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Dear parent(s), guardian,

As per our last letter, starting on Tuesday 17/03 online revision lessons will be available on Smartschool Live for all students from year 3 to year 6.

Starting on Wednesday 18/03 this will also be available for students in year 1 and 2.

The revision lessons will start daily at 9:00 AM and end at 12:00 PM. A short break will take place from 10:00 AM until 10:20 AM.

Although no new curriculum will be taught, I strongly encourage all students to make all tasks that their teachers have posted on Smartschool.

Through Smartschool we hope to stimulate social contact between students and their teacher.

Tasks will be posted on Smartschool by teachers daily. It is best if students complete the tasks the day they are posted on Smartschool. We are consciously avoided large lump sums of tasks and worksheets to avoid students doing all their schoolwork on one day, and as a result not having any schoolwork for the rest of the week.

In a nutshell, by using Smartschool live we are focusing on the maintaining of social contact, routine and we will continue to revise curriculum daily. If, for whatever reason, your child does not have access to Smartschool live during the live sessions, this should not form an immediate problem. All worksheets and tasks discussed during the live session will be posted on Smartschool by the teachers.

If your child has a question, they can send a message to their teacher either through chat during a live session or through a message on Smartschool.

Students in year 1 and 2 will require assistance from their parents during the first days on Smartschool Live. This assistance will be able to taper off after a few days. Smartschool Live is also available on tablets. Please make sure to use the newest version of the app. If you are not currently using the newest version, please be sure to update it.

Parents who do not have access to any devices (laptops, tablets) can contact me so that we can find a solution.

Through Smartschool Live students will be referred to other educational software such as Bingel. Today I was informed that the website is currently out of service due to an overload of users. I realize that this problem may also present itself with Smartschool Live. In that case I will count on your understanding.

Through the following link you can access the Smartschool Live user's manual:

<https://unescoschoolsgr8.smartschool.be/index.php?module=Manual&file=manual&layout=2&id=handleiding:live:leerling>

The VRT is also offering educational programming the mornings. It is best if you record these television programs and let your child watch them at a later time. To limit screen time we advise to plan other creative and recreational activities for your children. I.e. cooking, board games, playing in the garden, arts & crafts, ...

For all questions regarding curriculum, please contact your child's teacher. For all technical questions, please contact wouter.janssens@unescoschool.be or send him a message through Smartschool. I will also be available to answer all your other questions.

Finally, we would like to thank all parents for the many positive comments we have received regarding this initiative.

Sincerely,

G. Turkistan Directeur