

# A Note from...



**John Fowler**  
TCS HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

We are committed to providing our children intellectual challenge in an environment that is safe and allows them to thrive. In keeping with this commitment, and in consultation with the Board of Trustees, I have decided to transition to distance learning beginning Monday, March 16th. We will continue to operate in this mode until our scheduled spring break.

The decision to move to distance learning is informed by guidance from local, state, and national health organizations including the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency, the California Department of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control. While we are not aware of any cases of COVID-19 in the TCS community, this proactive measure allows us to protect the health and safety of our students, teachers, and staff, and to meet our shared obligation to blunt the impact of the virus in San Diego.

Our distance-learning program will include digital discussions, teacher-generated videos, opportunities for individual support from teachers, and projects that can be completed at home. The methods used will vary depending on the age of students. We will be suspending the Great Artist study while we are off campus, but plan to resume this once we return. Today, your children will be provided with an initial packet of work (either in person or electronically) to get them started and Wednesday, March 18th we will begin with our fully articulated program. We will use Monday and Tuesday to ensure that the technological side of this shift will be working properly. We will continue to provide you with additional information as we move forward, and we will of course be available to help you adapt to this new approach to learning.

It is our hope that the COVID-19 resolves itself as quickly as possible so we can return to TCS as we normally experience it. In the meantime please know that we have already been working to address the possibility of closure and are prepared to continue distance learning as long as is necessary. It is our intent to minimize disruption for your children and to continue to provide them the loving, hands-on education you have come to expect from TCS. We will be in touch again soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Fowler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Fowler  
*Head of School*