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## Update report re: coronavirus 18 March 2020

### Students studying at Bell

We are in constant discussion with our current students and we are keeping them informed as the current situation develops - offering them practical and emotional support. Students are understandably anxious, and should they wish to return home, our staff are here to support them through this process.

Currently, there is no official governmental decree to close, but of course we are ready to take this action should this change. We will offer all students who return home the option to defer completion of their course to a later date, and/or to take advantage of our online teaching programme (see further details below).

### What if we had to close?

We have processes in place to action this in the event that a closure of the school becomes necessary. The welfare of our students remains at the forefront of any school closure; however, we would not be able to confirm how long our schools would need to remain closed, at this time. We will notify you if a school will be closed and commit to keeping you updated throughout the closure.

It may be possible for students who have accommodation booked during any closure to remain in the accommodation, but where the accommodation is provided by a third party, we cannot guarantee this.

### Students yet to arrive

If you have a student booked to arrive at Bell in the near future, we strongly advise that you regularly check for updates related to travel restrictions and any limitation of movement policies, relevant to you, your student or country of origin.

We want to offer as much flexibility as possible, so we support a student, who has booked a course with us, to postpone the course to a later date. Please see our [flexible booking policies related to coronavirus](#).



## Online teaching

We are committed to offering our students the best learning experience we can. Our expert teaching staff are ready to support students who can not continue their course in person, by delivering their course online.

This adapted approach will enable students, who would otherwise miss out on the teaching, to continue to develop their skills and successfully achieve their learning goals. Our online provision will engage students for approximately 20 hours per week through a blend of the following:

- twice daily live online face-to-face teaching in small groups, similar in approach to a classroom lesson at Bell
- guided remote pair and group work to get students interacting with each other, practicing their English and maintaining friendships
- teacher-assessed homework to consolidate their learning

## Our current position

Bell is a strong organisation and we benefit greatly from our long-established reputation for excellence, built up over the last 65 years.

We are owned by the Bell Educational Trust, which is a prominent charitable organisation. These factors give us confidence that we can ride out this storm and continue to provide your students with the highest quality education for many more decades to come.

We will get through this together.