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Dear Parents and Carers

At BEST, we continue to do all we can to support the government's drive to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Throughout this week, with events changing on a daily basis, the steadfastness of everyone in the BEST community has been truly extraordinary. For which, I am tremendously grateful.

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff must remain our top priority. And, we must continue to follow relevant guidance and direction from government.

From Monday 23 March 2020, the government has asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. These are defined as vulnerable children and those whose parents are critical to the COVID-19 response and cannot be cared for at home.

All BEST schools will be open on Monday for children belonging to the identified groups. For those students not in school, a range of curriculum materials will be made available to ensure that students are able to continue with their learning. Ongoing communications from individual schools will ensure that parents know what is happening.

Staff are working flat out, doing everything they can to ensure continuity and consistency in education for your children. However, staff absences are rising and events are changing at a breath-taking pace. Please be assured that we are ready to serve and thoroughly appreciate your support.

We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with other critical workers at this time and are privileged to be an essential part of our national effort to combat this disease.

Yours sincerely

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