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Dear Parents

PHASED REOPENING OF SCHOOL.

I hope that my email finds you and your family well.

I firstly want to thank all the parents of children who have already returned for the support and cooperation with our processes to make sure your child remains safe at our school. The parents who have watched our processes will agree that we are being very careful with ensuring that all children remain safe from COVID. We are satisfied that our protocols are more than sufficient and that most of our children are observing what is required of them.

We have picked up that some children have very uncomfortable facemasks. Please could we appeal to our parents to check their child's facemask and make sure that they fit as comfortably as possible. The mask should remain over the mouth and nose at all times. Parents may need to consider adding elastic to the mask as the ones that go around the ears do not work for all children and may need to be adapted to fasten behind the head.

As I communicated with the parents last week, we have been granted permission by the GDE to reintroduce grades sooner than public schools. Our plan for the phased reintroduction of grades is as follows:

Grade:	Date of return:
11	18 June 20
2 and 5	22 June 20
3, 4 and 10	29 June 20
8 and 9	6 July 20

I do realise that most parents want their children back at school as soon as possible, however, we must adopt a cautious approach and make sure that our processes are robust and that we can cope with the return of learners in a safe manner.

Please note that as more grades are reintroduced, the school will have to change the manner in which it operates. From when the Grade 2 and Grade 5 learners return to school, we will have to split the school into half. This means that roughly half of the learners will attend school on Mondays and Wednesdays and the other half will attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On the days when children are not at school, they will be required to do homework and/or tasks which may then be submitted by e-mail or through Google Classroom.

I am writing from a general perspective. For certain grades, the above may not necessarily apply. We will send detailed communication to the parents of children in each grade so that you are aware of what is required.

TRAVEL PERMITS

The school will email travel permits to each of the parents as each Grade is allowed to return. Please keep an eye out for your child's travel permit as they will not be allowed to travel on any form of transport without the travel permit.

WELLNESS SLIPS

We would like to ask parents, especially of children in the younger grades, to make sure that their child has filled out the wellness slip before the child arrives at school. It delays our process of allowing the children into the school if they do not have the wellness slip filled out before they arrive.

PARENTS WHO OPT TO KEEP THEIR CHILD AT HOME

We will continue with online teaching so that we can assist with keeping our children at home as up to date as possible. Cycle tests and exams will be set as online tests and when these take place for these children, a parent is going to have to be available to watch their child and sign an affidavit to confirm that they observed their child for the duration of the exam and that no irregularity took place while the child wrote the exam.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

A reminder that there will be no school on Monday, 15 June and Tuesday 16 June as the 16th June is a public holiday. We wish our children well as they celebrate Youth Day under social distancing rules.

Yours sincerely



Mr B Harris
Executive Headmaster