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## **Dear Parents & Guardians**

I am writing to you further to my letter of 5 May 2020 regarding the payment of an interim fee to fund the on-line distance learning programme which has been current since the end of March of this year.

I would like to reiterate that the programme Atlantic Hall is delivering is designed to cover as fully as possible the normal curriculum and programmes of study commensurate with what would be substantially covered in school. Delivery includes live on-line lessons, reinforcement through the various platforms and consolidation through supervised prep' involving as in school our House parents.

All teachers and Houseparents are fully involved in the programme which is of a very high standard and ambition.

With regards to the virtual on-line engagement we cannot, nor do we seek to replicate the exact school day as at Atlantic Hall. Rather, that we undertake a modified yet still rigorous virtual day which is relevant in terms of curriculum coverage and compatible to be delivered on-line so that students remain up to date in their studies and learning.

Good practice in distance learning recommends a balance between direct live delivery and supported by independent guided study via platforms as the ideal combination, this is the basis of our provision.

As stated in my previous letter the Board of Trustees very generously covered the expenses incurred to provide such a programme for the latter part of March and the whole of April. However, to fund such a programme on an ongoing basis is costly and parents who have not yet paid the fees for third term are asked to pay an interim fee in respect of the current month of May and again for June.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees earlier today, the Board considered and reviewed all of the data surrounding the programme including 'financials', recognizing that some parents are

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finding the current climate challenging in terms of 'cash flow'. The Board achieved through the invoking of further rationalization measures to be able to effect a small reduction to the figure quoted in my letter of the 5 May 2020 from:

# N:195,000.00 to N:175,000.00 This figure now represents the Board of Trustees agreed charge for this service

Parents are requested to make their payments by Thursday 15 May and invoices will be sent on Monday 11 May.

### **Please Note**

Whilst a voluntary payment it should be noted that from the week beginning the 18 May any family who have not paid the fee will be assumed to not wanting their child(ren) to participate further in the programme and will cease to have access to the programme.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE: THIS INTERIM FEE WILL BE DEDUCTIBLE FROM THE ACTUAL THIRD TERMS FEES AT THE POINT SCHOOLS RESUME OFFICIALLY FOR THE THIRD TERM. THIS IS NOT A FEE ON TOP OF THE THIRD TERM FEES

THE INTERIM FEE IS <u>NOT</u> PAYABLE BY THOSE PARENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID THIRD TERM FEES

This figure is the absolute minimum that will allow for the programme to continue at the level of quality required by the Board and also so overwhelmingly well received by the vast majority of parents in their feedback.

### **Payment**

Invoices in respect of this revised figure will be sent early next week by the school Finance Team and parents (excluding those who have already paid) are asked to make their payment by close of business (4.00 pm Thursday 15 May 2020).

I will write to you again early next week on a programme update and progress on two particular enrichment additions planned for inclusion.

Otherwise, please keep safe and best wishes!

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Jedras

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