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Dear Parents

I hope this email finds you well and safe.

I am writing to update you on the current situation. We are still waiting for a decision from the Beijing Education Commission as to when we can reopen. We are in daily contact with them as well as the Chaoyang Education Committee, in whose jurisdiction we operate, but at the time of writing they are unable to confirm a reopening date. What we can say is that we will not be opening on the 17th February, as we had originally hoped. As I said in my previous email, it is highly unlikely that we will open now before the 2nd March at the earliest and I think it is safe for you therefore to plan accordingly. Indications from these authorities are that the sensible measures that have been put in place in Beijing are having a positive impact and we hope that in turn this will enable us to open at the earliest possible opportunity.

Whilst the online resources will help to mitigate the impact of the current school closure, they will not be able to fully make up for the loss of in-school learning. With that in mind, we are looking at a range of options to make up teaching time when our school reopens. These options will naturally be partially dependent on the timing of our re-opening but may include a slightly longer school day, a longer term and/or Saturday morning lessons. Needless to say, we will continue to keep you informed about school opening dates and provide precise details as soon as they have been confirmed.

Our teachers continue to work hard in providing online resources for the children both in Early Years and Primary. As the days go on, we are trying to refine and develop these resources to best fit each Year Group. We are particularly aware that for some parents, it is proving very difficult either to access or to then complete the online work, for a variety of reasons. Please don't let this become a problem for you. If you are struggling for any reason then please just do what you can and don't worry about what you, or your children, can't do. This is a highly unusual, not to say rare situation and we fully understand that in trying to provide resources for over 500 families, there are bound to be some pinch points. If you would like to feedback any comments about the online provision that might be helpful for us, please contact either [Kirsten.Harding@bsbsanlitun.com](mailto:Kirsten.Harding@bsbsanlitun.com) in Early Years or [AnneMarie.Nield@bsbsanlitun.com](mailto:AnneMarie.Nield@bsbsanlitun.com) in Primary who are both leading the day to day management of the provision in their respective areas of the school.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your understanding and support during this very difficult time for us all. This means a great deal to all the BSB Sanlitun team and is very much appreciated. We will continue to update you and keep you fully informed about any developments as they occur. We are all looking forward to life returning to normal and to enjoying the vibrancy and community of school life.

Please stay well and safe.

With my very best wishes to you and all your family.

John Brett