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Dear Parents/Guardians

What strange times we are living in. I suspect that none of us have experienced anything like this before.

Corona Virus seemed to come at us out of nowhere and in a heartbeat we find our lives changed in ways we could never have imagined. Uncertainty dominates businesses, families, schools and communities worldwide.

However, as far as possible life has to go on and we must face the challenges that now confront us.

Despite the sudden closure, and like most schools nationwide, we have kept our students education going as close to normal as possible. The school has provided a programme of work for your children which they will continue to work on.

Until we are allowed to re-open, the school will provide education on line. Staff have worked together to produce appropriate work which students will complete on a daily basis. Despite the difficulties this system will inevitably throw at us, students will have access to staff on line who will ensure that standards are maintained. Your help here will be essential.

The Board is aware that the current situation may cause some of you to face financial difficulties. Consequently the Board has decided that next term fees will be reduced by 25%. The majority of our overheads are fixed and we can't avoid them. We will do our best to absorb these costs for the hopefully limited time students must be educated at home.

I must ask you to pay these reduced fees as soon as possible. Please remember, that in order to survive, St. Georges School in common with the majority of private schools, is totally reliant on fee income.

When students are allowed to return to school, the fees you would normally pay will be payable on a pro rata basis.

Yours sincerely



Sir Robert Dowling

Chair of St Georges Board of Trustees