



Dear Parents,

I would like to open by stating that if I ever needed convincing about the need to open San Silvestre to students as fast as possible, I have had that confirmed by the reaction of the students when they come into school for Cultural Activities. They are delighted beyond measure, emotional and brimming with joy as they meet others in a safe, supportive environment. As someone who has never really, stopped going to school during the entire pandemic this is wonderful to see since I firmly believe if we behave responsibly using masks and practicing social distancing there really is no reason not to be in school.

In addition, San Silvestre being the wonderful school it is, has implemented all possible protocols to make it safe – all we need is a message from MINEDU to allow us to open completely. We are finally able to offer sports as from next Monday and I am beyond thrilled since one can see children in parks with private trainers doing exactly what they need to do – run around and have fun through physical exercise.

It has also been fantastic this week to see many teachers and staff, physically for the first time since last March and I sincerely hope that they will all feel secure about working from school in readiness for a gradual, flexible, safe and voluntary return. In this way, we can slowly rebuild the wonderful community spirit which makes San Silvestre so special.

I can only say that I would encourage everyone with a voice to use it to express their desire for schools to be allowed to open, helping one another wherever possible. I am sure there are ways we can help the public sector by sharing our excellent protocols and even helping them to set up their schools. One of the central aims of education has to be to teach collaboration and solidarity so this fits in absolutely perfectly!

Let me end by reassuring the entire community that we are working as hard as we can to push to get San Silvestre open.

Kind regards,

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Headmistress