



August 21st, 2020.

Dear Parents,

To our great distress, and to yours as well, this will not be a normal return to school. These are not normal times.

Our pre-opening staff meetings this week have been dedicated to working with the new online applications Google Classroom has developed which will encourage our students to engage and bring their understanding to the topics. We also use BrainPop, Britannica, Reading A-Z, Khan Academy and many other digital tools that offer templates and live worksheets for our teachers and students to use.

We are sure this will make their online experience more engaging and fun. I can assure you our staff is devoted to making this experience a meaningful one for our students. We want to set an example on how to face change, on how to be resilient and how to adapt to our ever-changing world. As a staff, we reflected upon the idea of how much we want today's students to adapt to an old paradigm as opposed to allowing them to delve into a new learning experience as we take them by the hand and as they face what their future will be like. This has made us readdress the "lifelong learning" mindset we want to foster in our students.

We know that this does not take the place of in-school teaching and I know you will believe that that is what we, too, are looking forward to with all our hearts. The school building is being kept in a state of alert so that we can return as soon as we are given permission to do so. The situation as far as the ongoing expenses remain the same.

Based on this, we ask you to refer to the tuition notice for 2020-2021 which was sent to you in February 2020 or during your admission process. We will offer the 10% discount to those families who wish to apply it, (this is not applicable to students who already have discounts for "becas").

This morning, instead of our usual back-to-school breakfast at a local restaurant, all members of our staff will enjoy an online breakfast from our homes, the last one permitted before our "Netiquette" rules become part of our daily practice.

We send you our very best wishes as we navigate this new world.

With warmest personal regards,

*Jacqueline Gay*