



Friday 6th March

Dear Parents,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well and that you are managing to cope with these ongoing difficult circumstances. I certainly do not underestimate the many challenges that you face and appreciate your support for the work we are doing to provide remote learning for the children.

There has been a good deal of speculation this week in Beijing around possible school reopening dates as well as travel arrangements for staff who are currently overseas. The reality though is that we still don't know when we might reopen, although we remain hopeful that it won't be too much longer. To that end, we are currently talking to all our teachers about preparing to return to Beijing and undertaking the 14 day self-quarantine period. We aim to be as prepared as possible so that when we do get the official go ahead, we will be ready to hit the ground running. There are likely to be some important health and safety protocols in place when we do return to school and I will send details of these to you in plenty of time so that you can help us to make sure things run smoothly.

We are continuing to review options for our recovery plan for when we return to school and in particular the possibility of extending the summer term by a number of weeks into an optional summer school for both Early Years and Primary. I am keen to know how many families might be interested in this option and therefore we will send out a short survey in due course to gauge the response. Further details about this will be shared once we have an idea of the numbers involved.

We are in regular touch with the Beijing and Chaoyang Education authorities to ensure that all decisions that we take are commensurate with their latest advice. This is vital in order to maintain the confidence and support that we currently enjoy with both CEC and BMEC.

I will be in touch again when we have further updates for you.

With best wishes.

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