuentran en el Colegio, quienes hacen las suplencias en las clases. Debido al alto número de profesores que se encuentran en sus casas, muchas clases ya están siendo virtuales. Esto significa que algunos alumnos en el Colegio están recibiendo clases virtuales con los profesores desde sus casas, con un profesor suplente en la clase. Esto ejerce una gran presión sobre nuestros recursos y se vuelve insostenible.

Esta mañana, abrimos el Colegio para alumnos de 1YL, 4YL y 5YL. Estuve presente en una de las puertas de entrada, dando la bienvenida a los alumnos. Fue claro que muchos padres ya han tomado la decisión de que sus hijos permanezcan en sus casas, debido a que la presencialidad en este momento no es obligatoria.

Por lo tanto, a partir de mañana, miércoles 24 de marzo, Senior School estará cerrado para todos los alumnos. Se espera que todos los alumnos asistan a clases virtuales. Los links para las clases de 1YL a 4YL serán compartidos con los alumnos por los Heads of Year, tal como fue realizado anteriormente. Los links para las clases de 5YL y 6YL serán compartidos por cada profesor.

Los alumnos que necesiten retirar materiales y que no deban cumplir con una cuarentena ordenada por las autoridades, Senior School estará abierto mañana y el jueves, de 08:00 a 16:00hs. La recolección de materiales será

más difícil para los alumnos que deban cumplir con una cuarentena, dado que no pueden salir de sus casas. Además, siguiendo los protocolos de las autoridades, los padres no pueden ingresar al Colegio. Si un alumno está en esta situación, deberá pedir a un amigo, que no esté en cuarentena, que retire sus pertenencias. Estos alumnos deberán enviar un email a su Head of Year, indicando quién retirará los materiales en su lugar. Si esto es imposible de coordinar, los alumnos deberán contactar a su Head of Year, quien le recomendará qué hacer.

No puedo dar fechas de cuándo podremos volver al Colegio. Esto dependerá, en cierta medida, de las recomendaciones de las autoridades. Sin embargo, en cuanto tengamos más información nos pondremos en contacto.

Cordialmente,

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