



16<sup>th</sup> march 2020,

Dear parent/guardian,

Understandably, the Executive Director and I have both received a high volume of emails, phone calls and visits from parents in response to the message I have sent out about the Corona Virus and the preventative measures taken at the Bridge International School. Unfortunately, in spite of informing, and educating our young people on the correct way to proceed to greet, their lack of mindedness due to their young age means that they are still very likely to be vectors of the spread of the virus. Asking them to stay 1 metre apart and stop touching each other is very challenging...

Given the circumstances, I do not have time to respond to every email about this individually, which is why I am writing to all parents again on the subject.

First of all I would like to assure you that should you decide to keep your child at home his/her absence will be marked as an authorised absence. We urge you to notify us in writing at [info@thebridge-instschool.com](mailto:info@thebridge-instschool.com)

There will be no negative impact on assessment; we are currently working on distance learning packs so that children can work from home.

Please be assured, then, that if you choose for your child to stay in isolation that his/her absence will be excused, and we will find a way to make sure that you can still complete assessments, including class tests.

Given the fact that the virus is now affecting younger people in Italy, their health and safety is our top priority to ensure that nobody is disadvantaged by the extraordinary circumstances we find ourselves in.

Our communication Department will send you the home learning packs shortly.

I hope that we can all be supportive of one another over the coming weeks. Co-operation and patience will serve you well. Panic and thoughtlessness will not help

Let's use our critical thinking skills, and don't just trust \*any\* source of information we see. We do not need everyone to reply to this email, but if you have written to us directly, I think this message here answers any questions you have asked, so I'd be grateful if you could reply to confirm whether or **not** this is the case so that we are well informed. .

If you choose for your child to stay at home, I'd be grateful if you could let us know that this is what you are doing.

Please also be vigilant, Coronavirus is a pandemic. This virus can spread relatively easily so staying away from school is not effective if children are still allowed to go to other public places.

Online learning may be a new experience for many students. We will be working hard to make this a positive educational experience, but success will also rely on your engagement and co-operation. I am very proud of the community we have.

Please note that any member of the school community who shows any alarming symptoms will be sent home. This includes any one of us, teachers, admin staff, auxiliary and students alike...

Let's live by our school motto: We care, we share, we learn together....

Best wishes, and please do take care.



Ms Babin

The Headteacher



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Please do make sure your child has a sanitising gel in his/her school bag.