



**LEIGHTON PARK**  
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you and your families are well and that the challenges of lockdown are beginning to ease a little at long last. I have been touched by the many messages of support and understanding that we have received during this challenging period. In particular, we have been struck by the very positive reaction to the School's programme of guided distance learning and remote pastoral care and support.

Planning for the Autumn Term is not easy as national guidelines are still evolving. I sincerely hope that all of our students will be able to return to the Park in September, but the School is preparing for a range of possibilities. Our priority is to ensure the safety of all students and staff, following recommended guidelines and subject to ongoing risk assessment.

When I wrote to you at the end of the Spring term, I said that I would be in touch this term about next year's fees. We are very mindful that there remains a good deal of uncertainty about the economic outlook and that many of our families are facing significant financial difficulties as a result of the current situation.

Against this backdrop the Board has decided to defer the planned fee increase for next year by at least one term. There will therefore be no fee increase for Autumn Term 2020 with fees remaining at the Autumn 2019 level. I expect to write to you again before the end of the October half term break with details of any fee increase from Spring Term 2021. We will communicate arrangements relating to the payment of fees in advance for 2020/21 separately.

This is a time of unprecedented economic challenge and we recognise that some families may still be experiencing financial uncertainty. If you wish to discuss financial concerns, please do contact Keith Eldridge, our Bursar, at [bursar@leightonpark.com](mailto:bursar@leightonpark.com).

The detailed planning and arrangements for the return in September are ongoing and the Head will confirm details once these are finalised. In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Governors to thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes.

David Isherwood  
Chair of Governors