



Monday 16th March 2020

Dear Parents of Brookes Moscow and Saint Petersburg

RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19) School Update

Over the course of today, I have worked with both staff and leadership to evaluate and agree with the schools' position regarding the recent updates to the high alert mode in Moscow and Saint Petersburg due to the threat of the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). As a result of these discussions, I have the following statement to make.

Brookes Moscow and Saint Petersburg are sensitive to the increasing concerns about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst our community. As a result, the school has had to consider all student, parent and staff requirements; to ensure a balanced and considered approach. It is our primary aim to provide continual and consistent high academic learning, during the normal period of education. As such, the school will be following all prescribed Government Executive Authority stipulations. Please note the following logistical position of the school, which meets the above stipulations in every respect:

- 1) *Brookes Moscow and Saint Petersburg will remain open, unless we receive notification from the Government Executive Authority to close.*
- 2) *Attendance for students is optional, and at the sole discretion and decision of parents.*
- 3) *Distance Learning will be provided for all students whose parents choose for them to remain at home; this will commence on Wednesday 18th March 2020. Please send a confirmation email to your child's homeroom teacher to indicate that you will be keeping your child/ren at home.*
- 4) *If students attend school, a normal learning day will be provided wherever possible; the school day will run from 08:00 - 16:15.*
- 5) *After school activities (Brookes +) are cancelled with immediate effect - this includes all teacher led, paid and private activities.*
- 6) *The bus service will continue, as is, for the remainder of this week. On Friday 20th the numbers on each route will be re-evaluated and a 'custom service' introduced.*
- 7) *The Principal's of each campus will be sending you a cover letter on Tuesday 17th March, outlining and attaching the extent of the full 'Distant Learning Plan.'*
- 8) *The school day trips for all students will not happen.*

Whilst we continue to provide both onsite or distance learning for the students, we would ask that families continue to consider the wider impact of the Coronavirus. Please alert us to any forthcoming travel you are expecting to take with your children. If you are returning from another country, please note the following recommendations and requirements:

From March 5, Moscow & Saint Petersburg introduced a high alert mode due to the threat of the spread of the disease. All arrivals from *China, Italy, Iran, South Korea, Germany, France, Spain, the UK, USA, any countries of EU, Serbia, Albania, Ireland, Macedonia, Montenegro, Andorra, Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, Monaco, Lichtenstein, Moldova, Republic of Belarus, Ukraine, Vatican, San



Marino, Bosnia, Croatia as well as other countries with an unfavorable epidemiological situation, must be at home in self-isolation for 14 days. Arrivals from countries where at least one case of coronavirus infection is registered must also report themselves to the hotline by phone number: +7 (495) 870-45-09. If you feel unwell, you need to call a doctor at home without visiting medical facilities.

*It is expected that this week, there will be an update on the list of countries.

As the situation continues to change, on a daily basis, we will keep you as updated as we possibly can, and all the latest updates (which include this letter) can be found in the following location: www.moscow.brookes.org/coronavirus & www.saintpetersburg.brookes.org/coronavirus

If you have any questions regarding the above arrangements about the Coronavirus, please direct all these to: info@moscow.brookes.org (Moscow), info@saintpetersburg.brookes.org (Saint Petersburg) or telephone the school on: +7 499 110 7001 (Moscow), + 7 812 320 89 25 (Saint Petersburg).

Thank you for your continued support.

With very best wishes,

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Director of Schools