



THE
KING'S
HOSPITAL
SCHOOL

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Dear Parent & Guardian

Firstly, I wish to thank you all sincerely for your swift response to our school closure announcement yesterday, thus ensuring that your children were able to return home swiftly and safely. Staff are following up with parents and guardians of overseas students today, by phone and email, to follow up on their travel plans.

I am sending a separate email to the students to thank them for the way they conducted themselves, in the face of such a sudden and dramatic exit from school, especially the long distance and overseas boarders. Emotions were very high as they face uncertainty over travel restrictions and whether or not they will see their friends for the rest of the school year. It is an unprecedented and unsettling event for them.

We are very conscious of the effects this sudden closure may have on their mental health and this will form part of student communications over the next two weeks from our wellbeing team; Chaplain, Counsellors and Sports coaches.

Understandably, our Form 3 and 6 students face additional anxiety over their state exams, so please be assured that contingency plans are in place for continuity of education and a separate communication will go to those parents and students.

Teachers were already preparing for an imminent school closure by ensuring students were able to access an e-learning platform or download notes in advance. Please remind and encourage them to set a learning schedule and to keep up with assignments.

We are fortunate to belong to this wonderful extended KH community and I am confident that we will all be a great support to each other over the next few weeks.

Our wellbeing team also plan to reach out with resources online, so do check in on our social media and website for updates.

I do hope you and your family remain well during the next while.

Yours,

Mark Ronan

Headmaster/Principal