

Dear Parents / Guardians

I hope my email finds you all healthy and well during these challenging times. I thought it would be appropriate at this juncture to write to boarding parents with a brief update.

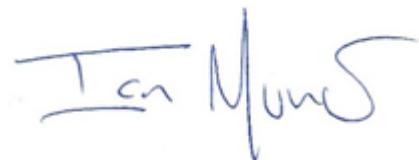
As you may be aware, Houseparents have been busy since March keeping in touch with our boarders in various ways. There have been email contacts to share news about individuals in the Houses, along with [virtual] birthday celebrations; there have been House meetings; activities like quizzes have also taken place; and there has been extra support for boarders working on their academic studies. From time to time, Houseparents have also found themselves as Lost Property and Mail Order Delivery specialists.... looking for boarders' forgotten property and then mailing it onwards around the world. [This is not a problem, incidentally – do please let your Houseparents know if there is anything we can do to help in this respect.]

Of course, we are all keen to re-establish a physical return to Dollar as soon as it is safe, and when it is permitted by the authorities. You will not be surprised to know that we have a team already planning how a return to the boarding Houses might be safely managed, and we have been preparing for various scenarios. Clearly, we cannot firm up on any details until we are given the go-ahead by the Government, but we are obviously concentrating on the health and safety implications: the travel complexities and the potential need for quarantine, social distancing requirements, hygiene protocols and so on.

We have been closely following the experience of other countries that have successfully managed their own situations, as well as liaising with all the relevant boarding experts in the UK, and we are confident that we can find a solution that fits Dollar and your children. More updates will follow, but if you have any questions in the interim than please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Academy.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ian Munro".

Ian Munro

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