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Dear BISI Community,

Today is day one of our remote learning phase. Some of our teachers are in school and have started remote teaching with their classes, others are working from home. We hope by the end of the day all our staff and students will be comfortable with this new style of education. We ask that you take our distance learning measures seriously as they are designed to keep the curriculum progressing. Students who do not take part will fall behind their peers and it is unlikely that there will be time to repeat content missed.

Over the weekend the situation, notably in Europe, has worsened considerably. This is an extract from the Turkish Airlines web site:

"... to preserve the public health against the novel type coronavirus (Covid-19), of which the Global Risk Level was assessed by the World Health Organization to be "Very High", the entry or transit of any passenger and who has been to Austria, Belgium, Mainland China, Denmark, France, Germany, Iran, Iraq, Italy, South Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Spain or Sweden in the last fourteen days, shall not be permitted."

There is also a list of countries to which Turkish Airline flights have been cancelled and the currently expected period of cancellation. For further information please follow this link <https://www.turkishairlines.com/en-tr/announcements/coronavirus-outbreak/>

The purpose of the current school closure is to help delay the spread of the coronavirus. This should not be treated as a holiday and you should not be travelling with your children. You should also be practicing social distancing by:

- Avoiding busy places such as airports, restaurants, shopping centres, cinemas, gyms, public transport etc.
- Avoiding social gatherings in your home or elsewhere, including sleepovers for your children.

We remind you that the best advice at present is to wash your hands regularly, avoid physical contact with others, do not touch your face, cough or sneeze into a single-use tissue or your elbow, and seek medical advice if you have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing. Finally, please do not take your medical advice from social media.

Stay safe,

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