

The Senior Leadership Team

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Dear community members,

We are now well into our third week of remote teaching and learning. The Board of Governors and Senior Leadership Team of the school are very proud of the efforts made by our staff, students and parents. The continued situation is putting a lot of stress on everyone, but the survey we sent out last Wednesday and the emails we have received from various members of our community show how well people are coping.

On Friday and Saturday of last week we brought in Extra Group Environmental Health Services to provide a nano technology deep clean of our Etiler campus and on Sunday and Monday, the same company carried out a similar clean of our Zekeriyakoy campus. The clean protects all surfaces on the campus and will last for approximately three months. If the school reopens according to the Government schedule on 4 May, this protection will still be valid.

In the interests of the safety and wellbeing of our support staff, we are scaling down our operations at both campuses with most staff working from home. We will bring cleaners in once or twice per week to ensure the buildings remain clean and tidy. There are a small number of teachers who prefer to work from school rather than from home and they will be allowed to continue doing so if they wish.

We are sending another survey out today, but this is a very small survey with just one question. As you are aware, the spring break is almost upon us but we have been discussing making changes to the break this year. We have four choices of holiday pattern for you to consider and we would like you to choose your order of preference for the four patterns, from 1 which will be your favourite choice to 4 which will be your least favourite choice. We would like you to complete the survey by the end of Thursday 2 April and we will give you the result on Friday 3 April. The survey is open to all parents and staff in both the international school and the national school at all levels and all secondary school students. The survey is not different for different groups, everyone will have the same survey and we ask you all to have your vote on what happens with the spring break holiday.

In the meantime we wish you all well and we hope all of our community stays safe.

The Board of Governors and the Senior Leadership Team

