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Dear Parents,

This afternoon Government crisis talks were held about the corona virus situation with representatives of health care organisations, and the unions. On Friday, Boards of primary and secondary schools and day care centers in Eindhoven met with the Alderman of Education about the situation. Throughout the weekend, much contact has taken place with our school leadership and the board to discuss how the situation impacts our school. .

This afternoon we have made the decision to close the school until at least the 30th March. Due to the fact that we have a primary school, we are informing you now, for other schools within our Foundation a letter will be sent following the Government press conference scheduled later this afternoon.

This is a very new situation for our school. As you know we have been working hard to develop a continuity of learning plan to support all our students in the event of closing the school. We have already directed teachers to encourage students to take home relevant books, journals or resources that they may need for learning as well as issuing information about resources that your child(ren) can access to continue learning. Some teachers have already tried out using Google Meet. On Monday, we will have contact with our teachers and following this, will send you our continuity of learning plan which outlines the expectations for home learning as well as steps your child can follow to join online classes.

We ask for your patience and understanding as we start this process. Our priority is to do our best to minimize interruptions for our students' learning, but we are also realistic in knowing that it may take some time to be able to have the process optimal.

Special attention will be given to our DP2 students and the group 8 students for their final preparation for their exams and final assessment. DP2 students and parents will be sent a separate letter on Monday to advise them about the situation.

We recognise the impact closing the school will have on many of you. Therefore, the school will have a skeleton staff to look after a group of primary students whose parents must work and have no means of being at home or finding alternative care for their children. Please contact the school via email **before 18:00 today** to inform us when you need your child to be at school so that we can do our best to plan for this eventuality.

As you can imagine, with the closure of the school, this also means that all after school activities will stop as well as all upcoming events until at least the end of March. We have been investigating ways to find alternatives dates for some big events such as our school production and senior school prom, details of these will be sent in separate emails.

This is a very unsettling time for everyone, however, we would like to use this opportunity to give a special word of thanks to our teachers and support staff who are all pulling together as a team for our students. Many are sick themselves, and are looking after their own



children at home, but are still focussed on ensuring a good learning environment for their students during this challenging period.

The school office will be available for you to contact via telephone between 09:00 and 12:00 each day. Please use the normal school number 040-251 9437. We ask that you only call for urgent matters. You can continue to use the regular emails to contact the school office or members of the Leadership Team. Please be aware that this is a very busy period, however we will do our best to respond to any urgent Emails in a timely manner.

Kind regards

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