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Dear Parents ouders/verzorgers,

In several European countries, including the Netherlands, schools will be closed.

The wellbeing of children and parents is paramount. Last week, more and more parents kept their children home and more and more of our staff stayed home as well. Partly because they perceive an increased risk for themselves and partly because for another person in their household. It became more and more difficult to make sure that our school remained a safe environment for everyone and to deliver education. At the same time, societal pressure to close schools increased.

Today the government has decided to close all schools for the next three weeks, at least until 6 April. That includes all Orion schools: Drostenburg, Gerhardschool, Van Detschool, Mr. De Jonghschool, Van Koetsveldschool, Orion College Amstel, Orion College Drostenburg, Orion College Noord and Orion College Zuidoost.

The coming weeks will be used by the school staff to develop scenarios, should schools have to remain closed for even longer periods.

Orion feels a special responsibility to children of parents in vital sectors of society. In these cases, Orion will provide childcare. If this applies to you, your school will discuss your specific requirements.

Special circumstances require special measure. We expect your understanding and we will monitor the situation carefully. This requires flexibility, both from Orion, but also from parents. The situation may change from day to day.

If you have specific question regarding the arrangements or regarding your specific situation, please contact the principal of your childs' school.

Bestuurder Orion  
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