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November 26, 2020

Subject: ISK COVID-19 Parent Update - 2020-11-26 - January 4 Return Update

Dear ISK Community,

As authorized by the Government of Kenya's Ministry of Education's Press Release dated November 16, ISK will resume on-campus learning for all students in January 2021. As a school that places much emphasis on the social context of learning, we are thrilled to welcome all students safely back to campus.

One Week to Phase Out Online Learning to On-Campus Learning

School will resume after the December Break on January 4, 2021, and we are asking all families to commit to one week of online learning from January 4-8, with on-campus learning beginning on January 11. Please note that no tuition discount will apply due to this week of online learning.

This week of quarantine is in the interest of our community's safety by reducing the possibility of any COVID transmission at school. For clarity, there will be no students permitted on campus the week of January 4th for any reason, with all school activities happening virtually and any approved co-curricular activities resuming no sooner than the week of January 11. In the same vein, we strongly encourage all families traveling during the holiday season to be back in Nairobi by Sunday, January 3, to begin their children's period of quarantined online learning.

As always, the health and safety of our community is our top priority. We will continue to work with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, and other health officials to ensure we are in alignment with the latest and most accurate advice. Please note that once on-campus learning resumes, students who are not in compliance with our safety/health protocols will be asked to leave campus. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and commitment to our community's safety so we can offer in-person learning during the second semester.

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Discontinuing Regular Live/Synchronous Learning

As of January 11, we will be discontinuing all live and synchronous learning, with live classes via Zoom and/or pre-recordings no longer available. Asynchronous learning will remain an option; however, it will be a different asynchronous learning experience than what is currently provided in hybrid mode. Regarding ES, important aspects of lessons from homeroom teachers may be recorded or discussed through a check-in, and Seesaw will remain a channel for students, teachers, and parents to access learning. MS/HS teachers will support asynchronous students via Google Classroom and various office hours, depending on the teacher's schedule. This type of asynchronous setup is planned to continue through February Break, at which point this option may no longer be available depending upon a further review of the circumstances at that time.

Finally, if you wish to change your enrollment status in the school, please contact our Admissions Team (admissions@isk.ac.ke). Again, kindly note that ISK will not be offering tuition discounts for the third quarter as we phase back to our on-campus learning program.

Virtual Director's Tea - December 10

Join the Leadership Team on December 10, 4:00 p.m., for an overview of ISK's return to on-campus learning plan, our COVID preparedness overview, with a particular focus on Version 3 of our COVID Handbook (coming soon). Divisional principals will also communicate with parents in December regarding the details of the one on-line week. They will also be sharing the instructional schedule for in-person learning commencing on January 11, 2021.

Wishing you a wonderful rest of your day.

Sincerely,
David G. Henry

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