

9th April 2020

Dear Parents,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the parents, for your support and encouragement over the last three weeks of online learning. Thus far, your feedback has been very positive; the school has received an overwhelming amount of praise and support from you at this time and we have, as a community, embraced our access to and ability to use technology. That said, the school recognises the need to listen to your feedback and adapt its practice accordingly to continually improve our provision.

I would like to thank all of our staff - both academic and support - who have been working tirelessly to deliver the highest standards and to continue to look for new and innovative ways to ensure that your children continue to have a positive online experience. We are very appreciative of the efforts of our team.

We are all facing challenges during these unprecedented times but we would like, in particular, to acknowledge the challenges faced by our single staff who are without companionship and family at this time. No matter how much resilience and fortitude they possess, they will require our support, respect and care as they face weeks of no contact - whilst at the same time working hard to meet the needs of our young people. Similarly, those colleagues with young children themselves, as they balance parental support for their own families with their professional commitment to your children.

Thank you for your many kind words of support for our fee announcement. As explained by Mr Ford in his communication to you on Monday, The Board do appreciate the economic pain and resulting anxieties people are experiencing at this time and we hope that the discounts shared will be of some financial comfort. As always, please do keep the school up-to-date with any concerns you have, or challenges you face; we are in this together.

With our very best wishes to all members of The English College community.

Mr Bilbo Perrot

Managing Director

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