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Dear Parent/Guardian/Student,

Assalam-u-Alaikum and Good afternoon,

As everyone was looking forward to the new school year ahead, COVID-19 pandemic swept across the world in a matter of weeks. We are blessed to be in a country that reacted quickly to keep us all safe.

In these unusual and difficult times, distance learning was not a choice but a necessity. Distance Learning is not a downgrade from education, it's a show of triumph and resilience against adversity, attesting to the fact that it is the basic right of every child to attain quality education.

At ISK, our teachers have continuously worked from their homes to offer distance learning so that the impact of the lockdown and school closure does not affect student learning.

This has been a learning curve for all of us and we are proud of what has been achieved in a short period of time and appreciate the tremendous efforts our teachers who continue to strive, to ensure that our children proceed with their education.

We are equally proud and grateful for the time and effort you have invested at home to help your children. This wouldn't have been possible without you.

We have also had an update on 3rd of April from the Edexcel Exam Board. Further details will be sent to parents, but in essence, the exam boards are requiring schools to submit student assignments, quizzes, class work and mock results as part of a portfolio of evidence, where the exam board will determine the grade. Our advice, as it has been from the start, is to ensure all students continue with their online learning. A mock exam time table will be sent out shortly along with rubrics of how the assessment mode will work.

Be mindful of the fact that the school overheads, including teachers' salaries, do not cease with its physical closure if it has to survive as a fully functional institution. As most teachers' livelihood depends on their salaries, please support us to ensure that they are well provided for during this challenging time. Should you choose to not pay the school fees, you risk compromising the school's ability to deliver the quality of education expected and your child's ability to graduate this academic year.



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We are confident that this situation is temporary and will come to an end. In difficult times, keeping the big picture in mind and maintaining unity and consistency will bring us closer together as colleagues, families and as a society and it is proof that we are indeed, stronger together.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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