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Dear Parents

We continue to be vigilant in our efforts to protect our school population from infection with the H1N1 virus. Students and staff are encouraged to maintain a particularly high standard of hygiene at all times, and our cleaners are regularly disinfecting surfaces, door handles and the like throughout the day. I would like to thank all our parents for their support in keeping their child home if they show any flu symptoms or are running a temperature. We continue to check any child that arrives at school showing such symptoms and send them home.

Our school has scheduled a mid-term break over the coming Eid period from 26th November to 29th November. There have been news reports that schools are being directed to extend this holiday break through until 5th December. This would mean that we would potentially lose an additional four school days. However, we have not yet received any instruction in writing from any of the government ministries to confirm these reports; and until we do it is our intention to remain open. In the meantime we are also taking steps to seek an exemption from the closure should this news be enforced. I shall keep you fully informed should any change in our position be required.

Should we be forced to close the school at any point in time, we now have in place a comprehensive set of contingencies that are aimed at ensuring that our students' education (particularly those in Year 10 – 13) is not affected. These steps will be communicated to you and your children if we ever have to implement them.

Arrangements for December holiday break

We continue to monitor the local H1N1 developments and to seek advice from the various health agencies. In line with this I wish to advise all parents who will be travelling with their families outside of Egypt during the coming school holiday break that they will need to furnish a doctor's certificate that states that their child is free from flu symptoms, in order to have them to start back at school in the first week of Term 2, unless they have observed the seven day stand down period after their return back to Egypt. This will need to be presented to the class teacher on the day that they return back to school.

If a child is discovered to have travelled overseas during the Christmas holiday break and has not presented the required medical certificate, then parents will be called to take their child home. We will also be conducting daily checks on the temperature of all students in the first week back at the start of Term 2 as an additional layer of protection against any cases of H1N1 occurring at school.

I wish to thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Martin Van Rijswijk
Principal