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Dear Parents,

RE: End of Term One Information

END OF TERM

Today, Thursday 9th April was the official last day of Term One. The scheduled date for school to reopen was originally Wednesday 6th May.

(Please click [here](#) to view the published school calendar.)

With the uncertainty of the COVID 19 pandemic and the current restrictions in place, the physical reopening date remains unknown.

ONLINE LEARNING

I am massively thankful to all teachers, parents and students for the overwhelmingly positive effort made in completing the online learning. A link to a survey was sent to all parents.

(You can find it [here](#) if you haven't yet completed it.)

The parent feedback so far has been very positive and it seems that most parents have found it easy to use and well-structured. This has been a learning curve for all of us – and I would like to say 'Well done!' to parents for joining with us in helping each student complete their online learning.

REPORTS

End of term reports have been finalised and are being emailed to all parents. Kindly contact the school if you have not received your child's report by Friday 10.04.20.

START OF TERM TWO

We are prepared to begin Term Two by continuing online learning. We will then schedule a phone or video meeting by the class teacher with parents and possibly students, before the start of term, to review the learning process and provide any relevant information about the new term. It is vital that parents feel supported by the school during this time, and I would like to reinforce the fact that we are here to help.

FEES FOR NEXT TERM

You may have noticed that fee invoices regarding fees for the forthcoming term have not been sent. The Government's announcements and actions regarding school closures have made it clear to us that, given a possible environment of sustained virtual learning, our intended financial and fee planning required review. Rather than send our intended invoices, we instead immediately returned to the financial drawing board, and like many organisations at the current time, started interrogating our budgets afresh.



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Educore school management have been working tirelessly to re-examine and recalibrate our financial plans with the Finance Manager and our CEO. We have been working to find a detailed and measured solution which marries the virtual learning offering of the immediate term with ensuring that the school is undiminished when closures are lifted.

Given we have not yet had confirmation from Government how long the schools will be closed, we are not yet in a position to confirm the fees for next term. We, however, will make a decision at the latest by Monday 20th April and will be in a position to write to parents that week for the start of term on Monday 4th May. This letter will detail fees for the Second Term.

I know that many of our parents will be going through similar processes within their own companies and will understand that re-budgeting in this way is not to be rushed through hastily, particularly when detail from the Government is not always immediately clear. We have been keen to apply due care, attention and process to recalculating our budgets. This will enable us to send a definitive letter to parents rather than a vague approach.

Please rest assured that we are working very hard behind the scenes to deliver a solution which recognises the recent changes to delivering teaching, the unexpected economic challenges which some parents may be facing and the need to have the school ready and waiting to spring into action as soon as our students are able to return to it.

Once again, thank you for your continued patience and consideration during these uncertain times. I look forward to writing to you again in the week of Monday 20th April.

Yours Sincerely,



Wikus Botha

Head Teacher