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Dear BISI Community,

As the Senior Leadership Team of the British International School Istanbul, we have been watching events unfold over the last week with a great deal of concern. Whilst the attempted coup was quickly quashed, the announcement of a State of Emergency and the resulting arrests, sackings of, amongst others, teachers and the closing of a large number of schools have been a worry to us as we are sure they have been to you.

We wish to give you our full assurances that BISI has not been affected in any way by the attempted coup or by the events which have followed it this week. The Senior Leadership Team will be at the school with the new teachers as scheduled on Monday 15th August and the rest of the teachers will be in school for a staff week the following Monday.

The schools which have been closed, it would seem, are Turkish private schools rather than registered international schools such as BISI. We are on target to start school as scheduled on Wednesday 31st August and we will have a full complement of staff ready to start working with your children.

We realise how concerned you must be when you read the reports in the world press about events in Turkey; however our contacts in Istanbul report a very different picture, one in which life is rapidly returning to normal. Whilst we would be wrong in giving you advice on what steps you should take in the coming weeks and months, we do wish to remove any worries you may have about your children's education. We are unaffected by the events and we will be open, on time and completely ready to ensure that the quality of education we have always given to your children will continue.

We continue to look to the future and strive for school improvement. The preparation for the move to the new building in Etiler is progressing well. We are currently planning to open the new City Campus in December of this year or sooner. We will keep you fully updated during the Autumn term.

Yours sincerely,

The Senior Leadership Team

