

"Seoul International School develops inquisitive, independent thinkers and collaborative learners, who acquire the essential knowledge necessary to be caring and creative contributors to the world around them."

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## New Re-start Day – April 6th

## Dear Parents,

No doubt many of you are aware that at 2 pm this afternoon the Ministry of Education (MOE) declared that schools would be officially reopened on April 6<sup>th</sup>, a two-week postponement from the previous March 23<sup>rd</sup> date. SIS and our sister KAIAC schools will comply with that directive and will continue with distance learning through April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Even though these are stressful times for everyone in all parts of the world, we may take some degree of satisfaction that our children are able to continue with their educational program, giving their lives some sort of steadiness in a time of worldwide anxiety.

Our SIS teachers are dedicated to finding innovative ways to work best with their students, even from a distance and have employed a variety of techniques to encourage and engage those children who are relying on them every school day. We feel we are achieving success through the support and effort of parents like you, who understand this unique period in our lives and how important it is to remain positive and to look ahead to the days to come when we will be back in the classrooms interacting with our students and preparing them for their futures.

We appreciate the many comments you have sent our way via the online surveys or through your emailed messages. We read every message and make adjustments to our distance learning from your observations and from our collaborative interactions with one another at the school.

South Korea should be proud of the way it has handled the coronavirus and as a school we have complete faith in the directives and suggestions from the Ministry.

At this point, we have only eight more days of distance learning ahead of us. We promise to make the best of them and look forward to warmly welcoming your children when they return to the campus on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Stay well!

Sincerely, Michael Colaiainni Head of School March 17, 2020