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From The Director...

As parents will know, over the past month or so, Brookhouse has been ramping up our provision for operating as a virtual school.

Now, with the Government's announcement on Sunday 15th March, we begin this new school experience, where children undertake a normal school day - from home.

Ours has been a carefully planned and proactive response to this challenge, one that ensures continuity of learning for each child. We will ENABLE extended learning, rather than extended holidays.

So, as from MONDAY 16th MARCH, Brookhouse School campuses are closed, BUT NORMAL LEARNING CONTINUES for all students in virtual school mode.

It is timely, therefore, to remind parents of the roles we can all play as part of the school community in this adjustment to normal operations.

The School will lead online learning, with the teachers delivering their lessons online to mirror the normal school day.

Staff have been busy extending their IT skill base to deliver online learning of the highest calibre for our children, with Google classroom, live Zoom conference calls and various educational platforms in use.

Students have ensured their passwords are valid and their devices are fully operational for home use. They have been practising using these various virtual platforms at school.

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The first wealth is health

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Parents are requested to ensure the home environment is set up to ensure their child can fully participate in virtual learning mode - with the appropriate device, access to the necessary add-ons (such as a printer/scanner, if required), a good wifi connection, and suitable adult supervision at home.

At Brookhouse, we continue to serve your child's education as a caring school community. - and our commitment will always be to the health and well-being of everyone in the Brookhouse community.

Information on travel advice for boarders and examination candidates was distributed to parents at the end of last week - and further communication to boarding parents is occurring on Monday 16th March.

I know that everyone in the Brookhouse community - staff, students and parents - will rise to this challenge and help ensure learning carries on for our children.

- Mr O'Connor, Director