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Subject- COVID-19 ISK Update #8 and Virtual Learning

Dear ISK Community,

Below, please find a brief yet important update from the school as we move towards our Virtual Learning on Monday, March 23.

Virtual Learning Environment - Hybrid Model & Worldwide Access

ISK's Virtual Learning Environment will be set up with a hybrid model that can foundationally support asynchronous virtual learning as well as synchronous learning depending on the class. In other words, we will be using a hybrid model for students who are not in the country. We will also be supporting students who might not be able to return to Kenya once on-campus learning resumes. Principals will send another division-specific update on what the Virtual Learning Program looks like in their respective divisions by Friday, March 20.

The Departure of Families to Other Countries

We understand that some organizations might be asking you to return to your home country or giving you the option to go to another country temporarily. Please be assured; if you are unable to return to ISK to finish the school year, we will be supporting your child(ren) to successfully complete the school year and the classes they are enrolled in.

High School Students and IB/End of Year Exams

For high school students, whether or not they are able to complete the school year in Kenya, we will be supporting all students to be able to complete their courses in order to obtain high school credit. In regards to IB exams, we are waiting for further information from the IB Organization about the upcoming exam period. ISK will be able to host regular IB exams if allowed to do so. For IB students, there is usually an option for parents to be able to apply to take the exams in another location depending on the circumstances. Again, we have not heard from the IB Organization with regard to their worldwide decisions on the May IB final exams, although we understand that they have shifted some other preliminary assessment due dates already. Our IB Coordinator is in communication with the IB Organization and will communicate new information once received.

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On-Campus Learning Resumption Date - Tentative

As previously communicated, the April 16 date to resume on-campus learning is tentative. As a learning institution, we are required to follow the emergency directives set forth by the Government of Kenya for all schools within Kenya. The school will be reevaluating this date as the situation changes.

I hope this information and our other updates this week are helpful as we prepare for Virtual Learning.

Warm Regards,
David

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