

Barcelona, March 23, 2020 Monday

Dear Families,

The pandemic we are experiencing is one of extraordinary consequences, due to its geographical extension and its rapid spread. It is an emergency of significant challenges, in which people must take responsibility, prioritizing firstly the security measures and the battle against the virus and secondly interpreting with imagination and clarity what should be our personal role in society to help mitigate the damage and keep our planet running.

A setback of these dimensions puts us all to the test. We become stripped individuals, displaying who we really are, and what we are willing to do for the human community. It also commits organisations to express how they really think and to show it with transparency through actions and values they consider authentic. It also gives the people who work in these organisations the opportunity to share their commitment, their work and their vocation with their colleagues.

This is a storm from which we will withdraw, hopefully as soon as possible. The commitment of St. Peter's School, in this sense is clear: We want to emerge from this storm feeling strengthened, having learned many more things and, above all, we want everyone to get recovered from this together, without leaving anyone behind.

We have ruled out any alternative that involves removing a single person from our School whether it be in terms of employees or families or students. To achieve this, one month before the official recognition of the emergency, all departments began working on the design of a working model from home, covering all ages and respecting teaching and administrative management processes. The package of measures and tools that are being applied is extensive, perhaps with the part related to homeschooling as the most visible one to you.

Friday was the fifth day of working at home at our School, after official declarations of state of alarm in various countries and the closing of schools. During this first week, practice has allowed us to improve our procedures and we hope that in the coming days they will improve even more. I want to state that establishing this option as our choice, did not involve any debate or difficulty. It was the option that respected the dignity of the people who work at this School, that of the families who trust in it and that of the students who invest their time in their own personal and academic growth.

Regardless of the difficulties that its development may offer, the decision was made naturally and I would say unanimously. Personally, I cannot help feeling emotional every time I think of the extraordinary dedication and intense effort that our team are showing, without hesitation. My express gratitude to all the people of our School, to all the external collaborators who are showing similar commitment, to the students without whose complicity we could not function and of course to the families for their understanding, suggestions and cooperation.

During the duration of this emergency you will be able to contact the regular people of our organization through their emails, and of course also with me, [jgc@stpeters.es](mailto:jgc@stpeters.es).

The aim of this letter has already been achieved with the above mentioned. However, there are several billing issues that have been coming to us over the past few days, which have become frequent and I do not want to miss this opportunity to give a general reply to them.

Please, do not hesitate to use my email above mentioned to query, consult or suggest any particular aspect that you deem appropriate.

- a) **Upcoming school receipts, 04/01/2020.** The next receipts corresponding to the last term of the current course are already at your disposal, as usual. If your normal form of payment is direct debit, you do not have to take any action and these receipts will be presented to the bank with expiration 04/01/2020. Otherwise, you must make the payment of the corresponding amount. On this occasion, we ask you to use exclusively bank transfer as a means of payment, avoiding other forms that would require the physical movement of people to banks. If you do not know the amount to be transferred, please refer to the last section of this document.
- b) **Cancelled school trips.** As you may know, all scheduled school trips for the rest of this course have been cancelled. If you have made any payment for any School trips, the amount will be reimbursed, by deduction in the next receipt of 04/01/2020 mentioned in the previous section.
- c) **Extracurricular activities for the January / March term that could not be completed.** When we return to normal operation, we will assess how many sessions of each extracurricular activity were stopped and their cost will be compensated by recovering them, deducting their amount from receipts for future activities, or refunding the money.
- d) **Dining service, cleaning and other services not supplied.** Similarly, when this situation is terminated, we will know how many dining days have ceased to be supplied and which other changes have happened in the expenses of the school, which will be valued to make the corresponding deduction on the receipt of 09/01/2020, or to compensate otherwise in cases where this is not possible.



- e) **Exams of English and French.** The external exams (DELFI at Institut Français and ESOL at British Council) in French and English are scheduled for June and July (and some for the end of May). Both institutions have stated that the calls are still standing, and that in the event that they could not be held, the examination would be postponed to another date, respecting the payments that have been made. Consequently, if your child is going to take any of these tests, we suggest that you make the corresponding payment normally. If you do not know if this applies to you, please refer to the last section of this writing.
- f) **IBAN from our bank accounts to make transfers.**
- a. IBAN ES83 0081 5084 0900 0140 1347 (Sabadell).
  - b. IBAN ES57 2100 8222 1622 0023 1905 (Caixabank).
  - c. IBAN ES65 0075 0592 6905 0021 1075 (Santander).
  - d. IBAN ES33 0128 0549 1105 0000 3934 (Bankinter).
  - e. IBAN ES70 0182 4370 8901 0153 7210 (BBVA).
- g) **What is the amount of my due date for 04/01/2020? If I have paid any canceled trip, what is the amount after deducting this? How much do I have to pay to register my child for the Institut Français or British Council exams?** You will soon receive an email with the amounts that concern your specific family, and other details. If you do not receive it or want some additional information, you can request it using the email indicated above.



Sincerely,  
Josep Ma Ginjaume Culell