



Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Dear Parents,

RE: Distance Learning Updates

We are writing today to update you on some of the changes that we are making to our Distance Learning provision. We as a school are very proud of the distance learning that we have provided and of the students for their ability to adapt and show resilience in less than ideal situations. It has been wonderful that more and more students have now returned to school and in an effort to ensure continuity of learning, we are making changes to our distance learning provision.

From Tuesday 9th March, the following changes will be implemented;

- Parents who want Distance Learning must opt in by Friday 5th March. They must email the Principal officially to declare this with an estimated return date. Please email mbroom@saintpetersburg.brookes.org to declare your intention.
- Further, the principal must be notified of the need to switch to distance learning giving at least 2 working days for staff to prepare.
- The school administration reserves the right not to allow distance learning.

Possible reasons for Distance Learning that will be accepted by the school are as follows:

1. The student is not able to enter Russia due to border restrictions.
2. Permanent residence in another city or moving to another city for a long time*;
**short-term stay in another country or city or moving to another country or city (less than 3 weeks) cannot serve as a basis for switching to distance learning.*
3. Reasons associated with long-term (more than 3 weeks) health restrictions, confirmed by medical certificates.
4. Being in quarantine due to contact with the people with COVID or choosing to observe isolation from potential COVID infection.
5. Any extenuating circumstances presented to the Principal. The Principal can consider individual cases and agree permission based on this.

From Tuesday 9th March, Google Meet links will be provided only to those students who have been granted access to Distance Learning. All work will continue to be on ManageBac, therefore students



will still be able to access work and complete assignments, even if they are not able to come to school.

Reasons school can not provide Distance Learning:

1. Any absences shorter than 2 weeks duration.
2. Absences for family circumstances, events or festivities.
3. Holidays
4. Long term illnesses without a medical certification clearly specifying that the child must not attend school in person.
5. Should a child be sick. If the student is not able to attend school, we recommend that they rest and recover fully to be able to come back to school. Even if the student is absent, they still have access to all tasks on ManageBac.

We have certainly seen the benefits of Distance Learning. Only one year ago, this wasn't even in operation, and yet now we have been able to cater for students and teachers in different countries, to all be in the same classroom at the same time. As much as the hybrid model of learning has helped to get us through some of the hardest times of lockdown, with lessening restrictions in Russia, we as a school are making positive steps to ensuring normality returns to Brookes Russia.

Kind regards,

Mr Mark Broom

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