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Dear Parents,

C-19 Coronavirus

We are all now well aware of the fact that Covid-19 (Coronavirus) is present in South Africa. As I write this, 17 cases have been diagnosed. As a school, we have taken the decision to continue with our normal programme until the need arises to review this decision. At this stage, I would like to urge our parents and learners not to panic. While the Covid-19 virus presents a real risk to everyone, there are certain people who are more vulnerable than others. The elderly, very young, or those people who have certain chronic illnesses, especially those with immune systems that are compromised, are mostly at risk.

Although we are intent on normal school activity wherever possible, there are a number of special measures that have been put into place at our school. These measures include the following:

- The purchase and distribution of hand sanitizers that will be positioned around the school. Pupils are encouraged to supply their own hand sanitizer that they can carry in their own bag.
- Educational programmes will be conducted with all the children. These will focus on measures that our children can take to minimize or reduce the possibility of contracting the virus.
- The school will become a 'handshake and hug-free' zone.
- Posters reminding the children of the risks involved will also be displayed.

Please do not send your child to school if they are not well. If we suspect that a learner has a temperature or is showing any Covid-19 like symptoms, we will immediately isolate them. Parents will then be notified and their children will need to be fetched. Parents need to contact their healthcare facilitator telephonically who will then direct them as to which procedure to follow. There is also a Hotline which can be called if you suspect that you have been in contact with someone who has Covid-19. The toll free number is 0800-029-9999.

In an event like this, we will, as a school then take directive from the Department of Health in conjunction with the Department of Basic education.

The Principals of various schools in our area are in contact with each other and are committed to keeping each other informed of decisions that may have an impact on other schools.

In the event of an outbreak of the Coronavirus in our school, we will evaluate the situation and put into action, the steps necessary to protect our staff, parents and learners. In the event that we need to suspend teaching and learning, we will put together an academic program that the children will be able to follow at home. Each teacher will include an instruction sheet in the pack. These packs will be emailed to parents so that the children can continue with the academic programme. Work done by the children can be submitted to the teachers by email, through photographs or as scanned submissions.

In some of the senior grades, the school could make use of Google Classroom as well as other online resources to facilitate the teaching and learning process.

As a school we are committed to being as proactive as possible. We will continue to prioritize the safety of your children and to monitor what is a rapidly evolving situation.

All communications to parents will be done through e-mail and SMS. Please ensure that we have your latest email and cell phone contact details.

Please feel free to contact me at the school should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



Mr B Harris
Executive Headmaster