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Dear Parents

COVID-19

Last night, President Ramaphosa announced that all South African Schools will be closed from Wednesday.

In light of the above as well as the seriousness of the effects of COVID-19 on the human population, we have taken the following action from the school's side:

1. Rand Preparatory and College will close for the April holidays tomorrow, 17 March at 14:30. This means that instead of closing on the 9th April as scheduled, we will close on the 17th March.
2. School is scheduled to resume on the 15th April. On this day, we will continue with the academic programme as originally planned.
3. As a result of the above changes, we have also agreed that the mid-term break for the second term will be extended by one week. Therefore, mid-term will start on the 29th June and end on the 10th July.
4. The second term holiday will be shortened by 1 week to compensate for the extra week given during the mid-term. Therefore the term 2 (August) holidays will run from 12 August until the 5th September.
5. All camps, trips and outings for both schools have been suspended and will be rescheduled at a later date.
6. Academic reports that would have been issued on the 8th April will be scheduled for release on the 8th of May and parent's interviews rescheduled by each of the schools. The dates for these will be announced shortly.
7. In the meantime, we urge all our parents, learners and staff to exercise healthcare practices as detailed by our President and to take this opportunity to remain at home as much as possible in order to minimize the spread of COVID-19.
8. **In the event that instructions are received to extend the closure of schools**, and given that, in particular, we are hugely concerned by the demands placed on Grade 12 learners at this stage of their schooling, we will switch to delivering our lessons over the internet. Please note the following:
 - a. All learners and staff members from Grades 3 to 12 will be trained on how to use Google Classroom. Many of the Grade 10 to 12 learners are already using Google classroom.
 - b. This will allow us to be in a position to deliver lessons, content, work as well as mark work done by learners through the internet.
 - c. It is vital that children who are not feeling unwell, are at school tomorrow so that we can complete this training.

9. The school is also committed to ensuring that academic delivery is not delayed negatively. We may implement measures such as running an extra hour each day to make sure that our Grade 12 learners are ready for their final exams.

Please feel free to bring any of your concerns that you may have to my attention. We will do our utmost to minimize the disruption to your child's education.

Yours sincerely



Mr B Harris
Executive Headmaster