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Dear Parents / Guardians

As of 31 March 2020, our children have returned to the school books in a new way. Because of the lock down, study rooms and dining tables have been converted, almost overnight, into classrooms because schools are physically still closed.

Parents and children have had to become acquainted with new apps and services such as Google Classroom, D6 and Whatsapp groups, so that teaching can continue in isolation. We have had to start learning as we live, in isolation and at a distance. However, the end product, education, is still being delivered.

There has been scepticism as to how teachers will be able to see what children are doing, without them physically being in classrooms or whether the learners will understand what is being explained to them. How will children be able to communicate with their teachers and peers without it becoming chaotic? We are thrilled to share that we are currently experiencing a productive time where children work well and the more we use these methods, the better we become.

Thanks to every parent and learner who has been putting his/her shoulder to the wheel during this uncertain period, where together, we have been making positive use of this time. On 16 April 2020, discussions will be held with the Minister of Education regarding the re- opening of schools for teachers, on 20 April 2020 and for learners on 21 April 2020. Once these discussions have been completed, you will be informed of the way forward.

We realise that the fuel for today's lifestyle is "data" and that it is a challenge. However, know that we are negotiating for cheaper options on several forums. Also be aware of the "zero data sites" available to learners. Radio stations are also hosting classrooms and discussions, and they too can be used for free.

We will continue during this period as problem solvers!

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