

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone was able to find some peace and relaxation over the past break. We return to school today with a power outage, but I hope that by now students and families will have found a routine that suits your particular needs for online learning.

We thank those parents who have provided us with feedback on how to improve our services. Please understand that we will not be able to accommodate every individual wish, but we remain fully committed to making changes where possible. During these times our credo is to evolve with the situation. For example, our special subject teachers (languages, art, PE) will now communicate more directly with families as we felt that these subjects were “left behind” a bit. At ISZ we believe in a holistic education, and our special subjects are an integral part of our program.

In terms of activities and learning suggestions outside of our regular program, we will be promoting poetry and art over the next few weeks. We also hope to put on a virtual talent show as a sort of culmination and community celebration. Stay tuned for more information.

For today, I enclose some relevant reading materials for different age groups. Thank you to Mrs. Maha Damaj and others who share their resources with us.

<https://www.edutopia.org/article/22-ya-novels-help-students-process-pandemic-or-forget-it-bit>

We have had no information from the local authorities about the school situation, and we are prepared to continue our program for as long as it takes. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.