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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you and your families are staying safe. We also hope that you are all managing to stay positive in these very strange times. What we are living through now probably hasn't happened since World War two.

We, as a Board, know that things are extremely difficult in terms of our incomes or lack thereof, trying to stay healthy and also not being able to see our friends and family due to the pandemic and the lock down. To be successful and to survive we have to adapt to these changes in our lives, businesses and in our beautiful schools. The latter having to manage changes in the way we educate our children and how we manage our institutes' finances. We also acknowledge that there will be changes in how people are able to pay their fees.

We are grappling with many unknowns. Some of these include: when schools will actually start; what our fixed costs will be if our children don't return to school; what discounts our suppliers will afford us, if any, etc.. There will also be costs associated with keeping our children and teachers safe that we would have not had to budget for before.

It's a balance of trying to offer a quality education to our pupils while taking our parents' ability to pay into consideration. In this regards, we are leaving no stone unturned to achieve this.

We have decided to wait to hear what our Government has to say about when the lock down for the country and schools will end. Once this information has been made available, we will then be able to finalize and communicate the deposit required to start term two to you.

We are grateful for the fact that many parents have paid their term one fees. However, there still remains a large balance which is owed for term one. We understand that the lock down is probably the biggest reason for this being the case. We therefore appeal to parents with balances outstanding to make every effort to settle these as soon as they can. The payment of these will have an impact on what we have to charge as a deposit for term two.

In closing we would like to thank everyone involved in our Schools for your continued support. As a Board, our main aim is to survive this pandemic and come out stronger and more united than when it started.

Kind regards

**Francois Kriel - Chairman**

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