## Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

## Dear Parent,

We are nearing completion of our three-week lock-down of students, with all students healthy and safe. As of today, we are entering a Florida statewide lock-down where only essential staff may travel to work. In the Governor's notice "providing education to the children of Florida" is a priority although the educational component is required to be offered remotely, which is what our educational partners are providing to our students. However, where "technical instruction" is required this is expected to be provided on the academy campus. Golf courses are exempt and considered essential and so our golf facilities remain open. Therefore, as we meet these criteria, we are able to continue with our golf instruction on our private Bishops Gate golf facilities, albeit in the more restricted manner described in our previous letter.

The Florida "lock-down" is for the month of April though many predict that it will stretch into May, perhaps even June. Therefore, we are mentally preparing the students for this, and out of concern for their mental well-being, we are emphasizing the importance of getting out in the evenings and participating in activities such as soccer, basketball, tennis, volleyball, dodgeball etc. As some of these are contact sports, which could result in injury, please advise your child and us if you would like to have your child avoid any of these.

As we plan amidst the uncertainty for the months ahead, we are hopeful that the USA will reopen state borders and businesses allowing the free movement of the population, but only if the COVID-19 virus is eradicated from the country which is unlikely in the next few months. Until the virus is eradicated from the world, we expect to see news of increasingly strict country border lock-downs, understandable given the devastating effects of COVID-19. One of the scenarios that we plan for is that the USA borders may remain closed beyond the summer and into the fall. We know that parents are concerned that if their child leaves the USA at the end of this semester they may not be able to return to the USA. In support of this we are planning for the likelihood that many of our students may remain with us for some or all of the summer.

Our Program Advisors will be contacting you over the next few weeks to determine your level of interest in a summer program and giving you the opportunity to reserve a place, but with no contractual obligation in the event that respective country borders open up. Similarly, we will be waiving IJGA contractual obligations on re-enrollment for the academic year 2020/21 in the event that borders are closed and your child cannot return to the US. Deposits will be required, some of it refundable.

We understand there are some big decisions ahead for you and your child. Most immediately, we would request your assistance with your child's outlook, helping them to understand the scale of the terrible impact of the COVID-19 virus on everyone and that rather than reflecting on the change from the pre-

Spring Break on the Bishops Gate campus or on leaving the Old Carolina campus, they recognize how fortunate they are to be in a safe gated community, with a private golf course in which juniors have priority, with committed and dedicated golf coaches and residential instructors, and the most extraordinary peer group of friends in which to get through these next few months with. I get a tremendous amount of satisfaction in seeing the students out practicing and playing golf, supporting one another, and then in the evenings, enjoying each other's company in the various activities.

As always, a huge amount of appreciation to our catering and housekeeping staff who attend to the basics, good food and clean, hygienic houses.

Best regards,

Andrew Summers (CEO)