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Re: Closure of schools in Lagos

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Following yesterday evening's announcement that all schools must shut their doors while the protests continue, I now write to outline how this will impact on the pupils of BIS.

Lessons:

At the start of this week we had decided to move all lessons exclusively to online delivery. This will continue to the end of the teaching week (Thursday period 5). Half Term is the week 26th-30th October and we will review both the local situation and government guidance in advance of reopening our gates thereafter.

Parents consultation morning:

As previously announced, we plan to run our first virtual parents' morning on Friday 23rd October between 9am and 12 noon. While this was initially a result of COVID security the ongoing protests mean that it is even more important that parents and staff are not asked to come into school on that day. Instead, online video/audio calls will be held between parents and their children's form tutors. The form tutor will review progress made across the first Half Term of the year and will have access to all CAT results and teacher comments to support this conversation. To ensure that all parents are able to discuss the progress of their children these meetings will be limited to 15 minutes in duration. Over the next 48 hours each form tutor will contact the parents of their tutees and provide them with a link to our booking system. The electronic booking system will generate a Microsoft teams link that will allow parents to join the call at the specified time without a TEAMS subscription on pc/mac/tablet or phone through a browser or app.

IGCSE examinations scheduled for October 2020

The British Council and Cambridge International Examinations confirmed this morning that no further October/November 2020 IGCSE examinations will take place in Lagos State. While this effects only a small number of Mathematics and French students this will be enormously disappointing for them as they have worked extremely hard to prepare for these examinations and have already taken some of the papers. While the examinations are cancelled no statement as to what will happen moving forward has been made. We await further clarification from CIE and will forward this information, once received, to the families affected.

Boarding:

Boarding pupils and their families have already made their plans for collection at the end of this week. However, with the unpredictable nature of the protests I would suggest that families who are able to safely collect their children from boarding do so at the earliest

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opportunity. The boarding houses are entirely secure and will remain open throughout this week but I would not wish for the situation elsewhere in Lagos to degrade over the coming days to the extent that pupils would not be able to return home for Half Term.

At present the route to the airport is not one that we would allow our pupils to take. While this is clearly a fluid situation if your children would normally return home by air please contact school the head of boarding through the Registrar's office registrar@bisnigeria.org before booking a flight.

I would strongly recommend that a local guardian is used instead of air travel at this time. If a guardian is to collect your child boarding must be notified in advance in writing with the names, contact details, address and time of collection. It will not be possible to release any child without this information.

Update: 24 hour curfew from 4pm announced. Please note that all of the above guidance must now be read with the addition of this breaking news.

Entrance tests:

I would recommend that families who have arranged for their children to take entrance tests at BIS in the coming days for entry to other schools September 2021 that they contact the admissions teams at these schools to see what alternative arrangements can be made. We will support these pupils in whatever way we can but clearly cannot risk the safety of staff or pupils to do so.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Stewart King
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