Dear Parents,

Continuous Learning and Tapestry

As we move into campus closure and Continuous Learning, it is important to examine our aims during this unusual time. In the Primary School, we want to:

- *Keep learning flexible and simple* - allowing students to access their learning at times suitable for the whole family.
- *Focus on wellbeing daily* - this is going to be a challenging time for us all, and we want to make sure that our students are coping.
- *Provide regular feedback and communication* - though we are not able to meet in person, we want to maintain as much communication with students as we can.
- *Validate learning* - just as we do in class, we want to celebrate successes, provide student feedback and share the hard work everyone has been doing.

Daily Expectations

Speaking to schools who have been in Continuous Learning situations for some time, it has very quickly become clear that we cannot expect students to be completing the same ‘amount’ of work at home as they are doing at school - demanding too much would be unsustainable. For this reason, we have looked very carefully at what we will be expecting each day - these are our **Responsibilities**. Other tasks that could be done are **Possibilities** - students can pick and choose from these, and do as many or as few as they would like. We are committed to providing appropriately challenging and meaningful learning tasks each day.

**A typical day for Early Years will include:**

A morning welcome video to check in and share an overview of the day - this will be posted to learners' Tapestry journals. This message will include a link to a PPT with two learning activities for the day, one from the teacher and one from a specialist teacher.

**Responsibilities:**

- 1 activity set by the classroom teacher
- 1 specialist activity per day

**A range of Possibilities:**

These might include art, story time, roleplay etc. Our aim is to keep activities ‘low-tech’, to minimise screen time.
Once a week face-to-face contact through Google Meet
We find it important for our youngest students to be able to meet and talk with one of their teachers once a week. We will use Google Meet for these short (i.e. maximum 5 minutes) conversations about daily life. Through Tapestry we will weekly share a signup sheet with you. Find the link to the signup sheet for next week here (Foundation 1, Foundation 2) and on your Tapestry account. You do not need to install anything for a Google Meet video conversation. At the time of the conversation we will send you a link by email; after opening the link you will enter the Google Meet screen; the last step is to click on ‘join meeting’ and then you will have a live connection with one of your child’s teachers.

Tapestry
The primary staff have been looking at a number of options for delivering Continuous Learning during campus closure, and have decided that using Tapestry as our main tool is the best way to proceed for Early Years. As we have been using it in our classrooms, most parents are already familiar with the programme.

Instructions for Tapestry
Every morning of the week we will post a welcome message, with a link to a PowerPoint Presentation which will contain the continuous learning for that day. We will share this video message and PowerPoint through a group observation on Tapestry. You can then share your child’s learning with us by adding a new observation. Please be aware you can only post a one minute long video on Tapestry. Please also use the ‘add new observation’ function if you have a question regarding the task. We will make sure to respond in a timely manner.

Teachers and classroom learning support staff will be available online between 8:15am and 2:30pm, i.e. normal student working hours.

Parent Information Sessions
We will be offering Tapestry/Continuous Learning Parent Information sessions on Thursday 19th March 8:20-8:40am and 2:40-3:00pm if you require support or have questions about any of the above. Please email to adangol@tbs.edu.np if you intend to join one of these sessions.
Home Learning Packs and Library Books

We will be providing home learning packs for students to take home on Friday. This will provide some additional resources for you and your child to support their learning at home, including a school iPad on loan for those parents who need or have requested one. If you have not yet responded to the TBS Digital Device Survey please do so as soon as possible, so that we can plan to issue devices from school for those who need them (you will be required to sign User Agreements first before students can take home the devices). If you wish to borrow additional library books, it will be possible for each parent to take out up to 10 books in their own name, with each child being able to borrow 5 books in their name.

If it is possible to ‘access’ the TBS Campus next week and during the period of ‘Campus Closure’ parents will be able to return and have new books scanned out each day from 10:00-11:00am and 13:00-14:00 (tbc)*.

We hope the above provides you with a clear overview of what we have planned so far for continuous learning for your child in Primary. Obviously, as we go forward and receive feedback from students and yourselves, as well as the experience of our staff providing the learning, we will refine and adapt our provision accordingly. We welcome your feedback, but please do bear with us as we move into a new way of learning. It is a challenging time in many ways, but we want to encourage all members of our school community - and especially your children - to be happy and remain positive about new possibilities.

Yours sincerely,

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