

13<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Sub: **Extended closure of school**

We hope you and your families are well and keeping safe.

As per the advice received from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education, we would like to inform you that the school will remain closed until further notice. Rest assured that we will continue to provide home schooling resources, as needed.

For students in Reception 1 and Reception 2, lessons and activities are prepared according to the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum (EYFS) of UK.

For Primary 1 to Primary 5 all lessons are based on National Curriculum of UK and Oxford International Primary books are used for the resources. Parents can visit the website [www.oxfordprimary.com](http://www.oxfordprimary.com) for information.

### **Primary computing**

Students from Primary 1 to Primary 5 are encouraged to explore the primary computing courses that takes a real-life, project-based approach to teaching young learners the vital knowledge they need for the rapidly evolving digital world.

These are the **six stages** which give learners the skills they need to use technology safely and effectively:

1. Control the computer
2. Working with text
3. Handling data
4. The Internet
5. Multimedia
6. Computers in society

### **Online Classes**

As we're aware that not all students have access to an internet connection at home, we're not going to hold online classes. This is also to ensure that students who are already the most vulnerable to falling behind do not face more hurdles to keep pace.

### **d6 Connect Mobile App**

We have introduced the d6 App to our parents and we are proud that all our parents are now connected on it. This is a great tool to stay updated on the latest news from the school, monitor your child's progress and offers a list of key contacts. You are encouraged to use it proactively.

We are sending, every Friday, homework and assignments, for the next week (Monday to Friday), to our children to keep them occupied at home and to ensure that they are learning new skills.

Parents who are finding it difficult to connect to Wi-Fi or cannot print the work sheets must call the class-teacher or Mrs. Verma for assistance. We can provide hard copies to be collected.

Meanwhile, here is a list of online resources which are particularly useful if your child is in Nursery to Reception 2 classes:

- <https://www.brainpop.com/> for engaging learning games
- <https://www.creativebug.com/> for unlimited access to thousands of online art and craft classes
- <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com> for amazing facts about animals, science, history and geography
- <https://allinonehomeschool.com/> for free worksheets and activities
- <https://www.highlightskids.com/> for games and to discover new jokes, surveys, answers to science questions, and fun crafts and recipes
- <https://nursedottybooks.com/> for books that aim to help alleviate anxiety around being admitted to hospital for children and their families
- <https://happyhooligans.ca/> for science activities and simple experiments with things easily found around the house

We believe that flexibility and creativity can help us work collectively to confront the pandemic. We all need to understand the importance of good hygiene and social distancing – which is the simple act of providing separation between people to help stop the spread of the virus. Remember to wash your own hands regularly and those of your little ones, maintain physical distances of 2 meters, wear facial coverings (e.g. masks), avoid touching your face and allow fresh air circulation within your homes.

**Please note that the loss of school days and meals not provided in term 2 will be compensated by keeping the school in operation during half-term and end of term holidays. As such, you are requested to settle the fee invoices in full which have already been sent to you for payment.**

We will keep you apprised of any additional updates to school dates in line with government directives. In the meantime, do not hesitate to call us if you need further information or guidance on your child's development needs.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Verma  
**School Head**