



Dear Parents,

We are fast approaching the end of Bimester 1, and I have deliberately left it until now before writing to you about Bimester 2 in the hope that we might have more clarity. Unfortunately, it seems that the Ministry of Education is not prepared to take any risks or allow any small pilots to go ahead, given the current situation with COVID 19 in Lima. We had signed a joint letter with the Embassies of Germany, France, Holland and the United Kingdom along with several other schools requesting to run a small pilot 'return to school' scheme. However, we have now received a reply stating that we have to wait for schools in our district to open. I am reluctant to decide that we will stay closed all of Bimester 2, so what I have decided is to take it in blocks of 5 weeks, letting you know every 4 weeks if there is any possibility of being allowed to open. I am leaving the extra week, as I always want staff to come back before the students get used to working in school again. Of course, I would remind you that any return for students in the suggested year groups, (Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 5, Grade 6, Form V and Form VI) will be completely voluntary.

I would like to reassure you that we have been working hard preparing plans to return to school taking into account the guidelines produced by the Ministry of Education's [Resolución Ministerial N° 121-2021](#) and which are being followed by the rural schools that have opened. They have spoken about a safe, gradual, voluntary and flexible return in blocks of four hours, focusing on the transition years between sections and the end of school and university. We anticipate that the Ministry of Education will notify schools earlier to enable them to prepare carefully. We have also been listening and asking questions of colleagues in other countries who have already returned to school. So, in summary, we are ready and waiting!

I would also remind you that school fees will remain with a discount until such time as we are able to open the school just as we informed at the beginning of the year.

We will also be carrying out a survey with all of our parents at the start of Bimester 2 to obtain information that allows us to confirm the things that are going well and those aspects of online learning, which you feel, need adjusting. In this same survey we will once again consult you about whether you would permit your daughters to attend school under the strict protocols which we will share with you when we send the survey.

I would like to end by thanking you for all your support throughout this first Bimester and to wish you a restful break with your daughters.

Best regards,

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Headmistress