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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March the education landscape in Trinidad and Tobago (T&T) changed abruptly. With little time to host meetings with teachers and parents we waited for guidance from the Ministry of Education (MOE) and looked on in horror as the international community suffered immense losses. Certainly this was a situation far from the ordinary. Overcome by fear, uncertainty and apprehension, we finally came to terms with the fact that we were no longer in control. People needed time to assimilate this nightmare to adjust their lifestyles, to prepare emotionally, physically and financially. Certainly school and curriculum delivery were our furthest thoughts.

Under normal operational practice, the period 23<sup>rd</sup> March to 3<sup>rd</sup> April would have been reserved for whole school exams, followed by the two weeks of Easter vacation. Now that this has ended everyone in the educational fraternity has to figure out the way forward. It requires team work at all levels, innovation, training and ensuring that no child is left behind.

The big question is what plans have been put in place to surmount the many challenges. As you are aware there are many platforms, learning hubs and resources available for the students but without much guidance from teachers. These may not be as effective as we would like. A well-coordinated and structured approach is therefore necessary.

With this in mind and against the back drop of what teachers are sifting out from MOE, TTUTA and CXC, it comes down to teacher voluntarism. So our administration is proposing the following:

- Make whatever platform a teacher wishes to use available
- Train anyone if necessary
- Engage the PTAB and other stake holders to provide devices/connectivity to students and teachers in need.
- Embark on a structured approach of revision/review of work previously covered. One may not want to diminish the quality of educational delivery of new material nor have to repeat it when school reopens in the 'third term'.

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April we will hold a Staff Meeting to discuss the most effective way forward and parents will be duly informed.

I thank you for your patience and look forward to your cooperation. Remember Teamwork makes the Dream work.

Brian Seemungal  
Principal (Ag.)