



HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATE: FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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Welcome Back to the 'virtual' start of school. Needless to say, this is not how any of us envisioned 'returning' back to school after our Chinese New Year holiday. I realize that I said we had to be "Semper Gumby" flexible this year, but this is taking it to a new level! I want to thank everyone for your courage, resiliency and commitment in support of our students as we continue to navigate these challenging times related to the Coronavirus epidemic. It is in difficult times like this that the Ram Nation community shines!

I'd like to update you all on a few important matters since our last major communication:

What We Currently Know

- Currently, the school has been instructed to close until February 17th. However, **given the extensive travel restrictions currently in place across many regions in the world, we are anticipating the re-opening date to be further delayed beyond February 17th.** As of Tuesday, February 4th, we are waiting for official notification from the Guangdong Education Bureau. **We expect to receive confirmation within the next 12-24 hours and will inform our community via email immediately as soon as the school receives official notice regarding a change in the school's schedule**

What We Have Done

- Directors of Curriculum and Learning, Innovation Coaches and Director of Innovation and Technology in regular contact to support teachers with regards to technology and learning
- Created resources online learning that are specific to each campus, including How To's, video's & more

- Communicated with students across all divisions sharing tips and strategies to help support their online learning
- Communicated with our Class of 2020 students and parents to with senior-specific information as it relates to second semester, 2nd semester, mock exams, IB exams, university/college questions
- Leadership Team and counselors communicating regularly to ensure plans are in place to support students requiring additional support and care throughout the online learning period
- The AISG Board held an emergency meeting this weekend to receive updates on our school operation and the health of our community. We also shared our crisis plan going forward, discussed various scenarios regarding the potential extension of our re-opening date and shared information about the countermeasures that many businesses and consulates in Guangzhou are implementing. Additionally, the Board approved for the Director and DFO to be able to access our emergency funds currently residing in the USA so that we can ensure continuity of salary payments and meet other important expenses during this crisis.
- Principals will email parents and students **every Friday** providing them with divisional updates and progress as it relates to online learning
- The AISG Golf Tournament (scheduled for February 28th) has been postponed

What We Are Currently Preparing For

- Creating strategies on how best to assist parents to support their children throughout this online learning period. Over the coming week, we'll be making online learning opportunities available to our parents too! Think of it as parent coffee mornings, only online!
- Scenario planning for the school if the February 17th reopening date in the likely event that face to face/in-person instruction is further postponed
- We are aware of some university deadlines with Korean universities and are in touch with the universities directly to ensure our students are not disadvantaged
- Scenario planning is ongoing to ensure minimal impact to our Science Park master facilities plan

What We Need You To Be Thinking About

- The Board will be sending out a communication to our community **later this week** and they will continue to be kept abreast of developments on a regular basis.
- Our Athletics and Activities Director, Corey Kydd, will be sending an email later this week to our community regarding reimbursements for families and players.

The Board has asked me to share their support and pride in how well our employees and our families have responded to this crisis. They are deeply appreciative of all of the extra steps we are taking to care for the AISG community.

Please continue to remain calm, confident and positive as we walk through this experience together.

The attitude and demeanor we display to one another as we resume school online are critical. I encourage you to communicate with your child through this period and find ways to be creative and to have fun with the learning experiences together. Finally, please make sure that you continue to watch your inbox for further emails from the school regarding our potential re-opening date and other important matters related to this Coronavirus crisis.

Ram Pride!

Kevin Baker

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亲爱的家长及监护人，

欢迎回来，我们在线上“开学”了。自不必说，我们任何人都没有预想过春节假期结束之后会用这样的形式“返校”。我想起我曾经说过，今年我们要保持“Semper Gumby”的精神来灵活应对一切，但最近这次绝对是一个全新的级别！我想要衷心感谢所有人表现出的勇气、坚韧和给学生们的持续支持，让我们得以继续在这个充满挑战的冠状病毒疫病时期砥砺前行。正是在这种艰难时期才能展现出Ram Nation社区的光芒！

距我们上次沟通之后有一些重要进展，我希望跟各位分享：

我们目前所知情况

- 当前，学校收到的通知是延迟开学日至2月17日。但是，基于全球地区发布的详细旅行限制指示，我们预测开学日会进一步延迟到2月17日之后。截止到2月4日星期二，我们仍在等待广东省教育厅的正式通知。我们期待在未来12-24小时内收到确认，收到关于学校开学安排变动的官方正式通知后，我们将第一时间用邮件通知所有社区成员

我们已采取的行动

- 课程及学习总监、IT创新老师和创新科技部门总监保持在线，为老师们提供关于科技和教学的支持
- 生成了针对各个校区的在线学习资源，包括使用说明书、视频及其它
- 跟各年级分部的学生沟通，分享小贴士和对策，支持他们进行线上学习
- 跟2020届的学生和家长沟通毕业班特定信息，关乎他们对第二学期、模拟考、IB考试、大学/高校的问题
- 管理层和辅导员/督导们保持沟通，确保那些在线上教学期间寻求额外支持和关注的学生得到应有回应
- AISG校董会在过去这个周末召开了紧急会议，听取了学校运营方面和社区卫生健康方面的最新情况。我们还分享了应对此次危机的方案，讨论了可能延迟开学日期的各种情形，分享了许多

广州的公司和领馆正在实施的有关措施。另外，校董会通过了校长和财务运营总监的动用目前在美国账户内的AISG应急资金的申请，用以保障危机期间内员工工资和其它重要款项的支付

- 各分部校长会在**每周五**发邮件给所有家长和学生，提供各分部的有关线上教学的最新情况和进展
- AISG高尔夫联赛（原定2月28日）确定延期

我们正在积极准备的事项

- 制定策略，帮助父母在整个在线学习期间更好地支持帮助孩子。在接下来的一周，我们也将为家长提供在线学习的机会！你可以把它想象成家长的咖啡早会，不同的是在网上！
- 如果原定2月17日恢复正常上学/ 当面授课的开学日因疫情情况，需要进一步推迟的话，学校的具体计划
- 我们已了解一些韩国大学申请的最后期限，并与这些大学保持直接联系，以确保我们的学生顺利申请大学
- 正在考虑不同的情况，安排具体的计划，以确保减少对科学城总体设施规划施工进度影响

我们需要家长们考虑以下几个方面

- 董事会将在本周末向我们的社区发出一份通知，他们将继续定期了解最新的进展。
- 我们的体育和活动总监（Corey Kydd）将在本周末向我们的社区发送一封关于家长和运动员费用报销的电子邮件

董事会诚挚让我向大家表达他们对于社区的支持和为我们所有人感到自豪，因为我们的员工和家长们对这次危机的处理反应非常好。他们深深地感谢我们为AISG社区所付出的所有努力。

让我们在共患难的时候一同保持冷静、充满信心和积极面对。在我们在线学习期间，我们对彼此的态度和举止是至关重要的。我鼓励您在这段时间和您的孩子交流，找到创新的方法，一起享受学习的乐趣。最后，请确保您持续关注您的邮箱，以获取学校关于可能延迟开学日期和其他与冠状病毒疫情相关的重要信息。

Rams加油！

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