



Date; 26th February, 2021

Dear Heritage Community,

re: Education moving online to our DLP for the 1st-15th March period, following the National Extraordinary Commission for Public Health announcement; Decision no 47, 26th February, 2021.

We are all aware, these past few weeks, of the growing number of cases in Moldova, due to the pandemic. Last week, the numbers reached levels that put a massive strain on an already overstretched health service in the country. Despite a year of many voices in our society asking everyone to practice simple but effective measures around wearing a mask, keeping distance and good hygiene, this is still not the case and as a result, schools will move online for a short period as part of measures to bring the cases down and take the pressure off the health service working at capacity. There is some good news about vaccinations arriving in Moldova and we can see the huge impact they are having in countries like the UK and Israel as they allow those societies to operate and function with the pandemic. This stage of the crisis is also not the same as the challenges we faced last year.

The Heritage School community has operated one of the safest school environments possible throughout the pandemic and this academic year. We have been able to operate at Stage 2/3 of Crisis Management Matrix since 1st September.

From Monday 1st March to the 15th March, we will move online to our tried and tested successful DLP. As a school, we are very fortunate to have such an emergency solution and the experienced staff operating it. Tatiana Popa, is our DLP coordinator. The daily schedule of lessons will operate and will be live, interactive, synchronous learning. The link to our DLP is here and I would recommend you having a read again to re-familiarise: <https://sites.google.com/heritage.md/distancelearning/home>

We will be off for the Spring break 5th-8th, lessons starting on the 9th March. In total, we will be online learning for 9 days before we return on the 16th March. No learning has been lost in this crisis and education continues.

We support the efforts of our health workers, key workers and everyone in our country making sure our society functions and we ensure education is not a victim of Covid. Our Heritage community has been our source of strength throughout these 12 months and the support, patience and understanding has made sure we have operated the effective and comprehensive model of education we believe gives all our students the certainty, normality and routines, sorely needed, in these extraordinary times.

If you have any questions or issues please do not hesitate to contact us at school. All the activities of school such as newsletter, assemblies, online meetings, next week parent/teacher conferences, exam preparation and celebrations such as Spring, continue as before. We have become more resilient and adaptable as we have gone through these 12 months.

I am extremely proud of the Heritage staff team, the Heritage students, the Heritage community of families, our Heritage partners and our Founders, for the way we have supported and worked together.

We have this! We are Heritage!

Warm wishes,
Rob Ford
Director