

A Note from...



John Fowler
TCS HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

One of the many benefits to working with children is the gift of a long view: over and over, we've seen challenging small people turn into exceptional young men and women. This transformation happens when we actively teach kids to find the good in themselves, in other people, and in their circumstances, so that they learn to meet adversity with confidence. At TCS, we are optimistic by design.

In this process, the TCS team lights the way, and over the last month they have been doing an extraordinary job. Overnight, they took an intensely personal and hands-on way of learning, and adapted it to suit our temporary new world. To our credit, the educational models TCS came up with has come to represent best practice in online learning, and we've been asked to share this work within the independent school network. As proud as I am of this, I know that the primary reason our kids have continued to grow is because we've rooted for them all along.

We're pulling for you too. Last week, we called every family in the school to check in. We know that you, like us, are working with children underfoot, are worried about family members who are ill, who are alone, who are on the front lines. In particular, the TCS parents who work in hospitals have been at the forefront of our thoughts. Despite all of the disruption, and reflecting the generosity of spirit that is the best of TCS, the question we heard more than any other was, "And how are *you*?"

Of course, the second most-asked question was, "When can we come back?" We understand, and share, your frustration at the unknown. The heads of all California independent schools continue to work together on a timeline for return, guided by health and government advice. At this time, that advice is to continue operating remotely until further notice. We remain hopeful that the situation will improve, and are ready to resume in-person instruction as soon as it is safe for our students to come back. We will communicate any new information we receive as soon as possible.

Our community's greatest strength is the bond of affection and respect for each other that we have developed. This bond existed before the crisis, and has been strengthened through it. Your positive energy has buoyed us, and we are committed to seeing you and, most importantly, your children, safely through to the day we can all be together again.

Be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Fowler", is written in a cursive style.

John Fowler
Head of School