



International School Bangkok

School Closed until further notice (Communication 27)

Dear ISB Community,

International Schools Closed

The Ministry of Education announced today that international schools will be closed until further notice "...for the safety and wellbeing of schools and university students impacted by this outbreak."

The written notification we have received from the Ministry of Education states, "...all public and private educational institutions within both informal and formal education are to be closed in this special circumstances from 18th March 2020 onwards until further notice" (MoE Notification dated 17 March B.E. 2563).

ISB Virtual School

We have gathered valuable feedback through our parent, student and teacher surveys. Our leadership team and faculty are working together to make adjustments to ensure we have the best practices in place to move learning forward and provide virtual connections for students. (If you have not received the parent survey, please see last week's eNews as each survey is specific to that division.)

We will be pausing ISB Virtual School on 23rd March so that our faculty can spend time planning for a longer period of virtual learning. We thank you for your understanding as we all navigate this new environment. This day will be a good time for students to be active and away from screens.

We will continue to work with you in partnership to ensure our students meet their learning objectives during Virtual School.

IB Students

We have already been in touch with the Ministry of Education and OPEC to request that ISB can continue to hold IB exams on campus in May. We have also requested permission to provide additional support for our IB students during the school closure. The High School will be in touch with senior students and parents when we hear more from the Ministry and OPEC.



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Updates on ISB cases

We are in regular contact with our ISB families who have loved ones in hospital to show our support and let them know we are thinking of them often.

Remember that if someone in your household (or someone you have come into close contact with) has tested positive for the virus, please inform the school immediately.

We know that this situation presents a number of challenges to students, parents and faculty at multiple levels. Please know we are here for you if we can help in any way.

As soon as we hear updates, we will be in touch with the ISB community.

Kind regards,

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