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Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your family are keeping safe, and are managing to stay healthy and well in these challenging times.

You will all be aware of the recent Government announcement regarding the measures to contain the spread of the virus. It is essential that I start by saying that the challenges that you, our pupils and our staff have faced, and will continue to face, have been extraordinary. I would like to thank all of you for your support of our schools, your flexibility and understanding throughout this difficult period.

Following Government guidelines, all our schools have now moved to a remote and online learning provision for pupils in Reception to Year 6, with the exception of children of frontline NHS, emergency services staff, vulnerable children and children of key workers who are able return to school and be supervised while accessing their remote learning. Our nurseries currently remain open as normal.

Although we had hoped not to encounter another lockdown situation, we as a family of schools have been planning for such a scenario for some time and implementing a coherent and effective strategy to ensure the highest standards of teaching and learning.

Taking into account the feedback we received from parents, staff and teachers during our previous remote learning experience, we are firmly in the position to provide high quality remote learning provision to all our pupils across each one of our family of schools. Our aim was to ensure that all of our schools are in a position to deliver as full an academic curriculum as possible. With this in mind, we have included all our subjects in our remote learning provision with all of our staff continuing to work in order to deliver this offering. Whilst the specialist subjects may vary between ILG schools, subjects such as PE, music, drama, art, ICT and French are now available remotely.

Courtesy of the efforts of our talented teachers, they have been diligently reviewing curriculum content. This has in turn been refined to suit home learning and formal scheduled daily timetables will be implemented with live and interactive teaching being provided, using a range of software and online platforms. The intention is to continue with other group events in order to maintain a strong sense of 'school community', with pastoral care provision continuing. Teachers and staff have

worked extremely hard to create a virtual environment in which your children can flourish and thrive not only as learners, but also as individuals.

We are delighted that all nursery children can be welcomed back to our schools and nurseries, benefitting from the care and support of their teachers. They are expected to attend as normal. All children in Reception to Year 6 are expected to access the remote learning provision that staff have prepared for them.

We are acutely aware that many of our parents are under considerable pressure in this current environment, it is for this reason we had taken the decision to relieve some of the financial stress by offering a voluntary fee discount on the 2019-20 fees in the summer term and then freezing school fees for 2020-21.

We are working closely with all our schools carrying out very detailed and considered analysis of expenditure and costs of our schools' finances with the aim of making savings wherever possible. Any savings that we make through these means will be passed back to parents for any weeks that the schools needs to remain closed. However, we will need to make sure that any reductions in fees are manageable within the context of our schools where all our teaching staff will be continuing to work full time to provide your children with the high quality educational programme. There will be discussions over the coming weeks to look at any reductions and this will be reflected in the Summer Term's fees.

As meals are not being provided during the period your children are learning remotely, this is obviously one area that has been identified immediately. Therefore, a credit will be applied to the Summer Term invoice which will reflect the period where these are not provided. In the meantime, I would remind you that as the children have returned to school you should pay your fees for this term as required.

I continue to be grateful for your support of our schools and nurseries and wish you all the very best. I look forward to seeing the progress our children will make thanks to the stimulating and engaging lessons our teachers are delivering.

Take care of one another.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amit Mehta', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Amit Mehta

CEO and Founder of ILG