February 2, 2020

Dear KIS Community,

Thank you for your incredible support and understanding as we work together to navigate the uncertainties we are facing over the potential spread of the newest coronavirus. We have had additional cleaning staff on campus to sanitize school areas and our buses throughout the week, and we will continue these efforts in the coming weeks as well. Many students have chosen to wear air filtration masks, and we have masks available on our school buses and in the nurse's office. All interscholastic activities and school field trips have been cancelled through February 9, 2020. No one in our community reported visiting Hubei Province in China or having guests from the region over the past month, but as an added precaution persons who visited any location in mainland China, Hong Kong, or Macau over the Lunar Break will not report to campus until fourteen days after their arrival back to the Republic of Korea, in alignment with recommended guidelines based on the reportedly prolonged incubation period before symptoms may appear.

Please remember to carefully check for symptoms and to monitor your child's health before sending your child to school each day. If your child is fevered or showing other symptoms of illness, please keep your child home and report their absence to the school. In addition to the precautions above, Pangyo Campus will begin thermal scanning next week as an extra measure to prevent anyone with a fever from entering campus to prevent the spread of cold, flu, or virus.

We will continue to regularly monitor this evolving situation, and we will further update our school schedule and add precautions as necessary.

The changes to our schedule, cancellation of events, and news reports can be disruptive and upsetting to students. Please speak with your children at home to reinforce the preventive measures that are within their control such as regular hand washing and covering mouth or nose with a tissue or mask when coughing or sneezing. Please listen to your child's concerns, clarify the situation to prevent them from believing unsubstantiated rumors, help them focus on seeing the help that is available and helping others, and provide reassuring conversation to help your child feel more secure.

We will continue to monitor this situation and share weekly updates with the KIS community.

Thank you for your partnership,

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