



17 March 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

This afternoon our Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa, announced that all schools from primary to Form 6 (equivalent to D2) are to close for thirty days with immediate effect in order to prevent the spread of Covid-19 infections in the country.

In response to this instruction, we have closed our campuses and will move our school onto an online platform. Many students are making their way home as we speak and more will travel over the next few days. Tomorrow teaching staff will be working to finalise plans for our online platform. With one and a half weeks left of the quarter, we will ensure all remaining work for this quarter will be posted. Quarter four was due to start on 15th April and this will now be postponed until 17th April in accordance with the government directive.

As residential students finalise their travel plans, please ensure you inform Chris Green (Arusha), [chrisgreen@uwcea.org](mailto:chrisgreen@uwcea.org), or Ian Horne (Moshi), [ianhorne@uwcea.org](mailto:ianhorne@uwcea.org), of the details. In the event that some students genuinely cannot travel (and we anticipate these will be few), they need to let their Head of Residence know. Yesterday I stated that it is unlikely that we will keep boarding houses open on both campuses and this remains the case. In addition, we are already looking at restrictions in movement and we are quickly moving to a position where students will be confined to campus.

To our students, thank you for behaving so responsibly and thoughtfully. We are all aware how strange it is with the quarter finishing in such an abrupt manner. Working online may be new to some of you, and I ask that you approach this online studying in the same way you have been working hard at school. This might be different, but it is no less valid. Do not be afraid to reach out to your parents, your teachers and each other. You are not alone.

I will write again tomorrow.

Stay healthy.

Anna Marsden